

Lawton City Council Minutes

April 2, 2013

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Perry Ludwig, Rick Schorg, Don Grigg and Terry Masching. Reed Burson arrived later. Others attending included Public Works Director Mark Vault, City Engineer Jerry Steffen, Will Wollesen and Marilla Keleher.

Motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig, to approve tentative agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Keleher questioned the possibility of extending the housing repair and rehabilitation program outside the city limits. Council stated at this time the program will stay within the city limits, but it could possibly extend further in the future.

Mayor Nitzschke, Councilmen Grigg and Schorg, and Clerk Washburn attended the Movable City Council meeting March 27 regarding police protection. Movable Council is willing to discuss options with Lawton. No decision was made at this time. Council will continue to weigh options between Movable and Woodbury County.

Grigg had spoken to resident wishing to display Veterans' memorabilia in Friendship Center. Resident stated fear of vandalism, so has decided to display at school instead.

Review of City Code Sec. 6-9 was tabled.

Public Works Director Vault informed Council several manhole risers will be installed this year to bring manhole covers to street level. Curb stands will also be raised to bring them to ground level as some are buried several inches deep.

Vault discussed discoloration on outside of water tower. Council directed Vault to check for possible remedies. Maguire Iron is contracted to clean inside of tower this summer.

Vault had consulted with Tom Grafft with I&S Group regarding back flushing operations once new pump is installed in water treatment plant. Grafft stated system could be set up to automatically handle change of water flow for back flushing. After discussing concerns, Council directed Vault to contact Automatic Systems to get update.

Vault also discussed getting new valves for lagoon pit. He has been in contact with company in Cherokee and has asked them to stop by to see what would be needed to replace valves. Council directed Vault to get process started as quickly as possible.

Councilman Burson arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Council discussed East Birch Street and the need to resurface or replace a portion from Cedar Street to Linden Street. Council directed Steffen to get information and to include intersection of Cedar and Birch Streets and intersection of Oak Street and Erin's Cove.

City Clerk was absent due to mother's funeral. Clerk report stated building permit for a garage, deck and breezeway at 110 E Main St. had been approved.

Regarding removal of sidewalk on south side of property at 201 Cedar Street, Council gave approval to remove after much discussion.

Council denied request by resident to house poultry within city limits.

Council discussed request to build garage on lot with no dwelling. It was discussed this may be contrary to covenants in area which City does not regulate.

Clerk has submitted MRHD Grant application. No response back as of yet.

Mayor expressed concern with children riding bicycles and not paying attention to traffic or traffic laws. Problem has increased with warm weather. Reminder will go into May newsletter.

Attorney Metcalf arrived at 5:32 pm.

Motion by Masching, second by Ludwig, to set Public Hearing date of May 7, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. for possible city budget amendment for current fiscal year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Grigg, second by Masching, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of March 5, 2013, minutes, March, 2013, disbursements of \$42,500.75 and financial statements from March, 2013. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	176.82	TIF-Housing	588.00
TIF	413.31	TIF-West Creek	20.26
Local Option Sales Tax	7,951.19	Local Option Sales Tax	-
General	4,664.89	General	16,694.64
Road Use Tax	9,532.58	Road Use Tax	5,368.21
Water	12,593.74	Water	6,469.44
Sewer	3,088.30	Sewer	3,463.79
Garbage	4,846.17	Garbage	4,318.05
Fire Revenue	600.00	Fire Disbursements	5,578.36
TOTAL REVENUE	43,867.00	MAR. DISBURSEMENTS	42,500.75

WARRANTS APPROVED

Bomgaars, gloves	15.75
Brown Supply, manhole cover	271.00
Colonial Research Chem., sani-wipes	109.42
Metcalf Law Office, legal fees	200.00
Roto-Rooter, snake Ash St	355.00
Siouxland Med. Ed. Found, FF physical	236.00
IA. Assn. of Muni. Utilities	55.00
Robert & Grace Herbold, deposit refund	48.25
Staples, FD toner, supplies	128.97
City of Lawton, utilities	44.79
Ed M Feld, foam	300.00
Lawton Pronto, fuel	527.33
JP Cooke Co, 300 pet tags	65.50
Novak, garbage service	4265.05
O'Reilly Automotive, supplies	26.92
Sooland Bobcat, filters	126.61
WITCC, FF training	830.00
WITA, phone service	371.49
Wigman Co., float switch	67.65
SIMPCO, administrative fees	588.00
ICAP, insurance	15414.14
IMFOA, Spring Conference	100.00
Speedy Rooter, jet manhole on Ash St	412.50
USABlue Book, sewer cleaning supplies	227.05
Bomgaars, shovels	65.97
HTM Sales, 2-sewer hydraulic kits	849.64
MidAmerican Energy, gas/electric	2214.87
Staples, paper	65.01
Iowa DNR, Stender WW1 Cert	20.00
Menards, supplies	99.80
Jodi Stender, mileage reim.	126.56
Patricia Washburn, 1/1-3/30 exp. Reim	93.71
Employee Compensation	6810.06
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2458.00
IPERS	1385.41
Aflac, employee contrib	32.30
State of Iowa Withholding	1231.00
MARCH DISBURSEMENTS	42500.75

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk