

Lawton City Council Minutes

July 3, 2012

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Don Grigg, Terry Masching, and Perry Ludwig. Reed Burson and Rick Schorg were absent. Others attending included Public Works Director Mark Vault, City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Record editor Kent Baker and Novak Sanitary Service rep Rich Nettleton.

Motion to approve tentative agenda made by Masching, seconded by Grigg. Motion carried on roll, 3-0.

Urban Renewal LMI Plan was discussed in depth. No immediate action was taken at this time.

Council discussed ongoing concerns with vehicles deemed junk vehicles. Attorney and Mayor reported owners had been contacted. Council authorized City Attorney to issue municipal infractions if vehicles are not removed according to city code.

Council reviewed section of Code of Ordinances as presented with no changes being directed.

After considerable discussion regarding a handful of manually read water meters still in use within the city, Councilman Ludwig introduced an ordinance proposing to fix and adopt changes in water rates for residential locations where radio read water meters are not yet installed. In short, this ordinance determines that all water meters shall be read electronically. Thirty days after being notified a meter is not functioning or requires replacement for any reason, the water service shall be deemed unmetered and shall be billed at the greatest of the following: 20% more than the corresponding water billing for the same month in the prior year; 20% more than the previous bill prior to the failure of the meter as determined by the City; or the current monthly charge for 10,000 gallons of monthly usage, unless an automatic water system is in place, then the water usage for May through September shall be deemed to be 50,000 gallons per month. One hundred twenty days after notice is given to homeowners, the water service shall be terminated if an acceptable meter has not been installed. Councilman Masching seconded the motion and the first reading passed 3-0 with Burson and Schorg absent. Complete text of proposed ordinance is available for review at City Hall.

Jerry Steffen was not present at meeting so was unable to give update on water pump replacement.

Novak has placed garbage cans and will begin with the Thursday pickup on July 5th. Rich Nettleton was present to answer questions for Council.

Resident Jack Schroeder had expressed desire for signage in West Creek Development to help prevent vehicular traffic from entering cul-de-sac behind Pronto. He feels some drivers think there is a back street into Pronto Market. After considerable discussion, no action was taken as Council does not feel signage would prevent drivers from entering area.

Attorney reviewed information sent by SIMPCO regarding creation of non-profit organization called Western Iowa Community Improvement Regional Housing Trust Fund. After perusing information, Attorney recommended passage of **Resolution #2012-11** recognizing this new non-profit organization. Motion by Grigg to pass resolution, second by Masching. Motion carried on roll 3-0. Complete text of resolution is on file at City Hall. Clerk will ask SIMPCO representative to attend August meeting to get more in-depth information.

A citizen complaint regarding a barking dog was presented to Council. Attorney was directed to contact complainant to verify details and then file municipal infraction on the matter.

Sealed bids will be taken for generator that was previously used on lift station. Bids will be opened at August 7 council meeting.

PWD Vault discussed loader options as presented. After much discussion, motion by Masching, second by Grigg, to upgrade current Caterpillar loader to 924H model at cost of \$84,138.25 with trade-in. Motion carried on roll 3-0 with Burson and Schorg absent.

Vault informed Council of problems with lift station display. Council directed Vault to contact city engineer and contractor on project.

Council gave Vault permission to attend Fall IRWA Conference to be held in Okoboji September 11 & 12.

Councilman Grigg questioned why water has not been run to the new lift station. Vault stated we are waiting on trencher. Council directed Vault to make contact and get job done.

Building permits have been approved for the following: 429 E Birch, shed and driveway; 111 Pine St., concrete porch floor; 115 West Creek Dr., concrete patio.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Grigg, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of June 5, 2012, minutes, June 2012 disbursements of \$37,341.83, financial statements from June, 2012, and **Resolution #2012-10 regarding Destruction of Records According to the Records Retention Manual for the City**. Motion carried 3-0. Complete text of resolution is available at City Hall.

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

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	297.21		
TIF	2,959.58	TIF-West Creek	-
Local Option Sales Tax	8,477.48	Local Option Sales Tax	-
General	4,065.73	General	15,283.21
Road Use Tax	4,047.60	Road Use Tax	4,354.06
Water	13,677.24	Water	5,929.02
Sewer	3,026.47	Sewer	3,578.59
Garbage	4,861.43	Garbage	4,423.83
Fire Revenue	670.00	Fire Disbursements	3,773.12
TOTAL REVENUE	42,082.74	JUNE DISBURSEMENTS	37,341.83

WARRANTS APPROVED

Wendy Oates, deposit refund	41.54
Central IA Distribut, bowl cleaner	43.79
CHN Garbage, contract, yard waste cans	4367.83
City of Lawton, utilities	44.79
Flewelling Sand & Gravel, fill sand	31.50
L.G. Everist, Inc., quartzite	590.04
Metcalf Law Office, legal fees	300.00
SooLand Bobcat, Toolcat repairs	234.50
State Steel, grate materials	17.25
WalMart, office gloves	9.24
Analytical & Consulting Serv., lab fees	38.50
Banner Township, cemetery upkeep	1250.00
Brown Supply, curb boxes, bushings	303.60
Lawton Pronto, fuel	643.66
IMWCA, Work Comp	7962.00
Iowa League of Cities, dues	562.00
Menards, misc. supplies	311.39
MidAmerican Energy, June	1809.19
O'Reilly Automotive, headlight	16.28
USPS, box rent	76.00
Utility Equipment Co, brass ell	7.41
West. IA Telephone, May	285.24
Barkley Asphalt, hot mix	95.88
Bomgaars, shop supplies	122.21
Mark Vault, phone reim	120.00
Patricia Washburn, phone reim	30.00
Murphy Tractor & Equip, cutting edge	150.76
Employee compensation	10167.19
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2698.82
IPERS	1344.92
Aflac	32.30
State of Iowa, withholding	1237.00
State of Iowa, sales tax	2397.00
JUNE DISBURSEMENTS	37341.83

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk