

Lawton City Council

December 11, 2024

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on December 11, 2024, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Heiss, Nelson, Otto, Roth (via phone), and Saunders.

Agenda: motion by Saunders, second by Otto to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Public forum: no public comments were made.

Sheriff: WCSO Peterson reported there were 19 directed patrols and 11 calls for service in the month of November.

Fire: Chief Ludwig reported there were 10 calls for service for November, the FY26 budget meeting will be held December 18th, and there was CPR training that was completed. Ludwig also presented a drawing for a station expansion. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen thanked staff for holiday decorations around town, the WiaTel Park sign has been hung, attended meetings with Woodbury County roads engineer, an area farmer for walking trail, Woodbury County emergency management, and Text My Gov, partnered with the school officials about an ice-skating rink at WiaTel Park, and is hosting the LB Social Shenanigans group for a party.

Clerk: clerk reported Text My Gov for mass notifications and communication should be live before January 13th, Government Window to allow for card payments should be live next week, Morningside University is still working on redesigning the city website, the new benches have been placed in front of the community center, entry signs for the building, park signs, and ice rink signs have been ordered, and ICAP insurance gave the go-ahead for the ice rink. Clerk will be working on end of the year processes, will issue council checks on December 27, and will be submitting for a safety grant with ICAP for up to \$1,000.

Public works: director reported working on a water line repair, hanging holiday lights around town, working on budget, and ice rink is built but will be lined and filled soon.

Attorney: Beardshear reported attending the IA municipal attorney association's conference.

Consent agenda: motion by Otto, second by Saunders to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024, regular city council meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Saunders, second by Heiss to approve the December disbursements and November claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye. Councilman Roth left the meeting at 6:30pm.

Ordinance 2024-03 Requiring the Flow of Water in Occupied Structures

Motion by Heiss, second by Otto to approve the third reading of Ordinance 2024-03 an ordinance amending City Code 90.03 Water Mandatory Connections and Availability of Water, requiring the ability to bring the flow of water into the structure. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members voting aye.

Public hearing: Mayor Pedersen opened the public hearing for the proposed budget amendment for fiscal year 2024-25 at 6:34pm. With no written or in-person comments, Mayor Pedersen closed the public hearing at 6:35pm.

Resolution 2024-19 Approve City of Lawton Budget Amendment for FY2024-2025

Motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve Resolution 2024-19 and adopt the proposed budget amendment. Motion carried by a roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

Humane Society: motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve the 2025 contract for animal services with the Siouxland Humane Society. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Health benefits: motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve the renewal of the employee health insurance coverage plan options for 2025. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Lighting contest: motion by Nelson, second by Saunders to approve the 2024 lighting contest rules and prize money of \$60 each category provided by G&K Disposal. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Fireworks: no changes to the current firework rules.

Resolution 2024-18 Assessment for Unpaid Utility

Motion by Nelson, second by Saunders to approve the assessment for an unpaid utility bill. Motion carried on a roll call with all voting aye.

FY25-26 Budget: clerk presented the first draft of the FY25-26 budget. Council discussion followed.

Attorney: Mayor Pedersen recommended appointing Chad Thompson in January.

With no further business, motion by Saunders, second by Otto to adjourn the meeting around 6:43pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

City of Lawton- November 2024 Claims & Revenues

ACCO UNLIMITED	CHLORINE	\$ 517.80
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	UTV SWITCH, FUEL TRTMENT	\$ 48.17
BADGER METER	WATER READ SERVICES	\$ 51.83
BOMGAARS	POLY TUBE & TRENCH SHOVEL	\$ 33.85
BYRON LOFT	REIMBURSE-MIDWESTWHEEL-B/ULAMP	\$ 18.86
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES INC	POLE FLAGS AND MOUNTS	\$ 1,100.81
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$ 44.82
CNA SURETY	WESTERN SURETY COMPANY	\$ 180.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 530.28
CREATIVE DISPLAYS, INC	CHRISTMAS POLE DECORATIONS	\$ 4,440.22
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$ 19.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	WTR CONNECTSUPPLIES&THREADER	\$ 8,277.69
DANKO	FIRE-HOSES	\$ 1,153.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 5,261.08
EMERGENCY SERVICES MARKET	IAMRESPONDING-ANNUAL SUB FEE	\$ 3,137.00
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	1ST LAGOON EFFLUENT	\$ 199.25
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	OCTOBER GARBAGE	\$ 6,735.00
GILL HAULING, INC	2ND QTR WC LANDFILL FEE	\$ 5,211.36
HAKA	FIRE & PW FUEL	\$ 368.86
HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT	IMFOA CONFERENCE HOTEL	\$ 356.16
IMWCA	FY23-24 AUDIT PREMIUM ADJUSTMT	\$ 742.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 22.60
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	NO OUTLET SIGNS X2	\$ 103.00
IOWA RURAL WATER ASS	MEMBERSHIP DUES IARURALWATER	\$ 305.00
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 3,467.69
IRON SLEEK	ICE RINK KIT	\$ 702.95
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,180.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREE PILE HAUL & MONTHLY FEE	\$ 407.60
LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC.	COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 231.32
LP GILL	DISPOSE OF JUNK	\$ 33.39
MARCUS LUMBER	WATER SOFTENER	\$ 2,193.71
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	WATER & SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 99.22
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 3,462.93
MIDWEST ALARM	2024 QTR4 FIRE ALARMS MONITOR	\$ 122.04
MIDWEST HONDA	UTV TIRES	\$ 673.80
MIDWEST UNDERGROUND	DIG 10 NEW SERVICES	\$ 9,870.00
ROAN LANDSCAPING & CONST	RETAINING WALL AT PARK	\$ 1,176.00
SAMS CLUB	TOILET PAPER	\$ 43.36
SBW INC DBA ACE ENGINE	MOWER TWEEL TIRES	\$ 2,306.76
SG CONCRETE	CURB & GUTTER 300BLOCK OAK	\$ 33,272.00
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	OFFICE SUPPLIES, TOWELS, & FIRE INK	\$ 224.43
TAGGART'S POWERSPORTS INC	FIRE-INSTALL TRACKS	\$ 552.74
THE RECORD	OCTOBER PUBLISHING	\$ 211.10
TOYNE, INC	FIRE-RELAY	\$ 213.80
TREAS ST IA	OCTOBER 2024 WET	\$ 965.02

TRICIA JERNBERG	IMFOA CONF-MEALS&MILEAGE	\$ 474.18
US POSTMASTER	STAMPS	\$ 101.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 1,897.01
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 527.75

Total Claims by fund: General \$21,194.07, Fire \$5,709.24, Road Use Tax \$10,291.20, American Rescue Plan \$49,460.16, Water \$13,969.65, Sewer \$2,643.12

Total Revenues by fund: General \$37,650.68, Fire \$170.24, Road Use Tax \$11,407.71, Local Option Sales Tax \$13,062.01, Debt Service \$39,240, Building 2022 \$198.85, Water \$17,903.10, Water Deposit \$200, Sewer \$19,342.97