

Lawton City Council Minutes

October 1, 2013

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Perry Ludwig, Don Grigg and Terry Masching. Reed Burson and Rick Schorg were absent. Others attending included PWD Mark Vault, Clerk Patricia Washburn, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Jerry Steffen, Record Editor Kent Baker, Sheriff Dave Drew, Major Gregg Stallman, SIMPCO representative Judi Meyer and Troy Groves.

Public Hearing was opened at 5:01 p.m. to hear comments or concerns regarding consideration to call outstanding water revenue bonds totaling \$174,000. No written or oral comments or objections had been received. Motion to close public hearing at 5:03 p.m. made by Masching, seconded by Grigg. Motion carried 3-0. Motion to adopt **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF WATER REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN NOTES #8, #9, #10, #11, AND #12 DATED APRIL 17, 2006, AND DIRECTING NOTICE BE GIVEN** made by Masching, second by Grigg. Motion carried on roll 3-0. Complete text of Resolution available at City Hall.

Judi Meyer-Ogden reported housing projects are on track. One additional application has been received. After careful consideration, motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig to cap funding on this project at \$300,000. Motion carried on roll 3-0. Completed projects, active projects, and applications currently on file will exhaust funds and will meet TIF LMI requirements.

Jerry Steffen has been in contact with Automatic Systems but had nothing new to report.

Sheriff Drew and Major Stallman with Woodbury County Sheriff's Office reported on calls made within city this past month. Patrol Deputies spent approximately 15 hours on directed patrol in Lawton. Mayor and Council thanked them for their added presence within the city in recent months.

Motion by Masching, second by Ludwig to set Public Hearing at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, to amend current FY14 city budget to include payoff of outstanding water bonds and to allow for payment of additional TIF LMI funds. Motion carried on roll 3-0.

Public Works Director Vault shared wastewater treatment facility inspection report. He also discussed issues of chloride and what city is required to do prior to 2018.

Regarding overlay projects in city, all comments have been favorable. Seal coating on section of Birch Street will be put on in spring. Work will begin possibly this week on intersection replacement at Cedar and Birch Streets.

Vault informed Council forks are bent on loader and need to be replaced. Council directed Vault to get prices on forks for Toolcat and also on Cat loader.

Building permit was approved for 503 E Oak St., storage shed.

Clerk distributed letter from cattleman outside city limits expressing concern with city granting permission to light fireworks within city limits. No permits have been requested.

Clerk was given verbal approval to attend Fall IMFOA in Des Moines in October.

Clerk distributed REAP information. Council directed Clerk to attend if time allowed. Meeting is October 15 in Correctionville. Council also gave verbal directive to apply for MidAmerican Energy Trees Please! Grant.

Clerk informed Council a pre-construction meeting will be held at City Hall Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 9:30 a.m. regarding Cedar and Birch Street intersection replacement. Mayor and all Council are encouraged to attend.

Mayor discussed Mayor's meeting held in September. All other communities involved in 28E Agreement with Sheriff's Office agreed to update their municipal infraction fees to \$500 for first offense and \$750 second and consecutive offenses. City Council gave verbal approval of making same change.

Mayor had been approached by Postmaster regarding moving drop box from front of building into the alley for a drive-up box. After considerable discussion, Council stated

they are not in favor of making this change. They cited the narrow alley and fears that snow removal equipment may strike the box if it is located in the alley.

Attorney stated CHN has been granted continuance regarding litigation.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Masching to approve consent agenda including September 3, 2013 minutes, September 2013 disbursements of \$28,136.33 and financial statements from September 2013. Motion carried on roll 3-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

| REVENUES BY FUND | | DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND | |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Interest Earned | 149.93 | TIF-Housing | - |
| TIF | 8,280.97 | TIF-West Creek | - |
| Local Option Sales Tax | 9,239.32 | Local Option Sales Tax | - |
| General | 15,808.36 | General | 5,087.76 |
| Road Use Tax | 8,174.07 | Road Use Tax | 9,784.80 |
| Water | 17,204.59 | Water | 3,531.51 |
| Sewer | 3,101.78 | Sewer | 2,069.00 |
| Garbage | 5,334.53 | Garbage | 4,678.05 |
| Fire Revenue | - | Fire Disbursements | 2,985.21 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 67,293.55 | SEPT. DISBURSEMENTS | 28,136.33 |

WARRANTS APPROVED

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Nick's Garage, vehicle maintenance | 277.29 |
| City of Lawton, utilities | 43.26 |
| Lawton Pronto, fuel | 647.15 |
| IA Section AWWA Region 3, water training | 80.00 |
| IAWEA Region 3, wastewater training | 60.00 |
| Novak Sanitary Service | 4678.05 |
| Steffen Engineering, Birch & Cedar Sts. Intersection | 5670.00 |
| Western IA Telephone Assn | 334.15 |
| Nick's Garage, vehicle maintenance | 351.38 |
| Central IA Dist., supplies | 295.50 |
| Danko Emergency Equip., testing & certif. | 600.00 |
| Feld Fire, hose repair, suspenders | 76.18 |
| Lawton Fire Ass'n, reim. United Airlines Grant funds | 1197.13 |
| IMFOA, Fall conference registration | 100.00 |
| Menards, supplies | 93.86 |
| MidAmerican Energy, September gas & elec. | 1759.95 |
| Triple D Contracting, emer. Dig | 400.00 |
| Utility Equipment, risers, supplies | 205.64 |
| Patricia Washburn, exp. Stmt. | 11.30 |
| Employee compensation | 6133.79 |
| EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS | 2280.08 |
| IPERS, employee retirement | 1299.33 |
| Aflac, employee contrib | 32.30 |
| State of Iowa, withholding | 1360.00 |
| Carbonite.com, online backup, 38 months | 149.99 |
| SEPTEMBER DISBURSEMENTS | 28,136.33 |

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk