

# Lawton City Council Minutes

March 5, 2013

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 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. Rick Schorg and Reed Burson arrived later. Others attending included Public Works Director Mark Vaul, City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, City Engineer Jerry Steffen, Ambulance Chief Ken Eyres, Doug Boetger, Kurt Miene, Pat Rogers with EGR Insurance, Movable Mayor Jim Fischer, Movable Police Kirk Kinnaman and Nate Bauer, Woodbury County Sheriff Deputies Greg Stallman and Tony Wingert.

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

Greg Stallman spoke to Council regarding anticipations of Sheriff's Department under direction of Dave Drew. They intend to provide city with monthly activity reports handled by Sheriff's Dept.

At 5:03 p.m. a Public Hearing was opened to hear concerns or comments regarding the proposed FY14 Budget for the city. No written or oral comments were received. Grigg moved to close Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m., seconded by Masching. Motion carried on roll 3-0.

Motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig to approve **Resolution #2013-01 Adopting Fiscal Year 2014 City Budget**. Motion carried on roll 3-0.

Ken Eyres spoke to Council regarding ambulance update. Insurance coverage was in question. Pat Rogers with EGR Insurance assured Council coverage on ambulance and personnel is in force through city insurance with ambulance specifically listed on declarations page of policy. With no change being asked for, no formal action was taken.

Councilman Rick Schorg arrived at 5:16 p.m.

Movable Mayor, Jim Fischer, and Movable Chief of Police, Kirk Kinnaman, gave brief presentation to Council regarding the possibility of Lawton acquiring police protection through Movable. Cost would likely be a flat rate to the city. Woodbury County Deputy Greg Stallman stated the County Sheriff could also provide police protection and stated cost would be about \$30/hr for each call. No action was taken at this time, but Council thanked both groups and will consider both options.

Councilman Burson arrived at 5:38 p.m.

Regarding the 2013 WHO Tractor Ride expected to pass through Lawton on June 24, Council responded with favorable comments. City Clerk will be the contact person.

Council reviewed Urban Renewal Housing Program monthly status report and are pleased with progress. Regarding payment of bills, Council verified contractors will be paid once final inspection is completed and "Finished Project" bills are submitted. City will pay contractors directly. Regarding eligibility to include residents within two miles outside city limits, Council opted at this time to continue the program for residents within city limits only.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Masching, to approve pay request from SIMPCO for \$588.00 for General Administration during January, 2013. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Motion by Masching, second by Schorg, to have Clerk request for Missouri River Historical District grant application. If awarded, grant would be used for installation of wiring in water treatment facility to run a stand-by portable emergency generator should the facility ever lose power. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Public Works Director Mark Vaul stated the intersection at Erin's Cove and Oak Street is in need of repairs and stated that there is a sink hole near the drain on south side of street. Mayor and Council will investigate and decide if repairs or replacement is warranted.

Vaul also questioned Council about having the sanitary sewer mains jetted in the entire city. He stated the same area south of Maple Street on Ash Street was jetted twice in February. Council directed Vaul to get bids on having the entire city jetted and videoed.

Clerk stated building permit for a garage at 405 E Maple St has been approved. Clerk also distributed correspondence regarding open insurance claims.

Council gave verbal approval to Clerk to attend IMFOA Spring Conference in Des Moines in April.

Clerk distributed next section of City Ordinances for Council to review prior to April meeting.

Mayor spoke to Council regarding possible purchase of a grass rig with 250 gallon stainless steel tank and pump assembly. This unit is for sale and could be very beneficial to the city maintenance department. After considerable discussion, motion by Burson, second by Schorg, to purchase this unit for \$1,000. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Barking dogs were again discussed. Council directed Attorney to get the problem resolved.

Councilman Grigg informed Council he had been contacted by local resident regarding desire to display memorabilia from past war veterans, in particular from a past WWII POW. Council responded favorably. Grigg will be in contact with resident with further information and discussion.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Masching, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of February 5, 2013, minutes, February, 2013, disbursements of \$23,860.02, financial statements from February, 2013, and approval of liquor license for Pronto Market. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

**REVENUES BY FUND**

**DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND**

Interest Earned	1,073.54	TIF-Housing	835.10
TIF	204.31	TIF-West Creek	121.56
Local Option Sales Tax	9,056.48	Local Option Sales Tax	-
General	3,783.57	General	3,730.60
Road Use Tax	7,571.61	Road Use Tax	3,274.05
Water	11,706.11	Water	6,083.54
Sewer	3,057.63	Sewer	1,074.86
Garbage	9,029.03	Garbage	8,247.67
Fire Revenue	-	Fire Disbursements	492.64
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>45,482.28</b>	<b>FEB. DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>23,860.02</b>

**WARRANTS APPROVED**

L.P. Gill, Inc., 1st Qtr. Assessment	3997.47
Metcalf Law Office, legal fees	100.00
City of Lawton, utilities	46.57
Midwest Wheel Co., air chuck, tire gauge	20.23
Novak Sanitary Service, garbage p.u.	4250.20
O'Reilly Automotive, supplies	65.95
SIMPCO, administration	835.10
Stan Houston Equip., hi-vis vests	47.80
Steffen, kickstand leg str.	23.06
Jodi Stender, mileage reim.	126.56
Western IA Telephone, phone charges	325.66
Brown Supply Co, fittings	121.56
Charleston, Inc., boiler maintenance kits	482.71
Ed M Feld, 6-replacement lamps	64.90
Lawton Pronto, fuel	513.21
Iowa DNR, WW testing	30.00
Menards, supplies	178.64
Siouxland Dist. Health, lab tests	101.00
Staples, 2 cases paper	39.98
WalMart, batteries	4.97
Acco, chlorine, roller assembly	1247.50
MidAmerican Energy, February	2225.92
Employee Compensation	5726.65
EFPTS, Fed, Med, SS	2083.42
IPERS	1168.66
Aflac, employee contrib	32.30
<b>FEBRUARY DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>23860.02</b>

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