

City of Lawson
Board of Aldermen Meeting
February 27, 2017
6:00 PM
Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER

Alderman Bales led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance and in prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

Greg Taylor, Mayor - present
Matt Nolker, Alderman Ward 1 - absent
Rick Thomas, Alderman Ward 1 - present
Mark Bales, Alderman Ward 2 - present
Jack Woodring, Alderman Ward 2 –present/absent left at 6:15 pm

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Sellers, City Administrator
Rhonda Nye Oulman, City Clerk
Norm Hemmerling, Lawson Police Chief
Joe Lauber, City Attorney
Allen Boydston, Public Works Superintendent

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Thomas made a motion to approve the January 23rd regular meeting minutes along with the February 13th special minutes. Alderman Woodring seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote. The vote was Alderman Thomas “Aye”, Alderman Bales “Aye” and Alderman Woodring “Aye”, the motion passed 3-0.

5. APPROVAL OF BILL PAYMENTS

Alderman Thomas made a motion to approve the bill payments by recommendation of the Finance Committee. Alderman Bales seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote. The vote was Alderman Thomas “Aye”, Alderman Bales “Aye” and Alderman Woodring “Aye”, the motion passed 3-0.

** Alderman Thomas made a motion to amend the Agenda and move up all items requiring a vote by the Aldermen. Alderman Woodring seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote. The vote was Alderman Thomas “Aye”, Alderman Bales “Aye” and Alderman Woodring “Aye”, the motion passed 3-0.

Alderman Bales made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board and not change the zoning of lot 37 on North Raum from R-3 to R-6. Alderman Woodring seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote. The vote was Alderman Thomas “Aye”, Alderman Bales “Aye” and Alderman Woodring “Aye”, the motion passed 3-0.

Alderman Bales made a motion to lift the moratorium on issuing commercial building permits. *The motion died for lack of a second.*

Alderman Woodring left the Council meeting at 6:15 p.m. due to a family emergency.

6. BOARD RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Mayor Taylor presented Proclamations recognizing Eagle Scout Zachary A. Kinder and Eagle Scout Hunter Pilcher for their achievement to the rank of Eagle Scout.

7. REPORTS

1. Mayor- Mayor Taylor and Marcia Petty introduced everyone to the new Lawson website. Mayor Taylor said that when someone wanted to learn something about Lawson and what we had to offer, it will show them what we are all about.
2. Aldermen –Alderman Thomas thanked the Park Board, Lawson Rotary and Allen Boydston for the work at the City Lake on the bridge.
3. Planning and Zoning Board- The P&Z Board Had a Public Hearing February 9th to discuss rezoning lot 37 on North Raum from R-3 to R-6 and to rezone lot 2 on S. Doniphan from R-3 to R-6. The developer withdrew the petition for lot 2 on S. Doniphan before the meeting and the P&Z Board denied the request to rezone lot 37 on N Raum.
4. Parks and Recreation Board – Park Board President Tim Broughton stated that baseball sign ups were well underway and they hoped to have as many players as they had the previous years. He also said that they have been working hard at the City Lake and were beginning to install workout stations along the trail and working to get the Conservation Dept. to lift the slot limits on bass at the lake as it was overstocked with them.
5. Finance Committee – met and approved bill payments

6. City Administrator – Admin. Sellers stated that MO Gas was working on getting gas lines installed along 69 and down 184th. He also reported that the Public Works was in a pothole challenge to find and repair potholes around town. He said that as of now, Public Works was winning and he would owe them lunch.
7. City Clerk – none.
8. City Attorney – none.
9. Chief of Police – Chief Hemmerling filed a written report with the Council.

City Clerk Oulman swore in Police Officer Andraya Kreiling. Mayor Taylor stated that Officer Kreiling was instrumental in apprehending Patrick T. Smith following a seven hour manhunt.

10. Public Works Superintendent – Superintendent Boydston filed a written report with the Council on the activities of the department.

8. BOARD DISCUSSION

1. TAP Grant Update/selection of engineering firm to manage project – Ben Hyde

The city will begin the selection of an engineering firm to manage the sidewalk project that will run from Pennsylvania to Shepherd Rd. The city will be responsible for 20% of the total cost, approximately \$50,000.00.

2. Setting Special Work Session meeting in March.

Council set a Special Meeting for 6 p.m. on March 16th.

3. Ordinance regarding placement and storage of solid waste containers. – Draft Ord.

The Council looked over a draft ordinance for the storage of waste containers in the city limits. Chief Hemmerling stated that there was an ordinance that limits when you can put trash containers out for pick up but sets no limits when you have to pull them back.

Resident David Armstrong cautioned them to be careful with the wording as his trash cans were behind a chain link fence but were still visible.

9. NEW BUSINESS

none

10. OLD BUSINESS

1. Cyber insurance quote from Mike Keith.

The Council decided that the amount already provided on the policy was enough.

2. Update on Comprehensive Plan

Admin. Sellers stated that we were still collecting data on the surveys and encouraged everyone to fill one out. They are needed to help develop the Comprehensive Plan and would help develop the main goals for the city.

3. Update on New Dawn Fiber

Mayor Taylor said they are coming to Lawson but it was important for residents to log on to show interest in where they wanted them to go. He said it would be a big deal for Lawson and residents who worked from home. He wanted everyone to help get the word out.

4. Recommendation to approve addendum to Commercial Building Codes.

Council discussed changes to the Commercial Building Codes for the downtown area.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident asked about bikes being allowed on Pennsylvania Ave and were left turns to park allowed as both were being done all the time. She was told that they were not allowed and would be patrolled more often.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting came to an end but was not adjourned with a vote as there was not a quorum.

APPROVED:

Gregory Taylor, Mayor

Attest:

Rhonda Nye Oulman, City Clerk