

## Lawton City Council Meeting

March 8, 2023

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on March 8, 2023 at the Lawton Community Center, 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Nelsen, Roth, and Saunders. Also in attendance: city clerk Tricia Jernberg, public works director Justin Dunnington, attorney Ryan Beardshear, Deb and Paul Dunn, Mike and Carly Brown, Mitch and Erin Nelson, WCS Sgt Rose, Chad Richardson, Joel Robinson, and Curtis Epling.

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

Public forum: Paul Dunn reported potholes at corner of E Oak and Cedar, suggested putting in a stove/oven in the community center, and traffic speeding traveling north out of town. Mayor and council explained not being able to add a stove at this time due to costs of ventilation and fire codes. Mayor also noted that a stop sign may be added to the corner of E Main and Cedar St to help keep traffic slowed. Chad Richardson reported a pothole at the corner of E Main and Cedar.

Public Hearing: At 5:40pm Mayor Pedersen opened the public hearing for the proposed sale of real property at 101 E Maple/300 Cedar. There were no bids received. Mayor discussed potential options including a couple interested parties, keeping the building, and readopting a terms of sale resolution. Mayor Pedersen closed the public hearing at 5:42pm.

### Resolution 2023-10 Sale of Real Property

After discussion, motion by Saunders, second by Roth to approve resolution 2023-10 proposing the sale of real property with terms including accepting sealed bids until April 12th, 2023 before 1:00pm, bids must be \$150,000 or more and submitted in writing to the clerk. Sealed bids will be opened at 1:00pm on April 12, 2023. Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and shall not be required to accept the highest bid for good cause shown. Public Hearing is set for April 12, 2023, at 5:30 at Lawton City Hall, 315 Ash St. After the highest bid has been determined at the public hearing, members of the public shall have the opportunity to make an upset bid to the Lawton City Council. Full resolution can be obtained from city hall. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

Mayor Pedersen left the meeting around 5:48pm, Mayor pro-tem Saunders continued the meeting.

Sheriff: WCSO Sgt. Rose presented the February report including 20 calls for service and directed patrols. Shared recent scams where scammers are trying to represent law enforcement and asking for social security numbers and bank information. Rose suggests for residents to contact local law enforcement and never give out information. WCSO had one deputy retire and they are working on getting a new hire.

Fire: the fire reports from November, December, January, and February were shared with council.

Clerk: 23:38 clerk reported receiving the \$1,000 check from the ICAP grant, intention to apply for the Aureon grant through Wiatel for the upgrading of the "Welcome to Lawton" signs, hoping to apply for the MRHD Target grant this month, on the 2/8/2023 agenda Resolution 2023-08 was listed as 2022-08 in error, Community Coffee has begun again, the equipment for the electronic sign has been moved to the new building, cameras and equipment at the old city hall will need to be moved to the new building, there are items in the old building that can be sold, the parcel for the new building will most likely need to be split in order to have both the water treatment plant and the community center each have their own address.

Mayor: clerk reported Mayor working with CJ from ISG to submit for a disadvantaged community status and reaching out to the Sioux City public library to see about the opportunity to provide library services to our residents.

Public works: director reported getting the new council tables built, suggests council to update water and sewer connection fees on building permits since costs have gone up, recreated storage for chairs in the new community center, worked with Mayor and contractors to get the final punch-list items completed for the new building, and went to DeSoto to tour a wastewater treatment plant.

Attorney: Nothing to report.

Consent agenda: Motion by Nelsen, second by Roth to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Saunders, second by Nelsen to approve the March disbursements and February claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Saunders, second by Nelsen to approve the utility billing trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Public hearing: Mayor Pro-tem Saunders opened the public hearing at 6:09pm. With no in-person or written comments, Mayor Pro-tem Saunders closed the public hearing at 6:10pm.

### Resolution 2023-09 Approve City of Lawton Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Motion by Saunders, second by Nelsen to approve and adopt fiscal year 2023-2024 budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all present members voting aye.

216 Ash: Discussion on building permit submitted by Joel Robinson and Curtis Epling (JCK Real Estate) to construct a storage unit facility at 216 Ash. Due to the unique shape of the parcel, they requested a variance to the front setback to be able to accommodate a building. After discussion, motion by Saunders, second by Nelsen to approve the building permit and provide a variance reducing the 25' restrictions to 20' contingent upon the applicant providing the city with blueprints showing the building will be constructed within the surveyed lot pins. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Liquor license: Motion by Saunders, second by Nelsen to approve the liquor license for Haka, LLC (Lawton Pronto). Motion carried with all voting aye.

Budget amendment: an amendment to the FY22-23 fiscal budget was presented. Motion by Saunders, second by Roth to set the public hearing for the proposed FY2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment for April 12, 2023 at the next regular city council meeting.

Midwest Alarm: Motion by Nelsen, second by Saunders to approve the contract with Midwest Alarm Company for system monitoring services at 315 Ash St. Motion carried with all voting aye.

ICAP renewal: Motion by Roth, second by Nelsen to approve the ICAP insurance renewal for policy period 2023-2024. Motion carried with all voting aye.

With no further business, motion by Roth, second by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

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Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

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Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton Claims & Revenues 2/2023

CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$	40.05
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES	CHAINS/CONNECTORSEAL/TIGHTNER	\$	380.64
APEX CROP SERVICES LLC	PLOW HOSE & PARTS	\$	94.45
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	Oil,air&fuel filters	\$	218.89
BOMGAARS	Aircompressor/shopsupplies/icemelt	\$	2,430.49
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$	410.76
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$	17.50
DP SALES	LL BOOTS	\$	217.75
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	\$	3,317.75
GILL HAULING, INC	JANUARY GARBAGE	\$	6,117.18
HYDRAULIC	WIRE HOSE/SWIVEL	\$	53.62
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$	13.90
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	MPI Registration	\$	208.00
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$	2,167.27
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$	1,180.00
LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC.	Copy machine contract	\$	181.38
LP GILL	Landfill fee Qtr 3	\$	4,856.45
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	TP/PT/ROD/DOWNSPOUTS	\$	204.72
METERING & TECHNOLOGY	1 1/2 Meter/ME top/gasket"	\$	870.67
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$	4,290.45
NEIMAN ELECTRIC	FIRE STATION FIX LIGHTING	\$	570.00
OFFICE ELEMENTS	Council tables	\$	2,529.36
POLK COUNTY SHERIFF	GARNISHMENT	\$	1,109.65
SAMS CLUB	AIRPOTS & VACUUM	\$	374.55
SARGENT DRILLING	WELL 4 MAINTENANCE & RAISE	\$	33,475.50
SHARE CORPORATION	GLIMMER & WIPES	\$	423.83
SIOUX CITY FOUNDRY CO.	PLOW BLADE & BOLTS/NUTS	\$	354.27
SOOLAND BOBCAT	Toolcat filters	\$	281.55
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	COUNCIL CHAMBER CHAIRS	\$	917.08

STEFFEN TRUCK EQUIPMENT	PLOW CABLES/HYD OIL	\$	241.82
THE RECORD	JANUARY PUBLISHING	\$	323.87
TREAS ST IA	WET Tax January 2023	\$	657.32
WELLMARK	HEALTH BENEFITS	\$	1,844.06
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$	600.20
ZIEGLER	OIL FILTERS ETC	\$	349.57

Claims by fund: General \$23,857.24, Fire \$622.09, Road Use \$2,749.02, Water \$42,648.28,  
Sewer \$1,447.92

Revenues by fund: General \$13,966.71, Fire \$12,127.33, Road Use Tax \$10,782.32, Local  
Option Sales Tax \$15,225.14, Water \$13,977.66, Sewer \$15,653.79