

Lawton City Council Minutes

January 8, 2013

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Terry Masching, Perry Ludwig and Don Grigg. Reed Burson arrived after start of meeting. Rick Schorg was absent. Others attending included Public Works Director Mark Vaul, City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, City Engineer Jerry Steffen, Mowille Record Editor Kent Baker and resident Mike Frolkey.

Motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig, to approve tentative agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Burson arrived at 5:03 pm.

Mike Frolkey spoke to Council regarding a Citizen's Complaint form he had filed due to excessively loud fireworks at midnight on Christmas Day. Fireworks were coming from behind Councilman Burson's home. Burson stated he was not home but a friend of his was setting them off. He apologized to those present and stated this type incident would not happen again.

Open House for the Urban Renewal Housing Program is scheduled for Saturday, January 19, from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Friendship Center. SIMPCO representative, Judi Meyer-Ogden will be present.

Motion by Grigg, second by Burson, to pay retainer of \$5,000.00 to DA Davis for work on 2011 Lift Station Project. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Burson, second by Masching, to pay Steffen Engineering \$2,392.50, for work on Lift Station Project. Motion carried 4-0.

Gill Hauling has contacted the City regarding changing recycle pick-up days from every other Monday to every other Tuesday. Clerk requested that the change not happen before February 1st, so a notice can be put in the February newsletter. Discussion held on possibility of changing days to correspond with garbage pickup. Clerk had discussed matter with Gill, but was told Thursdays would not work. Council agreed to the change after February 1st.

Council directed Clerk to reply to written recommendations from IMWCA stating City would consider recommendations of Loss Control Representative. Breakaway vests were discussed as well as hard-toes boots. Safety Manual will be updated as needed.

Council directed Attorney to amend draft of covenant with Sky View Acres to include verbiage stating City is responsible for water main extension from Char-Mac to 3" meter in pit. Residents are responsible for water mains running from pit to their homes. City is responsible for meters inside their homes.

Motion by Masching, second by Ludwig, to enter into Lawn Care Agreement with Town & Country for 2013 at same cost as 2012. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Burson, second by Grigg, to enter into contract with Siouxland Humane Society for animal holding. All terms of contract will be the same as in 2012. Motion carried 4-0.

Vaul stated contractor has been contacted regarding hard-wiring water meter for commercial customer. After considerable discussion, motion by Ludwig, second by Grigg to pay outstanding plumbing bill to Foulk Brothers Plumbing and Heating. Motion carried on roll 3-0 with Masching abstaining.

Vaul stated Toolcat arms may be bent again. Vaul also stated he had spoken with new business owner regarding resident complaint of potentially dangerous smoke and odor emitting from business. Owner stated the heater in question is temporary only to thaw the ground until concrete can be poured. Discussion followed regarding recent snow removal and vehicles left on streets.

City Clerk announced Lawton has been awarded a \$1,000.00 Trees Please! Grant from MidAmerican Energy. Clerk announced Christmas light contest winners and got verification on payout of third place tie. Council directed to pay \$25 to each party rather than divide the \$25 between the two. No new building permits had been received. Correspondence was shared with Council. Council denied tree trimming company accessibility to tree pile for trees being taken down outside of city limits.

Council discussed various budget considerations for Fiscal year 2014. Clerk will have preliminary budget at next meeting for further discussion.

Attorney will contact owner of barking dog regarding numerous complaints over the past several months. Attorney exited meeting at 6:00 pm.

Moville City Council and Woodbury County Sheriff will again be approached regarding police protection for the City.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Masching, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of December 4, 2012, minutes, December 2012 disbursements of \$104,000.79, and financial statement from December, 2012. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	199.61	TIF-Housing	1,113.00
TIF	43,730.51	TIF-West Creek	1,182.77
Local Option Sales Tax	9,056.46	Local Option Sales Tax	-
General	(4,568.87)	General	10,270.09
Road Use Tax	7,070.81	Road Use Tax	3,657.59
Water	12,598.66	Water	9,512.28
Sewer	3,073.15	Sewer	72,956.01
Garbage	4,872.33	Garbage	4,373.20
Fire Revenue	25.00	Fire Disbursements	935.85
TOTAL REVENUE	76,057.66	DEC. DISBURSEMENTS	104,000.79

WARRANTS APPROVED

Sara Hemminger, deposit refund	34.09
Analytical & Consulting Serv., lab fees	77.00
City of Lawton, FD utilities	45.81
DA Davis, 2011 Lift Station less retain.	71509.05
LG Everist, Inc., crushed quartzite	142.04
Lawton Ambulance, donation	1000.00
SIMPCO, dues	1113.00
USPS, 2,000 stamped env.	1093.80
Steffen Engineering, Heidi's Trail water ext.	1120.00
US 20 Association, 2013 dues	100.00
US Postmaster, FD box rent	76.00
WITCC, FD training	90.00
WITA, phone bill	304.78
Novak Sanitary Service, garbage	4320.20
Utility Equipment Co., polytube	76.00
Intuit, QuickBooks payroll update	429.00
Ed M Feld, neck straps, misc	118.00
Lawton Pronto, fuel	598.49
Metcalf Law Office, legal fees	1290.00
USPS, 500 stamps	225.00
Acco, chlorine concentrate	307.80
Dakota Supply Group, meters	666.29
EGR Insurance, surety bond	100.00
Fire Service Training Bureau, Instructor 1	150.00
MidAmerican Energy, gas & electric	1857.69
Triple D Contracting, backhoe, labor	427.50
Mark Vault, cell phone reim.	120.00
Patricia Washburn, cell phone reim.	30.00
Ziegler Cat, 924H couplings, O rings, etc	305.18
Bomgaars, misc. shop supplies	121.34
Menard's, misc. supplies	66.33
Patricia Washburn, expense stmt	288.41
Employee Compensation	8342.87
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2214.48
IPERS, emp. Retirement	1218.34
Aflac, employee contrib	32.30
State of Iowa, withholding tax	1267.00
State of Iowa, sales tax	2723.00
DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS	104,000.79

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk