

Lawton City Council Minutes

May 1, 2012

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm by Mayor pro tem Perry Ludwig. Council members answering roll: Reed Burson, Don Grigg, Terry Masching, Rick Schorg, and Perry Ludwig. Others attending included Water Superintendent Mark Vault, City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, City Engineer Jerry Steffen, Novak Sanitary Service representatives Bob Novak, Rich Nettleton and Bill Gould, and C.H.N. Garbage Service owner Rollie Clark.

Discussion in council work session regarding lids open on dumpsters, thereby allowing garbage to blow out. Owner of property in question will be notified to see if remedy is possible.

Mayor Nitzschke entered meeting at 5:04. Clerk Washburn asked that a Special Events Permit Application be added to agenda as Item #7. Motion to approve amended agenda made by Ludwig, seconded by Schorg. Motion carried on roll, 5-0.

Public Hearing for FY 2012 City Budget Amendment was opened by Mayor Nitzschke at 5:07 pm. No oral or written comments were received regarding amendment. Motion by Masching, second by Grigg to close Public Hearing at 5:08 pm. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Public Hearing declared closed at 5:08 pm. Motion by Grigg, second by Burson to approve **RESOLUTION # 2012-08, FY 2012 CITY BUDGET AMENDMENT** as presented. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Complete text of Resolution is on file at City Hall.

After considerable discussion about garbage bids, it was noted all bids were within dollars of each other. Schorg also noted the charge for yard waste cans was considerably lower from one bidder than from the other two. Grigg commented that since the city went out for bids, he felt contract should go to low bidder. Motion by Grigg to accept the low bid of Novak Sanitary Service. Motion seconded by Schorg. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Grigg also stated to Rollie Clark from CHN Garbage Service that the city has been very pleased with his services over the years. Clark stated CHN would pick up their cans after their regular pickup on June 25. Novak representatives stated they could have their new cans in place that same week. Novak will plan garbage pickup on Thursdays. The contract with Novak begins July 1, therefore the first date of pickup will be Thursday, July 5. Novak stated garbage cans will be red, with lawn & leaf cans being green.

Councilman Schorg stated he had conversed with Jeff Hansen regarding Lawton's TIF district and how to create a Low to Moderate Income Plan. Ahler's Law Firm was recommended. Attorney Metcalf will discuss matter with Mark Corey from Ahler's Law Firm.

It was reported some of the junk vehicles in town have been moved. Others are still waiting on personal contact with owner of property.

Generator from lift station is not heavy enough to run water treatment plant. Clerk and Maintenance men will create ads to advertise generator and motors.

Large tree trunks at tree pile were discussed. Mayor Nitzschke stated he may know someone that will take them and dispose of them for us.

Council declined to appoint commissioner to Siouxland Regional Housing Authority as local landlords do not seem to have trouble filling vacant properties.

Council reviewed Code of Ordinances as presented to them making minor changes as recommended by attorney. Clerk noted several reference typos in current version of Code book.

Tabitha Lower had presented clerk with Special Events Permit Application for Council consideration regarding blocking north half of 400 block of Elm Street on May 12 to accommodate graduation party for her son. Council discussed notification of neighbors. Motion by Burson, second by Schorg to approve permit. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Water Superintendent Mark Vault informed Council of rates he had found regarding security cameras. Mayor Nitzschke offered to speak with Western Iowa Telephone Assn. General Manager, Heath Mallory, to see if they had anything that could be used.

Vault also stated City will begin patching streets within few days.

Installing a fence around the new lift station and lagoons was discussed, with no formal action taken.

Clerk Washburn stated she had not attended IMFOA in April due to illness.

A building permit was approved for 427 E Birch St., pool, deck & shed.

Mayor mentioned need to contact certain property owners regarding tall grasses and weeds. Clerk stated a notice is run in the Menville Record monthly from May through October.

Very few water meters have yet to be replaced. Attorney stated those properties could be billed for bulk water rather than metered water. He will bring proposed ordinance amendment to June meeting for council consideration.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Burson, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of April 3, 2012, minutes, April 2012 disbursements of \$40,973.08 and financial statements from April, 2012. Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	1,689.39	TIF-West Creek	-
TIF	32,659.51	General	19,376.39
General	53,977.20	Road Use Tax	3,186.01
Road Use Tax	7,047.60	Local Option Sales Tax	-
Local Option Sales Tax	7,865.97	Water	3,292.79
Water	13,208.17	Sewer	6,569.07
Sewer	3,057.21	Garbage	7,091.60
Garbage	4,847.50	Fire Disbursements	1,457.22
Fire Revenue	150.00		
TOTAL REVENUE	124,502.55	APR. DISBURSEMENTS	40,973.08

WARRANTS APPROVED

CHN Garbage Service, garbage hauling	3094.13
Staples, toners	211.37
City of Lawton, FD utilities	49.12
Echo Group Inc, security light	184.95
Ed M. Feld Equipment Co., Inc. , hose parts & repairs	175.80
Iowa Assn. of Muni. Utilities, CCR wkshp - Jodi & Mark	100.00
Lawton Ambulance, 2 pager batteries	35.00
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., acetylene	163.07
Menards- Sioux City, pothole patch, FD keypad	298.89
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., air filter, battery charger	77.65
Lawton Pronto, fuel, FD pizza/pop	1177.76
Chuck Hinds Welding, straighten Cat fork lifts	95.00
L.P. Gill, Inc., 2nd Qtr Assessment	3997.47
Metcalf Law Office, legal fees	100.00
Moville Record, publications	489.47
Steffen Engineering, lift station fees	4036.00
West. IA Telephone Ass'n, phone, internet	286.65
Acco, 55 gal dr Carusol	895.88
Bekins Fire & Safety, extinguisher	211.36
Bomgaars, misc supplies	279.40
ISU, Fire training	170.00
Menards, pvc, GFI covers, misc	83.31
MidAmerican Energy, April gas & electric	1544.30
Novelty Machine & Supply, V-belt	43.03
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., motor oil	31.74
Troy Rubendall, reim. Eye test kit	39.95
Soo Land Bobcat, 4-wheel bearings	51.44
Tri-State Comm., power cords, misc	22.00
Woodbury Co. Lib., FY 13 tax asking	14025.00
Employee Compensation, April	6008.88
Aflac, employee contrib	32.30
IPERS, Retirement	1090.31
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	1871.85
APRIL DISBURSEMENTS	40973.08

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk