

## Lawton City Council Minutes

April 1, 2014

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Rick Schorg. Council members answering roll: Will Wollesen, Perry Ludwig, Don Grigg and Terry Masching. Matt Otto was absent. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Jodi Stender with Public Works, City Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Record Editor Kent Baker, City Engineer Jerry Steffen, Tyler Manker, Howard Smith, and Major Greg Stallman.

During council work session, discussion was held regarding possible vacation of alley west of West Cedar Court.

Clerk Washburn made correction on description of purchase from Wolfe Communications stating it should have read "5 pagers" rather than "4 pagers". Motion by Grigg, second by Masching, to approve Tentative Agenda as presented to include this correction on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Major Greg Stallman gave Sheriff's report to Council and asked for questions or concerns. Nuisance abatement letters will be sent, and followed up with a citation if necessary.

Much discussion was held regarding planned Elm Street reconstruction project. Motion by Wollesen, second by Grigg to approve **Resolution # 2014-10, RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2014 ELM STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, SETTING DATE FOR BID LETTING AND PUBLIC HEARING of May 6, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., FIXING BOND of 10%, AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY LAW.** Motion carried on roll 4-0. Complete text of Resolution is on file at City Hall. Notices will be sent to property owners affected by reconstruction project.

Motion by Masching, second by Ludwig, to approve first reading of amended **City Code Section 6-3-10** to read connection fees for ¾" and 1" services lines will both be at a cost of \$325.00. Motion also included adding Section 6-3-14 to specify provisions or practices regarding the responsibility to maintain and repair water lines. First Reading passed on roll count vote 4-0 with Otto absent. Complete text of proposed changes is available for review at City Hall.

After hearing explanation of fees involved with "Snocap", Council will not enter into contract at this time.

Mayor Schorg called for Special meeting to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. Purpose of this meeting is to review recodification updates as presented by Iowa Codification. Also, Council will consider employment applications and narrow search to those they would like to interview.

Jodi Stender discussed sewer main cleaning. Council directed Public Works to get bids for project. Stender also informed Council of small leak in water valve near old school property in Maple Street. Council directed Public Works to have area excavated, then repair leak.

Clerk reported building permit has been approved for new dwelling at 305 West Creek Dr. Clerk also stated she has applied for grants to assist with purchase of early warning siren, and has made inquiries on other possible funding.

Clerk stated Iowa DNR had been in contact with Public Works Department this week and talked to them about a concern with testing water depths at the well heads. Council will discuss matter with Public Works Director at later time.

Clerk also stated Council needs to start thinking about ash trees within our community. Ash beetles are causing a lot of ash trees across the state to become diseased. No action was taken at this time.

Attorney Metcalf updated Council on pending litigation.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Masching, to approve consent agenda including March 4, 2014, minutes, March, 2014, disbursements of \$33,640.18, and financial statements from March, 2014. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

**REVENUES BY FUND**

**DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND**

Interest Earned	154.37	TIF-Housing	-
TIF	3,591.14	TIF-West Creek	-
Local Option Sales Tax	8,392.39	Local Option Sales Tax	-
General	8,202.49	General	8,623.09
Road Use Tax	8,519.53	Road Use Tax	6,086.60
Water	12,837.58	Water	9,270.38
Sewer	3,439.32	Sewer	1,933.61
Garbage	5,034.41	Garbage	4,385.75
Fire Revenue	1,000.00	Fire Disbursements	3,340.75
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>51,171.23</b>	<b>MAR. DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>33,640.18</b>

**WARRANTS APPROVED**

Auditor of State, periodic exam fee	1,200.00
City of Lawton, utilities	50.91
Menard's, snow shovel	6.99
Mike Barkley, emergency dig	975.00
Sioux City Iron, vise, creeper	228.32
Western IA Telephone	338.43
Wigman Company, adapter, supplies	132.59
Wolfe Communications, pagers	1,900.56
Ziegler Cat, service, batteries on loader	1,123.41
Automatic Systems, well/pump repairs	1,172.50
Badger Meter, Trimble serv. Renewal	450.00
IIMC, Washburn dues	145.00
Iowa Codification, Inc., down payment	2,600.00
UPS Store, shipping	16.65
Staples, color printer, shredder, toner	322.98
Menard's, 22' ladder	159.43
Novak Sanitary Service, garbage	4,347.75
O'Reilly automotive, battery	103.76
Stan Houston, perma-patch	155.00
ACCO, liquid chlorine, nozzle	376.75
Central IA Distributing, soap	81.81
Lawton Pronto, fuel	432.76
JP Cooke, Co., pet tags	68.10
Steffen, vehicle repairs	66.76
Utility Equipment, curb stop, misc.	364.13
Lawton Pronto, fuel	45.61
Western Iowa Tech CC, training	430.00
Staples, toner	52.42
USPS, postage	5.87
MidAmerican Energy, gas/electric	2,489.11
Stan Houston, submersible pump	379.50
Patricia Washburn, exp. Stmt.	47.60
Employee Compensation	6,105.31
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS contributions	2,254.70
IPERS, retirement contributions	1,291.17
Aflac, employee contribution	32.30
State of IA, withholding	1,323.00
State of IA, sales tax	2,364.00
<b>MARCH DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>33,640.18</b>

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