

Lawton City Council Minutes

August 3, 2010

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor pro tem Perry Ludwig. Council members answering roll: Reed Burson, Rick Schorg, Don Grigg, Terry Masching, and Perry Ludwig. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works Director Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf and CHN Garbage owner Rollie Clark.

Mayor pro tem Ludwig welcomed all in attendance.

Motion by Masching, second by Grigg to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on steps needed to proceed with providing Hillside Waterworks Association with city water.

Concerns over water pressure at Char-Mac were discussed. Metcalf stated the city does not have the duty to provide a specific water pressure at any given location. City Engineer Jerry Steffen had sent correspondence stating "the City has flow capacity [on the south side of Hwy 20] that is greater than Char-Mac can take". Owner of Char-Mac was invited to attend this meeting, but was unable to. Metcalf is working with appraiser on project.

Regarding nuisance abatement issue at 202 W. Main St, Council feels property is still home for rodents and vermin even though it has been somewhat cleaned. Attorney will visit location and send notice to abate to property owners. Discussion of "red-tagging" was held. Attorney explained this property did not qualify for red-tagging.

Regarding diseased or damaged trees, Lawton City Code Section 3-14-7 states, in part, Council shall direct adjacent property owners to remove any tree which interferes with travel on the streets, or any trees which have become diseased or constitute a danger to the public, or may otherwise be declared a nuisance. Trees in question are those located on or above the "parking", which is the part of the street or avenue lying between the lot line and the curb line. Trees must be trimmed fifteen feet above street surfaces and eight feet above sidewalks. Residents were notified via August city newsletter to observe trees and trim as necessary. Upon recommendation of counsel, Council directed Anderson to make note of specific addresses, and directed Clerk to send notices to property owners.

Rolly Clark with CHN Garbage was present with updated costs on garbage service with option of 1-year extension or 2-year contract. After viewing options and brief discussion on matter, Grigg moved to enter into 2-year contract at cost of \$11.83/small cart and \$13.53/large cart, plus \$27.10/month for special lawn and leaf waste cans. Burson stated desire to see other options and asked if decision could be tabled. There was no second on Burson's request. Ludwig explained history between CHN and City of Lawton and stated service has been exemplary. Masching seconded motion. Voting Aye: Schorg, Grigg, Masching and Ludwig. Voting Nay: Burson. Motion carried on roll call vote 4-1.

Pay request from Dakota Drilling & Backhoe for 15 HP pump and motor was discussed. Plans to install July 26 were thwarted due to work by Automatic Systems not being done. Motion to pay this pay request of \$5,750.00 by Masching, second by Schorg. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Council directed Public Works Director to order replacement fire hydrant in 200 block of Pine Street. Discussion held regarding large section of town whose water service will be interrupted during project installation. Project could take full day. Anderson will investigate feasibility of installing bypass valve.

Councilman Burson left meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Anderson stated Mark Vaul is planning to start training for certification. He has been in touch with DNR and Iowa Rural Water regarding necessary steps to take. Ludwig questioned need for mower on toolcat citing city is mowing constantly and current equipment is aging.

Building permits were approved during month for 120 W Birch St., garage and home addition; 301 E Maple, chain link fence; 317 E Main St, concrete patio; 405 Tara Way, garage, patio and concrete slab.

Clerk informed Council of citizen concerns regarding possibility of spraying for mosquitoes and potential installation of fence over city easement. City will not be spraying for mosquitoes and attorney stated fence installation would be governed by type of easement. Fence cannot be installed if easement includes surface water.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Schorg, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of July 6, 2010 minutes and July financial statements including disbursements of \$ 46,082.55. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	3204.82	TIF-West Creek	0.00
TIF	3658.84	General	29882.86
General	21160.28	Road Use Tax	1572.53
Road Use Tax	3859.11	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	6338.01	Water	4577.14
Water	14456.03	Sewer	2764.94
Sewer	3070.08	Garbage	6467.86
Garbage	4829.40	Fire Disbursements	817.22
Fire Revenue	15728.91		
TOTAL REVENUE	76305.48	JULY DISBURSEMENTS	46,082.55

WARRANTS APPROVED

City of Lawton, utilities	57.03
Lawton Pronto, fuel	415.82
Moville J&J Motor, repairs	199.92
Moville Record, publications	886.43
O'Reilly Automotive, maintenance	5.40
Sioux City Journal, ad	190.00
Stan Houston Equip, body harness	184.00
WITCC, training	13.00
WITA, phone bill	279.27
Peter & Amber Widman, Deposit refund	95.50
First Trust & Savings, CD deposit	18043.72
IA Sec. of State, Notary renewal	30.00
Intuit, monthly backup	4.95
Iowa One Call, locates	21.70
MidAmerican Energy	1622.11
Woodbury Co. Landfill, 3rd Qtr.	3398.87
IPERS	1320.78
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2854.44
Aflac, employee contrib.	80.50
Acco, supplies	511.93
CHN Garbage, inc. appliances	3023.99
Temple Display, Christmas decos	4415.46

SIGNED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk