

Lawton City Council

October 8, 2025

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on October 8, 2025, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Nelson, Roth, and Saunders.

Agenda: Motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Public forum: Ashley Orzechowski introduced herself as a candidate for Lawton city council in the upcoming election.

Sheriff: Deputy Simons presented the report for September including 22 directed patrols and 13 calls for service.

Fire: Lt. Miene presented the report for September including 5 calls for service and 2 training sessions for grain bin extraction and propane emergencies.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen reported having multiple discussions with the garbage collection service, sending a letter to a resident about their dog at large, the LB National Honor Society will be conducting community cleanup days if there are any residents who are in need of assistance, and city staff is still working on getting something lined up for tree removals.

Clerk: clerk reported showing the office space at 101 E Maple to a potential renter, there will not be an annual urban renewal report completed this year since there are no open urban renewal areas in town, building permits for 102 W Birch (fence) and 109 Cedar (fence) were approved, the American Legion will be hosting monthly meetings at the Friendship Center on the third Wednesday of the month, city hall will be closed 10/15-17 for the IMFOA conference in Des Moines, and trick or treating will be 6-8pm on Halloween night.

Public works: director reported curb and gutter work on the 100 block of E Main has begun, hydrant flushing is planned for 10/13-14, the planned work on the AT&T antenna on the water tower has been completed, and painting the Quonset building has been started. Kurt Miene suggested a community effort to paint fire hydrants in town.

Consent agenda: motion by Saunders, second by Roth to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2025, regular city council meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Nelson, second by Roth to approve the October disbursements and September claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve the utility billing trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Fire station: Discussion on possible fire station project. Kurt Miene discussed possible grant opportunities.

Resolution 2025-15 Assessment for Unpaid Utility Billing

Motion by Saunders, second by Roth to approve the property tax assessment for 325 E Maple for unpaid utility billings. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all voting aye.

Capital improvements: discussion on possible capital projects to be included in the FY27 city budget.

Walking trail: Mayor Pedersen asked council about the possibility of extending the walking trail North to the cemetery with the funds included in the FY26 budget. Mayor Pedersen will research more details and bring back to council.

Recodification: Attorney Beardshear discussed section 1.14 Standard Penalty, and 105.08 Open Dumping Prohibited of the Lawton city code for recodification. Motion by Saunders, second by Roth to approve removing imprisonment language from 1.14 and remove open dumping language and issue citations using Section 455.B307 of Iowa Code. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Justin Franks from Gill Hauling introduced himself to the council and asked for the opportunity to bid on the city's garbage contract when it is available.

With no further business, motion by Roth, second by Saunders to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- Claims & Revenues- September 2025

AMAZON.COM	FLAG POLE & SPREADER	\$	77.24
BADGER METER	WATER READ SERVICES	\$	64.76
BOMGAARS	PARKS REPAIR PARTS/TIREGAUGES&SWITCH	\$	202.61
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$	41.11

COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 353.52
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$ 38.00
DANKO	FIRE BOOTS X2	\$ 1,093.72
DONNA YOUNG	REFUND FC RENTAL X2	\$ 100.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	\$ 3,798.07
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$ 30.00
HAKA	PW & FIRE FUEL	\$ 377.18
IA DEPT OF REV- PAYROLL	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,183.91
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FY26	\$ 960.00
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 2,525.25
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,180.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREEPILE HAULX3 & MONTHLY FEE	\$ 886.94
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	GARBAGE BAGS	\$ 24.96
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 4,550.06
SBW INC DBA ACE ENGINE	MOWER REPAIR/BELT/FF	\$ 669.40
SHOES CARPET CARE	CARPET CLEANING 315 ASH	\$ 481.50
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	TIME CARDS & STICKY NOTES/ENVELOPES&RECEIPTBOOK	\$ 81.53
THE RECORD	AUGUST PUBLISHING	\$ 204.99
TREAS ST IA	AUGUST WET 2025	\$ 974.15
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,039.72
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 527.42

Total claims by fund: General \$9,360.03, Fire \$1,516.87, Road Use Tax \$2,766.76, Water \$6,712.33, Sewer \$2,110.05

Total revenues by fund: General \$38,988.90, Fire \$17,621.97, Road Use Tax \$14,678.47, Local Option Sales Tax \$15,154.41, Building 2022 \$204.63, Water \$18,233.27, Water Deposit \$300, Sewer \$21,995.38