

Lawton City Council Minutes

October 5, 2010

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, October 5, 2010, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Terry Masching, Reed Burson, Don Grigg and Perry Ludwig. Rick Schorg was absent. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works Director Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, Jason Braunschweig and Kent Baker. Richard Burkhart joined meeting later.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed all in attendance.

During Council work session, Councilman Burson mentioned city Hazard Mitigation Plan. Clerk stated Lawton's plan is dated 2005 and City is now waiting for County-Wide Plan to be implemented.

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

Plans to provide water to Hillside Waterworks residents will move forward as soon as construction permit from DNR is received and property easements are acquired. Braunschweig asked for cost estimate to residents including interest on assessment. Clerk stated most assessments of this type have had 6% interest.

Jerry Steffen discussed preliminary plat for Burkhart property on Ash Street. Burkhart has property for sale and will pave cul-de-sac at time of sale. Council reviewed and agreed that development plan was satisfactory.

City received request from Mark Monson, Missouri River Historical District board, asking for support for Woodbury County Gaming Referendum. Motion by Grigg, second by Burson, to authorize City Clerk to contact Monson extending support of such project. Council also expressed gratitude for monies received in the past from MRHD. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Masching, second by Burson to renew contract with Siouxland Humane Society, Inc. regarding animal control. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Upon motion by Ludwig, second by Masching, Clerk was directed to apply for MidAmerican Energy Trees Please! Grant. Trees needed near drainage ditch in West Creek Addition. Motion carried 4-0.

After discussion of future of city property located at 311 E Maple Street where city water tower was previously located, motion by Ludwig, second by Grigg to propose disposing of property by transfer without consideration to Lawton-Bronson Community School District. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Council viewed and discussed antique blotter/post card sent to City Hall. Local resident familiar with antiques stated item should be preserved by framing, then hung on wall at City Hall. Council directed Clerk to contact Sioux City Museum to see about proper framing and preservation.

Councilman Grigg stated he plans to donate money to city to cover cost of electronic sign. Sign will include 5-year warranty. Grigg has also contacted MidAmerican Energy regarding electrical hookup for sign and has contacted electrician to do work. Council expressed deep appreciation to Grigg for such a generous donation. Email from Martin Shorman regarding concerns on matter was shared with Council.

Regarding ball field lease for Virginia Smith Ball Fields, motion by Burson, second by Ludwig to notify Doyle Smith of city intent to renew lease for additional five years. Notification will also include query regarding possible purchase by city or possible donation of said property by Smith or combination of two options. Motion carried on roll 4-0. Clerk informed Council power will be shut off at ball fields in October for upcoming winter months.

Bids from Barkley Asphalt, Inc. and Knife River were presented regarding overlay project. After consideration, motion by Ludwig, second by Burson to accept Barkley Asphalt, Inc. bid of \$28,696.00 as low bidder. Motion to award contract carried on roll 4-0.

Results of DNR Wastewater Treatment Facility Inspection were discussed. Anderson stated letter will be sent to DNR regarding compliance with concerns stated. He also stated very little sludge buildup was found upon inspection by city employees.

Building permits were approved during month for 171 West Creek Dr., fence; 431-435 E Birch St., landscaping and concrete slab.

Clerk reported donation received from Thursday Morning Coffee ladies as Thank You for use of Friendship Center. Clerk also shared subrogation notice with Council regarding incident involving tree limb and vehicle.

Mayor discussed tractor parked on street and stated he would contact owner regarding such.

Motion to approve consent agenda consisting of minutes from September 7, 2010, September disbursements of \$30,345.85, September financial statements and Constitution Week Proclamation made by Ludwig, second by Masching. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	685.12		
TIF	7647.51	TIF-West Creek	0.00
General	11438.71	General	5409.64
Road Use Tax	6701.86	Road Use Tax	1958.11
Local Option Sales Tax	6162.41	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Water	11901.50	Water	14574.76
Sewer	3054.97	Sewer	3289.10
Garbage	4786.15	Garbage	2901.99
Fire Revenue	210.00	Fire Disbursements	2212.25
TOTAL REVENUE	52588.23	SEPT. DISBURSEMENTS	30,345.85

WARRANTS APPROVED

CHN Garbage	2863.99
Menard's, shop supplies	7.49
City of Lawton, utilities	48.61
Dakota Supply Group, 6 meters	586.31
ECHO, wiring	368.02
Fireguard, testing & certification	1496.15
HAKA Pronto, fuel, misc	749.06
Siouxland Humane Society, cat	37.00
Steffen Engineering, Hillside services	1815.00
WITA, phone	278.48
Wigman Co, equipment	41.16
ACCO, chlorine, carusol	1313.15
Colonial Research Chem, Dissolve	180.00
Dakota Drilling & Backhoe, labor	750.00
O'Reilly Automotive, Unit 4 maintenance	18.75
USEMCO, 3 relays	265.00
Utility Equip. Co., fire hydrant repairs/supp.	2384.64
Bomgaars, shop supplies	38.96
Feld Fire, discharge pipe	220.50
IMFOA, fall conference	50.00
Mangold Environmental Testing	160.00
Menard's, shop supplies	171.78
MidAmerican Energy	1667.12
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2468.96
IPERS	1132.81
Aflac, employee contribs	80.50
Iowa State Treasurer, withholding	1458.00
Intuit, monthly backup	4.95
Iowa State Treasurer, sales tax	2490.00

SIGNED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk