



# City of Lawton

July 2014

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Water meter readings are taken around the 20th day of each month.  
 Invoices for water, sewer, garbage and landfill are sent on the 1st of each month.  
 These invoices are delinquent if not paid by the 20th of that same month.  
 A 10% Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

## July 2014

★ This star indicates "Recycle Day"  
 (Use Gray/Pink carts  
 or small green tubs only)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 City Council meet 5:00 pm	2	3 Red Garbage, Green Yard Waste	4  Independence Day	5
6	7	8 ★	9	10 Red Garbage, Green Yard Waste	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Red Garbage, Green Yard Waste	18	19
20	21	22 ★	23	24 Red Garbage, Green Yard Waste	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Red Garbage, Green Yard Waste		

## Another Successful City-Wide Garage Sale

A HUGE Thank You to Vonna Kingsbury for coordinating yet another successful city-wide garage sale! I heard many positive comments from those shopping. It seemed our population was up a bit from last year. And it was nice that the weather cooperated...for the most part!

Vonna, thank you for donating your time again this year!! You have done a great job for all of us!

Vonna has expressed a desire to NOT be the coordinator next year. If you would be interested in taking over, please talk to Vonna regarding what is involved.



## Early Warning Siren to be Installed



Council voted at the June 3, 2014 meeting to purchase a Federal Early Warning Siren through Danko Emergency Services. The siren will be located on the site of the old water tower at 311 E Maple Street.

The siren has been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible after it arrives. Installation will not be handled locally, but rather by a contractor of Federal's choice.



At right, Mayor Rick Schorg is receiving a \$200 grant check from Western Iowa Telephone representative, Randi Weaver. City Clerk Pat Washburn is receiving a \$200 grant check from INS representative, J.D. Siebert. Councilman Will Wollesen was also present at the presentation of the award checks.

## **BUILDING PERMITS**

You are required to get a building permit from the city prior to construction of any outside structure. This includes fences, sheds and concrete. Building permit applications for a fence will also require the signature of any abutting property owner if you plan to set that fence on the property line. If the neighbor does not sign the application, you will be required to set the fence in far enough so you can maintain both sides of it from your property. Blank applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from the city website.

*If you take advantage of everything America has to offer, there's nothing you can't accomplish.*

~ Geraldine Ferraro

## Changes in City Personnel



At the end of the June 3rd council meeting, 10½-year council member, Don Grigg, turned in his resignation. Citing personal reasons, Don stated he feels it is time to step down.

Council plans to appoint a new council person at the July 1st council meeting.

**Thank you, Don, for your dedicated service to Lawton through the years!**

In June, Council approved hiring Janet Hasche as the new city clerk in Lawton. She and her husband have recently purchased a home here, and she will begin training July 7th. Janet will be taking the place of City Clerk Pat Washburn. Pat has been with the city over 13 years.

Watch upcoming newsletters for more information from Janet.

*From Pat: "Thank you for your kindness and support over the years! I have enjoyed this job but look forward to retirement!"*



## Ordinance Amendment Consideration

### **- Delinquent Accounts, Late Fees -**

Due to the amount of time spent dealing with delinquent accounts, Council is considering amending current city ordinance to reflect changing the late fee from the current "10%" to a flat fee of \$25.00.

This is substantial and will hopefully deter those who generally pay their bill only AFTER receiving their disconnect notice.

If Council approves this amendment, accounts that are delinquent on the 21st of the month will be assessed this late fee.

If you pay using "bill pay", it is your responsibility to make sure your bank sends payments early enough for the USPS to deliver them to us. I recommend having your bank submit payment no later than the 10th of the month for a bill due on the 20th. These are not electronic payments. They come as a paper check through the mail.

Council is also considering giving each customer a "one time waiver" per year. They understand we all get busy and can have a forgetful moment.

## **MOTORHOMES / TRAILERS**

**STREET PARKING:** Motorhomes and trailers of any kind are prohibited from being left on any city street except to load or unload. This includes utility trailers, boat trailers, camper trailers, flatbed trailers, etc.

You may, however, apply for a special Parking Permit through City Hall. Cost of the special permit is \$50 per week. The application must be presented to Council at a council meeting. Regular meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Special meetings can be called, but will be at the expense of the person calling the meeting.

## **2014 Pet Tags are DUE June 30**

All dogs and cats at least 3 months of age must be licensed in Lawton. Cost of licensing is \$5 for spayed or neutered pets and \$10 if they have not been spayed or neutered.

We will need to see your pets' CURRENT rabies certificate if it has been renewed since you last licensed. If we have a current certificate on file, you will not be required to bring it in again at this time.

## **Little Free Library**

Come visit Lawton's new Little Free Library located at 515 North Pine Street. Anybody can take a book or leave a book, at no charge.

One library is for children, and one library is for adults.

Visit the website at [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org).



Submitted by Jenna Peterson

## **Garbage / Yard Waste Carts**

I have been asked to remind everyone what is, and what is not, allowed with our garbage pickup service. Yard waste consisting of grass clippings and leaves must be disposed of in a green or brown Yard Waste cart. These can be rented for \$10/month (April-November) by calling City Hall to set up service. Yard waste is picked up every week along with your red garbage cart.

Only garbage INSIDE your red can will be picked up unless you have made prior arrangements with Novak to have additional garbage picked up. There will be a fee involved with this service. The property owner must be the one to make the phone call and accept billing from Novak. If you need to make arrangements to have extra garbage picked up, please call 605-338-7126.

**Call 811  
before  
digging**

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It's the Law**