

Lawton City Council Minutes

September 2, 2014

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at the Lawton City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Rick Schorg. Council members answering roll call were Matt Otto, Will Wollesen, Perry Ludwig, Mike Frolkey and Terry Masching. Also present were City Clerk Janet Hasche, Deputy Clerk Patricia Washburn, City Attorney Glenn Metcalf, City Engineer Jerry Steffen and others from the public.

Motion by Masching, second by Otto, to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

The Mayor opened the Public Forum and asked if any members of the public wished to address items not on the agenda. Amber Yanney 118 W. Birch informed the council that there is a high volume of traffic turning around in her driveway because of W. Birch not being a through street. A sign had been ordered and placed on Birch west of Cedar St. but is not visible enough. She stated that this has affected the condition of her driveway. The Mayor will take a look at her driveway and the current signage.

Dick Morgan asked about follow up from last month's meeting regarding the drainage ditch that crosses his property. Engineer Steffen will address possible solutions at the Oct. 7th City council meeting. Attorney Metcalf will look at the legal aspects of this prior to the next meeting.

Mayor Schorg asked Lt. Charlie Hertz from the Woodbury Co. Sherriff's Office to introduce himself and give the Sherriff's report for the month of August.

Resolution #2014-18 Approve Street Financial Report for FY 2014

Resolution entered by Ludwig, second by Otto, to approve the Street Financial Report for FY 2014. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

A request was presented by Dale Erickson on behalf of Lawton-Bronson School for permission to place a 1000 gallon above ground petroleum storage tank for diesel fuel for the buses. Attorney Metcalf informed them that they would have to bring in a building permit showing where it would be placed and what type of tank construction is proposed for the council to consider for approval.

Engineer Steffen addressed the council concerning Lawton-Bronson Schools plan to add an entrance to the West Maple bus barn from the alley, and paving 6' outside the building. The school will be required to obtain a building permit for the concrete work.

The council discussed the need for additional stop signs at various intersections. It was decided to add 2 stop signs at the intersection of West Creek and Ash making it a 3 way stop. Attorney Metcalf will prepare an ordinance amendment for consideration at the next council meeting.

Job applications for the Public Works/Water Superintendent position were reviewed and 3 candidates selected for interviews. Clerk will make contact with candidates to schedule interviews. Councilmen Masching, Wollesen and Mayor Schorg will conduct the interviews.

Motion by Otto, second by Wollesen to purchase computer hardware for the City Office from Tri-State Electronics for \$2175.00. Ayes: Otto, Wollesen, Ludwig, Frolkey. Abstain: Masching. Motion carried.

Motion by Otto/second by Wollesen to purchase Philips DPM8100 digital recorder for \$529.00 from Tri-State Electronics. Ayes: Otto, Wollesen, Ludwig, Frolkey. Abstain: Masching. Motion carried.

Clerk Hasche reported to the council that the main printer in the office needs replacement as it was no longer working properly. Clerk was directed to research possible options for replacement along with costs.

Hasche presented the Clerk's Report, stating that the warning siren batteries would be installed by Westshore Services this week, and testing would occur at that point. Council indicated that once the siren is operable, they would like it tested each day at noon. There has been interest expressed by members of the public in establishing a community garden in Lawton, and the City might be asked to allow garden space on vacant city property. Work on the Elm St. Paving Project will commence the week of Sept. 8th. An informational meeting for the public has been set for September 3rd with the contractor representative and project engineer in attendance. AT&T has been working on updating the antennas on the water tower. Calls have been received regarding limbs down and gravel in need of cleanup after Sunday nights storm.

Building permits issued in August: 603 E Oak concrete; 207 Elm garage, fence, porch & driveway; 428 E. Main wood deck; 318 E. Oak fence; 171 West Creek Dr. storage shed; 100 Tara Way concrete; 107 Pine St. enclose entryway; 410 E. Maple fence; 209 W. Creek Dr. new residence.

Mayor Schorg thanked the council members for their dedication and effort filling in while the Public Works/Water Supt. position was vacant and commended them on the fine job they are doing. Councilman Wollesen presented the Fire Department Report from Fire Chief Kory Eyres.

Motion by Masching to approve the consent agenda items, after removing the August Financial Statement item, which was not ready at this time. Second by Wollesen. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wollesen, second by Masching to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting Adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

WARRANTS APPROVED

Iowa DNR, Water Supply Permit	112.59
Justine Prichard Farms, tree grinding	1300.00
LP Gill, 3rd Qtr Landfill assessment	3997.47
Martin's Flag Co., 6 US flags, poles, bands	277.09
Novak Sanitary Service, garbage contract	5011.00
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., AC recharge	39.99
Robertson Implement, Gravely mower repairs	79.32
Sioux City Ford, oil change F550	97.52
Capital Management, ball field lease	2475.00
Sooland Bobcat, Toolcat repairs, pallet forks	1574.53
Triple D Contracting, haul brush/trees	622.50
Clerk of District Court, court costs	40.00
Nepper Trust Account, settlement	52034.60
WalMart, cleaning/clerical supplies	105.07
Iowa One Call, locates	20.70
Siouxland Dist. Health	104.00
Western IA Telephone	346.66
Staples, clerical supplies	79.16
WalMart, cleaning supplies	71.66
Acco, injection valve	212.95
Colonial Research Chem. Corp, red safety paint	95.35
Data Technologies, software down payment	6275.00
Earl May Nursery, trees	907.97
Flewelling Sand & Gravel, pea gravel	37.80
Lawton Pronto, fuel	858.75
Healy Welding, add skid bottom to water tank	446.72
Marco, Ricoh contract	392.00
MidAmerican Energy, gas/electric	2000.40
Janet Hasche, exp. Reimbursement	533.47
Kneifl Electric Inc., wiring siren/chlorine rm fan	1984.12
Menard's, weed spray, cleaning supplies	285.21
Metcalf Law Office, legal fees	2010.00
Wolfe Communications, pagers	867.52
Employee compensation	8270.08
Aflac, employee contrib	32.30
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2978.78
<u>IPERS, emp. Retirement</u>	<u>1514.72</u>
AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS	98092.00

ATTESTED BY: _____
Janet Hasche, City Clerk