

Lawton City Council Minutes

September 7, 2010

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 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, Reed Burson and Rick Schorg. Terry Masching was absent. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works Director Lowell Anderson, Paul Pirrie, Renee Eyres, Jerry Steffen, Kent Baker and Jeanine Chartier. Attorney Glenn Metcalf entered meeting at 5:25 pm.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed all in attendance.

Motion by Grigg, second by Schorg to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Schorg, second by Burson to approve special event permit for L-B Spirit Club Homecoming fundraiser on September 25, 2010 to include street closure and street dance. Motion carried 4-0. Notification labels given to Eyres. County will be notified.

After considerable discussion regarding extension of water main to area south of Hwy 20, beginning at point on property owned by Stanley and Jeanine Chartier, extending east and south to homes on Skyview East and Skyview West, motion by Ludwig, second by Schorg to authorize City Engineer Jerry Steffen to develop plans and specifications to submit to DNR in order to obtain construction permit for the water main extension and to authorize City Attorney Glenn Metcalf to prepare easements for the property owners that will be affected. Motion carried on roll 4-0. City plans to install water main and will install main meter to track total usage, as well as individual meters for billing purposes.

Updates were given regarding nuisance abatement issues. Debris has been raised from ground at 202 W Main. Mayor will discuss weed growth concerns with owner of property at 102½ W Maple. Council discussed condition of vehicles parked at 122 W Maple. Situation will be monitored at this time.

Clerk gave update regarding notices sent to property owners with diseased and damaged trees. Some have already complied. Others have requested extensions. Nearly all letter recipients have responded.

Pay request of \$750.00 presented from Dakota Drilling & Backhoe for labor to install 15 hp pump and motor. Motion by Schorg, second by Grigg to approve. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Joe Garthright of Lawton Lock-ups had contacted City regarding drainage in alley between First Trust & Savings Bank and Maxine's Restaurant. Garthright stated concrete seems to direct water flow into his lock-up units. Mayor spoke with Garthright about concerns. As concrete ends several feet from units, City will grade alley to divert drainage.

Public Works Director Lowell Anderson reported fire hydrant at Pine and Larimer had successfully been replaced with limited down-time on water for residents. He also stated new pump and motor work great. However, since installation of new pump, other pump is now operating at less than expected levels.

Regarding mower for Toolcat, Anderson stated City had used larger loaner model, but felt 6' mower would serve purpose better. Motion by Grigg, second by Burson to order six foot mower to be used with Toolcat. Motion carried on roll 4-0. Council also discussed need to replace current riding lawn mower since equipment is aging and more mowing is now being done. Anderson will report back with options.

Council discussed potential overlay projects. Anderson will meet with contractor.

Building permits were approved during month for 171 West Creek Dr., fence; 201 E Main St., garage; 208 Ash St., dwelling, 427 E Birch St., dwelling.

Clerk distributed published page of Annual Financial Report. Clerk also stated she plans to attend the Fall IMFOA Conference in Des Moines October 20-22. Council gave approval. Unidentified male called City Hall to complain about young motorcyclists, however he chose not to pick up Citizen Complaint Form. No action was taken.

Clerk informed Council that Fire Chief Lahrs had contacted her stating bill for 1990 fire truck refurbishing has been received. It was higher than originally quoted, so Chief will contact Toyne regarding billing. If Fire Fund is not sufficient enough to pay bill, General Fund will be used for temporary loan. Council approved request.

Motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of August 3, 2010 minutes, August financial statements including disbursements of \$ 26,412.57 and FY 2010 Street Financial Report. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Councilman Grigg informed Council he was still interested in an electronic sign for the city and is investigating possibility of donating such sign. He asked if Council would accept such donation. Council stated they would. Grigg will get info on electrical power for the sign as well as potential maintenance contract before a final decision is made. Council expressed thanks for his consideration of such a donation.

Councilman Burson left meeting at 6:30 pm.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm upon motion by Schorg and second by Ludwig.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	2949.89	TIF-West Creek	87.50
TIF	0.00	General	9834.71
General	2670.65	Road Use Tax	1815.69
Road Use Tax	7108.40	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	6338.01	Water	10205.51
Water	14628.22	Sewer	1716.72
Sewer	3680.34	Garbage	0.00
Garbage	4773.24	Fire Disbursements	2752.44
Fire Revenue	2650.00		
TOTAL REVENUE	44,798.75	AUG. DISBURSEMENTS	26,412.57

WARRANTS APPROVED

Intuit, monthly backup	4.95
Dakota Drilling & Backhoe, pump & motor	5750.00
Ed M Feld Equipment, Aries monitor	2450.00
IDNR, annual WW discharge fee	210.00
IDNR, annual GW supply fee	84.21
Doyle Smith, ball field lease	1665.00
Suburban Supply, backhoe	87.50
WalMart, insect killer, binders	14.03
City of Lawton, utilities	44.28
Lawton Pronto, fuel	288.61
WITA, phone bill	278.19
Staples, office supplies	22.77
Barco, insect repellent	67.43
Iowa One Call, locates	32.60
Metcalf Law Office, legal fees	180.00
MidAmerican Energy, gas/elec.	2387.99
Midwest Office Automations, copier contract	252.00
Siouxland Dist. Health Dept, lab fees	88.00
Intuit, monthly backup	4.95
Midwest Office Automations, printer toner	50.00
SooLand Bobcat, 1/2 day sweeper rent	100.00
US Postmaster, postage	132.00
US Postal Service, 2,000 stamped env.	1060.60
Aflac, employee contribs	80.50
IPERS	1161.71
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2529.56

SIGNED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk