

Lawton City Council Minutes

November 2, 2010

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Terry Masching, Don Grigg, Perry Ludwig and Rick Schorg. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, Jason Braunschweig, Paul Pirrie and Kent Baker.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed all in attendance. Reed Burson arrived at 5:05 p.m.

During Council work session, Councilman Grigg discussed resident complaint of camper/trailer parked on city ROW at 98 Walnut.

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

Regarding extension of water lines to residents within Hillside Waterworks Association, Metcalf provided easements for property owned by Stanley & Jeanine Chartier and Leslie & Jack Howard. Mayor and Clerk signed and will present to other parties for signatures. Council directed Steffen to get cost estimate so figures can be given to Association. Council gave verbal approval to charge 5% interest on assessments. Assessments will stretch over ten years if not paid at time of service completion. Steffen stated permit has been applied for through DNR but, to date, permit has not been received.

Motion by Grigg, second by Masching to approve **Resolution # 2010-12, Resolution to Transfer Without Compensation Previous Water Tower Site to Lawton-Bronson CSD.** Council will hold Pubic Hearing at 5:00 pm Wednesday, December 8, 2010 to hear comments on such proposal. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Grigg to approve pay request from Steffen Engineering for \$2,410.00 for work on pump upgrade. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Masching, second by Ludwig to approve pay request by Barkley Asphalt, Inc. for overlay project on Oak Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Considerable discussion was held regarding letter from Doyle Smith stating new lease terms on ball fields on west edge of town. Over past ten years, City has paid \$1,110.00 per year for first five-year term and \$1,665.00 per year for second five-year term. New lease is asking for \$2,475.00 per year for upcoming five-year term. City posed possible purchase of area to Smith, however cost asked for was prohibitive. No further action at this time.

In anticipation of electronic sign being installed, Council discussed policy of listing birthdays or anniversaries. Another area city charges \$10 for up to a three-day greeting. Council feels this is appropriate. School events and community events can also be listed. School events will come from school calendar or designated school representative only.

There has already been interest from individuals regarding purchase of existing city sign when new sign is installed. Clerk will advertise after sign is replaced.

Council gave Clerk approval to get more information on Experience Works program.

John Eblen had contacted Public Works Department requesting City erect snow fence north of city limits near Pine Street to control blowing snow. Council denied request.

Residents are reminded to remove all vehicles from streets during snow emergencies. Failure to move vehicles could result in towing by City.

Building permits were approved during month for 428 E Birch, pergola and concrete slab; 307 E Maple, chain-link fence; 110 E Maple, driveway; 424 E Birch, concrete patio; 175 West Creek Dr., dwelling.

Discussion was held regarding debris and other junk on properties. Some property owners have repeatedly been told to clean up. Abatement notices and fines will be issued as needed.

Motion to approve consent agenda consisting of minutes from October 5, 2010 and October financial statements including disbursements of \$59,754.87 made by Schorg, second by Masching. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND**DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND**

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| Interest Earned | 2796.39 | TIF-West Creek | 0.00 |
| TIF | 23446.69 | General | 13892.65 |
| General | 62934.86 | Road Use Tax | 4705.95 |
| Road Use Tax | 4940.60 | Local Option Sales Tax | 0.00 |
| Local Option Sales Tax | 6162.41 | Water | 10327.68 |
| Water | 13026.37 | Sewer | 3539.41 |
| Sewer | 3425.84 | Garbage | 6261.86 |
| Garbage | 4890.47 | Fire Disbursements | 21027.32 |
| Fire Revenue | 155.31 | | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 121778.94 | OCT. DISBURSEMENTS | 59,754.87 |

WARRANTS APPROVED

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| CW Suter, lift station relays | 29.68 |
| Central IA Dist., paint, towels, bags | 155.23 |
| Grainger, lift station piston | 399.70 |
| Lawson Products, Inc, supplies | 92.03 |
| CHN Garbage | 2863.99 |
| City of Lawton, utilities | 48.61 |
| Lawton Pronto, fuel, misc | 326.53 |
| Moville J & J Motor, grass rig maint. | 518.42 |
| Moville Record, publications | 650.08 |
| Toyne, 1990 refurbishing | 19881.44 |
| Patricia Washburn, reim. Exp. | 84.79 |
| WITA, telephone | 279.43 |
| Ace Sign Displays, Inc., down pmt, sign | 7030.50 |
| Automatic Systems Co, pump & motor upgrade | 6600.00 |
| Barco, sign posts | 67.43 |
| Barkley Asphalt, hot mix | 92.72 |
| IMWCA, audited work comp premium | 450.00 |
| United Rentals, rent 30" boom | 143.39 |
| Stan Houston Equip., rent stump grinder | 75.00 |
| Day's Door Company, 2 remotes | 80.00 |
| Iowa DNR, water supply fee | 135.00 |
| MidAmerican Energy, October | 1476.59 |
| Woodbury Co. Area Landfill, 4th Qtr. | 3397.87 |
| Staples, toner, paper | 107.47 |
| Barco, sign posts | 262.14 |
| Bomgaars, supplies | 91.02 |
| Mangold Env. Testing, lab fee | 320.00 |
| Novelty Machine & Supply, LED worklight | 69.21 |
| Pro Hydro-Testing, storage cylinders | 190.00 |
| Share Corp, Natraklene | 157.01 |
| Utility Equipment Co, risers | 640.32 |
| Employee wages | 8517.55 |
| EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS | 2885.86 |
| IPERS | 1335.36 |
| Aflac, employee contribs | 80.50 |
| IA Ass'n of Muni. Utilities, conf. reg. | 220.00 |
| OCTOBER DISBURSEMENTS | 59,754.87 |

SIGNED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk