

# Lawton City Council Minutes

**February 2, 2010**

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Perry Ludwig, Don Grigg and Reed Burson. Terry Masching was absent. Rick Schorg arrived later. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, Fire Chief Nick Lahrs, Paul Pierre and Jason Braunschweig.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed guests.

Motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Paul Pierre and Jason Braunschweig from Hillside Waterworks Association were present to discuss city providing water to fifteen homes and county shop located across Highway 20 from high school. Options were discussed regarding getting water across highway. Steffen will investigate easement concerns and boring costs, and report at next meeting.

Schorg joined meeting at 5:10 p.m.

After considerable discussion regarding replacing or refurbishing Unit 1 in fire fleet, motion by Schorg, second by Ludwig to authorize purchase of replacement tanker if both Banner and Concord Townships agree. Fire Advisory Board will meet soon to discuss this option. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Fire Chief Lahrs reported initial payment of \$141,693 is due on new fire truck. Breakdown of contributions from each entity was provided to Council. Fire Association is donating \$18,500. Emergency Fund CD balance on hand of \$46,375 will be used leaving \$76,818 to be divided between City, Banner and Concord townships. Using current state formula, City portion is 25% or \$19,204.50. Motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig to authorize Clerk to cut check for city portion plus CD balance on hand totaling \$65,579.50. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Lahrs informed Council of recent Work Comp injury and status of such.

Item #4 on agenda was dismissed as representative from L-B Summer League was not present.

Item #5 will be discussed in more detail this fall. City pays annual lease to Doyle Smith for use of property where ball fields are located. The August 2010 payment will be tenth year of agreement. Original lease was five years with five additional five-year options. City must inform Smith by November, 2010 of intent to renew lease. Smith must inform City by February, 2011 of his cost request for such lease.

Schorg exited meeting at 6:45 pm.

Citizen complaint form was presented to Council regarding dog complaint. Mayor has attempted to contact dog owner. No other action was taken at this time.

Motion by Grigg, second by Burson, to approve Comprehensive General Safety Manual as presented. Motion carried on roll 3-0. Manual will be presented to all hired, appointed, elected and volunteer city employees.

Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 was presented and approved for publication. Motion by Ludwig, second by Burson, to set Public Hearing on March 2, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried on roll 3-0. Complete Budget available at City Hall for review.

At request of clerk for verification purposes, motion by Grigg, second by Burson, to allow overtime accruing after 40 hours worked per pay period. Motion included full-time employees receive double pay or double comp time for working on holidays and time and a half for working weekends. Part-time employees would receive standard time and half over 40 hours. Salaried employees will receive comp time in lieu of cash. Motion carried on roll 3-0.

Dakota Drilling has been informed of desire to increase pump size on well.

Clerk has renewed domain name of lawtoniowa.com for three years at cost of \$45. Clerk has also upgraded to QuickBooks 2010. No building permits issued past month.

Attorney Metcalf informed Council of Sitzmann matter. Motion by Ludwig, second by Grigg to approve issuing payment of \$4,000 to the Sitzmann's and Jeremy Cross for warranty deed for property along Ash Street. This will replace check originally issued. Motion carried on roll 3-0.

Burson expressed desire to get information on renewable energy for the city.

Motion by Grigg, second by Schorg, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of January 5, 2010 minutes and January financial statements including disbursements of \$26,519.62. Motion carried on roll 3-0.

Mayor appointed Councilman Perry Ludwig to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for next two years.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**REVENUES BY FUND**

**DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND**

Interest Earned	3,368.47	TIF-West Creek	4,335.00
TIF	113.17	General	4,058.07
General	4,344.68	Road Use Tax	9,816.46
Road Use Tax	4,864.13	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	6,445.65	Water	2,072.74
Water	11,030.52	Sewer	1,940.79
Sewer	3,012.07	Garbage	3,397.87
Garbage	4,646.51	Fire Disbursements	898.69
Fire Revenue	290.40		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>38,115.60</b>	<b>JAN. DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>26,519.62</b>

**WARRANTS APPROVED**

City of Lawton, utilities	43.00
Lawton Pronto, fuel	1669.19
IMFOA, dues	30.00
Menards, vise, kennel, washer fluid	296.79
Steffen, shoe plow cast iron	72.98
US Postmaster, box rent	76.00
USEMCO, relays, probe fittings	215.74
WITA, phone bill	280.48
Woodbury Co. Landfill	3397.87
Steffen Engineering, TIF engineering wk	4335.00
Town & Country Lawn Service, 2010	874.00
Intuit, monthly backup	4.95
First Trust & Savings, box rent	17.00
Central Parts Warehouse, spring, cutting edges	673.06
Farm Bureau, dues	40.00
Iowa One Call, locates	13.50
MidAmerican Energy, December	2267.96
Moville Record, publications	464.35
Ziegler Cat, parts	35.89
City of Sergeant Bluff, road salt	302.50
Staples, office supplies	418.78
QuickBooks Pro, 2010 upgrade	159.96
Bomgaars, ice melt, misc	146.85
Brown Supply Co, chain, 11' cutting edge	705.41
Central IA Dist., orange float, towels	168.50
City of Sergeant Bluff, salt/sand mix	210.00
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2350.18
IPERS, contribs.	957.31
Aflac, employee contrib	91.50

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk