

Lawton City Council Minutes

July 5, 2011

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 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, Reed Burson and Perry Ludwig. Rick Schorg was absent. Others attending included Public Works representative Mark Vaul, Assistant City Clerk Debra Dunn, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, Movable Record Editor Kent Baker, Bronson Fire Chief Jamie Amick, Stu & Beth McCord.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Grigg, to approve agenda. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed all in attendance.

Jamie Amick spoke to Council regarding upcoming Lawton Fire Department Centennial celebration. The Bronson Fire Department has been asked to be the pyro technicians to light fireworks and to sponsor a beer garden. Attorney Metcalf stated the liquor license will be applied for online with approval by Council prior to August 13.

Mayor stated fence line on Cedar Court alley will be cleaned up and alley will be re-graded for drainage.

Motion by Burson, second by Ludwig, to approve Special Events Permit Application from Lawton Fire Department for their Centennial Celebration August 13, 2011. Motion carried 4-0.

Regarding Hillside Waterworks Assessment, Attorney Metcalf stated he still has one outstanding bill for an appraisal that was done. All other bills appear submitted. Matter tabled.

Discussion held regarding new lift station. Standing water was discussed. Solution should be investigated. Bids will be opened July 19 regarding construction of new lift station. Steffen presented bill for work done by Callaghan Engineering. Motion by Ludwig, second by Grigg, to pay Callaghan \$8,267.50. Payment will be made to Steffen to forward. Motion carried 4-0.

Sealed bids were opened regarding the upcoming City audit from three firms: KRP & Co. Sioux City, Hunzelman, Putzier, & Co., PLC, Storm Lake; and the Auditor of the State of Iowa. Bids were considered and a decision will be made after consideration of references.

City Maintenance will get more bids regarding roof repairs since problem is larger than first thought. Bids should include entire roof over Friendship Center, City Hall and garage.

Discussion of City Code of Ordinances was tabled until July 19 meeting.

Attorney stated he had no new information on updated FEMA National Flood Insurance Program ordinance.

No further information on police protection. City is still waiting to hear back from Movable Council.

Council discussed possibly allowing golf carts and/or ATV's on city streets. Certain streets would need to be designated as allowable streets, and certain requirements would have to be met before issuing permits. Only those of a certain age and holding a valid driver's license would be able to operate vehicles. Samples of ordinances and State Code were distributed to Council. After much discussion, matter was tabled pending further investigation.

Mark Vaul reported approximately 150 water meters have been replaced or updated. Old meters have been taken in and sold.

Vaul also reported someone had thrown rocks at water treatment facility and broke a window. Local glass man was called to replace window. Tree pile that was chipped has been hauled away. Vaul discussed need to get rid of large tree trunks as well as concrete pile. Mayor recommended contacting local hauler for bid to remove both items.

Mayor brought attention to need to replace front door on City Maintenance Shed. Council directed Vaul to replace with new door.

Vaul also stated three concrete poles will be installed around fire hydrant at Tara Way Park. Councilman Grigg questioned possible need for four poles rather than just three. Council agreed that four should be installed.

Discussion was held regarding lagoons being extremely full. Vaul stated excess rain has attributed to some of the problem, however he has been in contact with IRWA representative and feels he has the situation under control. Plans are to drain two cells in the fall rather than just one.

Assistant Clerk reported building permits approved for: 200 E Char-Mac Dr., garage; 167 West Creek Dr., fence; 100 Cedar, fence; 327 E Birch, concrete patio; 210 E Main St., porch; 210 Ash St., dwelling.

Council was given a copy from June CityScape magazine reporting Lawton had the highest population growth within counties that showed an overall decline after conducting the 2010 Census. Lawton has grown over 30% since the 2000 Census.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Masching, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of June 7, 2011 minutes and June disbursements of \$34,429.87. Motion carried 4-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	671.69		
TIF	2,548.10	TIF-West Creek	-
General	4,722.74	General	14,326.99
Road Use Tax	9,409.35	Road Use Tax	3,320.06
Local Option Sales Tax	-	Local Option Sales Tax	-
Water	13,288.30	Water	7,043.25
Sewer	3,329.51	Sewer	913.67
Garbage	4,813.51	Garbage	6,226.26
Fire Revenue	2,324.62	Fire Disbursements	2,599.64
TOTAL REVENUE	41,107.82	JUNE DISBURSEMENTS	34,429.87

WARRANTS APPROVED

CHN, garbage	3094.13
City of Lawton, utilities	44.79
Concrete Connections, L.L.C., driveway rep.	890.00
Intuit, monthly backup	4.95
Lawton Pronto, fuel	885.02
Suburban Supply, backhoe	428.50
US Postmaster, box rent	76.00
West. IA Telephone	301.97
Lawton Fire Association, Celebration Acct	1178.46
Acco, tank cover	31.70
Barkley Asphalt, hot mix	323.07
Grainger, paper towels	90.50
Nitzschke Construction, Hillside meter install	1426.33
Jodi Stender, mileage reim.	51.00
Mark Vaul, mileage reim	51.00
Staples, surge protector, paper	70.44
Bomgaars, grease	9.48
Iowa League of Cities, 2011-2012 dues	541.00
Metcalf Law Offices, legal fees	100.00
MidAmerican Energy, June	1753.56
Robertson Implement Co, mower belts	132.53
USEMCO, probe fittings	222.00
Patricia Washburn, reim. Exp. Apr-Jun	256.02
Employee compensation	9814.54
Aflac	32.30
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2429.50
IPERS	999.64
IA Withholding	1034.00
IA Sales Tax	2259.00
CHN, garbage	3094.13
Menard's, misc	237.43
Sooland Bobcat, Toolcat repairs	416.31
Debra Dunn, reim. Exp.	28.03
Feld Fire, misc. equipment	2122.54
JUNE DISBURSEMENTS	34429.87

SIGNED BY: _____
Debra A Dunn, Assistant City Clerk

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk