

Lawton City Council Minutes

March 6, 2012

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Perry Ludwig, Terry Masching, Don Grigg, Rick Schorg and Reed Burson. Others attending included Water Superintendent Mark Vault, City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, City Engineer Jerry Steffen and Movable Record Editor Kent Baker.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Burson, to approve agenda. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed guests.

Public Hearing was opened at 5:00 pm to hear oral or written concerns regarding City Fiscal Year 2013 proposed budget. Clerk stated no verbal or written concerns had been submitted. Motion to close Public Hearing at 5:02 pm was made by Masching, second by Ludwig. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Motion by Burson, second by Ludwig to approve Resolution #2012-06 giving approval to City FY 2013 Budget. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Complete text of resolution is on file at City Hall.

Three hundred recycle carts on wheels have been ordered and are due to arrive Thursday morning. They will be distributed to those residents requesting a cart. Council discussed adding an ordinance pertaining to care and maintenance of carts, but felt it was not needed at this time.

Vault reported new lift station is working as designed. Steffen stated work is nearly completed. Minor dirt work still remains to be done.

Council reviewed section of City Code and gave verbal agreement to changes in State Code references as presented.

Councilman Rick Schorg introduced and caused to be read the following proposed **Ordinance #2012-001** to be added to Lawton City Code: **3-3-64 - PERMITTING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS AND ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES UPON CITY STREETS.**

1. The City hereby adopts by reference Iowa Code Section 321.247 and 321.10(3) permitting the use of golf carts and all-terrain vehicles upon city streets with the conditions and restrictions set out there in.

2. CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:

a. A golf cart shall not be operated upon a city street which is a primary road extension through the city but shall be allowed to cross a city street which is a primary road extension through the city. The golf carts shall be equipped with a slow moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag and operate on the streets only from sunrise to sunset. Golf carts operated on city streets shall be equipped with adequate brakes and shall meet any other safety requirements imposed by the governing body. Golf carts are not subject to the registration provisions Iowa Code Chapter 321.

b. Registered all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) or registered off-road utility vehicles may only be operated upon the streets designated herein.

c. A person operating an all-terrain vehicle, golf cart or off-road utility vehicle shall have a valid driver's license and the vehicle shall be operated at speeds of twenty-five miles per hour or less.

d. The City hereby designates all streets within the corporate boundaries, except U.S. Highway 20, as available for the operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATV's), off-road utility vehicles and golf carts.

It was moved by Burson, seconded by Schorg, to approve the third reading of this ordinance and thereby adopt said ordinance. Motion carried 3-2 on roll with the following vote: Aye – Masching, Schorg, Burson. Nay – Ludwig, Grigg. This ordinance shall be effective after publication. The clerk was directed to publish this ordinance as required by law and to provide ordinance to each resident of Lawton as well as to the Woodbury County Sheriff's office.

Clerk presented Fire Protection Agreement and Contract to Council for signatures.

Auditor Report was distributed to Council. No other action was needed.

Attorney Metcalf reviewed Lawton's Urban Renewal Plan and what needs to be done to meet Low-Moderate Income requirements. Metcalf will provide Council with additional information next month.

Anderson Heating & Cooling submitted cost estimate for replacement AC unit in Friendship Center. Motion by Masching, second by Grigg to replace current unit with new unit from Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Vault stated Dakota Supply Group representative reviewed new meter installed in commercial setting and indicated it is correct meter. City will hire electrician to complete installation process.

Pot holes are beginning to surface. Council felt city could repair at this time rather than hire contractor to repair. Discussion also held on needed manhole risers.

The hydraulic arm was bent on the Tool Cat during snow removal. Cost to replace new is about \$1,500. Mayor stated we may possibly be able to get used arms for considerably less. Council directed Mayor and Vaul to do what was necessary to get situation fixed.

Burson left meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Clerk stated no permits or correspondence had been received other than what had already been distributed. EGR Insurance has given City a set of potential guidelines regarding drivers of city-owned vehicles. Council briefly examined suggestions and gave approval to Clerk to meet with Fire Chief and Ambulance Chief to review and make changes.

Council informed of status of concrete litigation regarding street projects from 2007 and 2008.

Garbage Request for Proposals were sent to six solid waste companies. Bids are due March 28, and will be opened at the April 3 meeting. Contract will be awarded at that time.

Council granted permission to clerk to attend IMFOA Spring Conference in Des Moines April 18-20.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Masching, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of February 7, 2012, minutes, February 2012 disbursements of \$28,847.91, financial statements from February 2012 and approval of Liquor License for HAKA, a.k.a. Lawton Pronto. Motion carried 4-0.

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

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	1,662.22		
TIF	-	TIF-West Creek	-
General	2,099.73	General	4,570.16
Road Use Tax	8,024.33	Road Use Tax	7,786.04
Local Option Sales Tax	8,959.40	Local Option Sales Tax	-
Water	11,750.05	Water	8,840.14
Sewer	3,030.77	Sewer	3,956.97
Garbage	4,824.90	Garbage	3,094.13
Fire Revenue	4,974.90	Fire Disbursements	600.47
TOTAL REVENUE	45,326.30	FEB. DISBURSEMENTS	28,847.91

WARRANTS APPROVED

Certified Testing Services, soil compact	446.00
CHN Garbage	3094.13
City of Lawton, utilities	43.00
Western Iowa Co-op, propane regulator/parts	177.75
Dakota Supply Group, meters	5824.07
Auditor of State, FY2011 Audit	100.00
Bomgaars, bar & chain oil, nozzles	48.11
Fouk Brothers Plbg & Htg, meter install	440.00
Lawton Pronto, fuel	347.63
Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC, audit	569.14
Western Iowa Co-op, propane	733.07
Western Iowa Telephone Assn., phone use	333.02
Pizza Hut, FD training	32.10
Batteries Plus, 24 9Volt batteries	35.28
Burke Engineering, six 2" padlocks	228.00
Fouk Brothers Plbg & Htg, meter replaced	250.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., rigid broom	3899.00
Siouxland District Health Dept., water testing	88.00
Town & Country Lawn Service Inc., lawn care	900.00
USPS, postage	23.92
Anderson Heating & Cooling, FD repairs	70.00
Bomgaars, air filter, misc	98.92
MidAmerican Energy, February	2102.35
Steffen, snowblade repairs	60.78
Employee Compensation	5723.31
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	1779.11
Aflac, employee contrib	32.30
IPERS, retirement	1037.94
JP Cooke Co, pet tags	62.10
Shane's Glass, replace 2 windows	126.32
Home Depot, FD purchase	64.16
Grand Stay Hotel, Ames, FD	78.40
FEBRUARY DISBURSEMENTS	28847.91

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk