

# Lawton City Council Minutes

**October 2, 2012**

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 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 and Reed Burson. Perry Ludwig joined the meeting later and Rick Schorg was absent. Others attending included Public Works Director Mark Vault, City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, City Engineer Jerry Steffen, residents Dick Morgan and Kevin Heiss, Woodbury County Economic Development Director Rob Marqusee, Woodbury County Auditor Dennis Butler, Woodbury County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Jackie Smith, and SIMPCO representative Judi Meyer-Ogden.

Council was updated on amendments to tentative agenda. Amendments were posted in advance of 24-hour posting requirement. Motion to approve amended agenda made by Masching, seconded by Grigg. Motion carried on roll, 3-0.

Dick Morgan was present to request legal interpretation of DNR document regarding drainage ditch crossing his property. In previous years he has removed broken concrete from bottom of ditch. Storm water has since cut deep crevice in ditch. No action was taken by Council.

Kevin Heiss requested change of street name from Heidi's Trail to Buckeye Circle. His is the only property the name change will affect. Attorney will bring ordinance to November meeting for Council's consideration.

Construction permit application is ready to be submitted to Iowa DNR regarding extension of water main and relocation of fire hydrant on Heidi's Trail. Property owner will purchase supplies and reimburse City for incurred expenses as relocation is at his request.

Steffen submitted new plat for Char-Mac Subdivision. Motion by Burson, second by Masching, to approve this preliminary plat. Motion carried on roll 3-0. Final plat will be presented at next meeting.

Rob Marqusee was present to inform Council of funds available to residents of rural Woodbury County interested in securing a loan for the purpose of starting or expanding a business in the rural areas. More information will be sent to Clerk to include in next utility bill mailing.

Final considerations to include in Urban Renewal Low to Moderate Income Plan were discussed with Judi Meyer-Ogden from SIMPCO. Motion by Burson, second by Masching, to approve entering into formal agreement with SIMPCO to administer Lawton's LMI Funds for housing rehabilitation and repairs. Information will be provided in monthly newsletter as it becomes available. Motion carried on roll 3-0.

Attorney advised he has discussed ongoing junk vehicle concerns with property owner. It appears changes are being made to correct the problem.

Several corrections and changes were made while reviewing Section 6-5 of the City Code.

Motion by Burson, second by Grigg, for City to host a Christmas Lighting Contest this year. A local group has been in charge for past several years, but disbanded about two years ago. No contest was held last year. The contest will be open to all residents served by City Water. Contest is not open to city employees and will be judged around December 16. Motion carried on roll 3-0.

Clerk informed Council of emergency landfill meeting to take place Wednesday, October 3 regarding additional DNR requirements.

Council instructed Clerk to apply to MidAmerican Energy's Trees Please! Grant.

Public Works Director Mark Vault reported we are still waiting for repairs on sewer meter. Contractor has not removed bad meter at this time.

Vault also reported owner of home on Pine Street has moved water meter inside home and new radio reader has been installed.

Parks will be closed up for winter within next two weeks.

Ludwig arrived at 6:30 pm.

Building permits were approved for the following: 200 Char-Mac Dr., garage; 432 E Main St., concrete patio; 108 Pine, garage addition; 92 Cedar, garage, additional concrete.

Clerk shared electronic message from resident regarding speeders on Oak Street.

Letter has been sent to resident regarding unlicensed dogs and barking dogs. Attorney will file Municipal Infraction against this resident if dogs are not licensed by October 10, 2012.

Clerk reported she and Councilman Grigg attended the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference held in Sioux City Sept. 26-29. Both felt the sessions they attended were very informative. Clerk will be participating in upcoming TIF webinars.

Attorney updated Council on status of contract litigation.

Motion by Masching, second by Burson, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of September 4 & September 18, 2012, minutes, September 2012 disbursements of \$33,450.77, and financial statements from August and September, 2012. Motion carried 4-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**REVENUES BY FUND**

**DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND**

Interest Earned	212.45	TIF-West Creek	-
TIF	1,225.71	Local Option Sales Tax	-
Local Option Sales Tax	-	General	5,722.75
General	16,038.54	Road Use Tax	3,457.90
Road Use Tax	8,680.59	Water	11,046.23
Water	21,095.69	Sewer	6,076.10
Sewer	3,078.44	Garbage	4,553.75
Garbage	5,136.13	Fire Disbursements	2,594.04
Fire Revenue	326.38		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>55,793.93</b>	<b>SEPT. DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>33,450.77</b>

**WARRANTS APPROVED**

City of Lawton, utilities	49.12
Electronic Engineering, pager charger	42.50
Kneifl Electric, hard wire water meter	506.85
Nick's Garage, 2008 Chevy light bar	627.68
Novak Sanitary Service	4513.75
Tri-State Emergency Lighting, labor	300.00
Western IA Telephone	295.06
Staples, FD fax	239.98
Brandi Milburn, deposit refund	55.86
Okoboji Motel, Stender IRWA conf.	98.91
Lawton Pronto, fuel, misc	810.25
Bomgaars, hammerdrill, misc	319.98
Bostwick Fencing, around lift station	5463.22
Brown Supply, misc. supplies	539.30
Dakota Supply Group, meter	142.72
Feld Fire, misc. supplies	166.75
Fouk Bros. Plumb. & Heat., school meter	1395.00
Iowa One Call, locates	33.30
Mangold Env. Testing, Water SVOC	690.00
MidAmerican Energy, September	1996.80
Nick's Garage, 2008 Chevy rear suspension	480.00
Utility Equipment, supplies	239.54
Jodi Stender, expense statement	144.30
Staples, chair mat	69.99
AED, defibrillators	154.00
Employee Compensation	6027.57
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2001.63
IPERS, Retirement	1201.59
Aflac, employee contrib	32.30
State of IA, withholding	1280.00
Patricia Washburn, 3rd Qtr Exp.	73.82
State of IA, sales tax	3459.00
<b>SEPTEMBER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>33450.77</b>

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_, Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk