

Lawton City Council Minutes

November 4, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

The Lawton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at the Lawton City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Schorg at 5:00 pm. Council members answering roll call were: Perry Ludwig, Mike Frolkey, Terry Masching, Matt Otto and Will Wollesen,. Also present were Janet Hasche, Nick Lahrs, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, and Engineer Jerry Steffen and others from the public.

The Mayor opened the Public Forum and asked if any members of the public wished to address items not on the agenda. Jim Gries, 95 Walnut St. requested that the plantings be replaced in the spring of 2015. The council wanted him to get a cost estimate for the plants for installation next spring. Becky Clark 216 E. Birch addressed the council about the retaining wall and the steep slope that was left. Jerry and contractor will look at it with Greg Clark. Clark also asked the council to consider placing a three way or four way stop at the corner of Birch and Elm. Mayor directed this to be added to the agenda next month. Kelly Sander Maurer brought to the council's attention the tree on the corner of Birch and Elm. The contractor removed 2-3 feet of dirt from around the base of the tree, and cut off part of the roots. The Engineer will talk to the contractor about taking the tree down. Next her driveway approach was discussed. Council instructed engineer to have the driveway apron done over in concrete. Amber Yanney 118 W Birch, spoke to the council about runoff from neighboring properties and was advised to talk to her attorney as it is a civil issue. Schorg displayed a mock-up of the proposed signs for the entrance to W. Birch.

The October Sheriff's report was presented by Charles Hertz from the Sheriff's department.

Heath Mallory general manager of Western Iowa Telephone addressed questions raised at the October council meeting concerning services and costs. He reviewed their facility value in Lawton and the taxes it pays along with their ongoing contributions and support of the community. WIATEL would like to renew the franchise with the City without a franchise fee. The franchise renewal will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.

Ordinance 2014-05

Ordinance Amending City Code 6-5-10 Providing for Refuse Collection Rates

The council next considered the second reading of the proposed Ordinance Amendment amending the garbage fee rates. Motion by Otto, second by Ludwig, to waive the second consideration and proceed immediately with the final reading and adoption. Ayes: Ludwig, Frolkey, Masching, Otto, Wollesen. Nays: none. Motion Carried. Motion by Ludwig, second by Otto to adopt the final reading of Ordinance Amending City Code 6-5-10 that provides for refuse collection rates of \$14 for small garbage carts, \$16 per month for large garbage carts, and \$10 per month for yard waste carts. Roll call: Ludwig aye, Masching aye, Frolkey aye, Otto aye, Wollesen aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Masching, second by Otto to hire Caleb Hancock for the Assistance City Maintenance position at \$16.00 per hour, with a review after one year. Motion carried on roll call vote, all ayes. Hancock will start on November 17th.

The process for fireworks permitting was reviewed, the National Fire Code, insurance levels for liability and safety guidelines. An ordinance addressing the permitting process will be drafted and presented to the council for approval at the next council meeting. The permit fee will go to the Fire Association because they will be doing the work.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Otto to approve Pay Request #1 for Sioux City Engineering for the Elm Street Paving Project in the amount of \$288,360.20. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Motion by Otto, second by Wollesen to approve payment to Steffen Engineering for services on the Elm St. Project in the amount of \$5,680. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Otto to approve payment of \$1995.00 to Steffen Engineering for services on Cedar-Pine Storm Water Drainage. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Otto to accept Triple D Contracting, Inc proposal of \$7170.00 for dry ditch excavation & grading on Cedar-Pine Storm Water Drainage. Roll Call vote. Ayes: Ludwig, Frolkey, Masching, Otto, Wollesen, nays: none. Motion carried

The City next considered what to do with the old message sign. Grigg wants the City to sell the sign. Motion by Otto, second by Wollesen to give public notice of intent to sell the sign by sealed bid, with minimum bid of \$5500, bids to be accepted until Nov. 25th. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer line at 312 West Creek Dr. has been taken care of, and requires no action by City Council.

Motion by Otto, second by Masching, to give approval for the post office to place the flag pole in front of their building where the 'X' mark is on the sidewalk. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's reported building permits at 206 Ash St: 3 Season Room and patio, 139 W. Creek Dr: new residence. A special meeting before end of November will be needed to approve TIF certification to the County Auditor and also the Annual Urban Renewal Report. The office will be closed on Thursday November 13th, and also Nov. 28^t. Tuesday, November 18th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. is scheduled a date for the retirement coffee honoring Patricia Washburn. A donation from the Thursday morning ladies group will be used towards the purchase of a bookcase for books donated to the Friendship Center for the public's use.

The Public Works Director gave his report on the sewer lagoon discharge done during October, which went very well. He also reported on the recent water leak repair, and items he's accomplished. The stop signs on West Creek Drive will be installed as soon MidAmerican serviceman can be present. The public is cautioned not to place leaves on the tree pile, as that is not an acceptable way to dispose of them. A four gas meter needs to be purchased for work in confined spaces, Nick is checking further into this.

Mayor Schorg reported that they are going to put up the dead end signs for West Birch next week.

Will Wollesen reviewed the fire department reports for October.

Motion by Masching, second by Ludwig to approve the consent agenda less the financial statements from August through October which were unavailable. Motion carried.

Motion by Wollesen, second by Otto to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

October Warrants Approved

Ia Dept Revenue - sales tax deposit	2896.00
Ia Dept Revenue - state withholding deposit	1454.00
EFTPS Fed, Medicare, Fica	1883.86
IPERS	1081.28
Check #17061 voided	-44.91
Bonine Garage Doors - repairs at st shop	104.19
Brown Supply Co service line materials	2657.13
City of Lawton- FD utilities	66.38
EPS Lawnworks - mowing Sept	1675.00
Graham Tire - 4 tires for shop pickup	756.00
HAKA Sept Fuel & Gas City & Fire dept	391.69
I&S Group Inc services Sept & supplies	768.92
Iowa DNR - Annual Water Use Fee	99.00
IMWCA - work comp audit premium	738.00
Kneifl Electric Inc - repairs	938.86
Mangold Environmental Testing	61.00
Menards - supplies	171.01
Metering & Technology Solutions	2110.69
MidAmerican utilities siren	17.26
Moville J&J Motor tire repair	13.00
Moville Record - publications	425.93
Novak Sanitary Service garbage service	5029.40
Quaker Safety Products Co. Fire Dept Equip Replacement	5453.48
Secretary of State of IA - notary application	30.00
Steffen Engineering - Sept Serv on Elm St.	10880.50

TriState Electronics - computer hardware	3524.00
Western Iowa Telephone City & Fire Dept	370.86
Target - clorax for water plant	7.68
City: Mike Husmann apply dep to final bill	62.80
Janet Hasche - cell phone reimbursement Oct	40.00
Mike Husmann refund unused water dep	37.20
I&S Group	26.13
IA One Call	21.60
Nick Lahrs cell phone reimbursement Oct	40.00
Lawton Ambulance pass thru WIATEL capital refund FC	7.15
MidAmerican City utilities & Fire Dept Sept	1707.56
Employee Compensation	8211.99
AFLAC employee contribution	32.30
EFTPS 941 Dep FICA,Med & FWH	2475.14
<u>October Disbursements</u>	<u>\$56,222.08</u>

Attested by: _____

Janet Hasche, City Clerk