MINUTES
LAWTON URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Lawton Urban Renewal Authority meeting held September 15, 2020 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Ernest Sheppard.

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall bulletin board as required by State law.

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1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ernest Sheppard
John Purcell, Jr.
Jesse Cross
Joe Abshere

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jacob Brox

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Rogalski, Planning Director
Cindy Augustine, Planning and Subdivision Administrator
Charlotte Brown, Planning and Subdivision Administrator
Greg Gibson, Assistant City Attorney

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2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING OF THE LAWTON URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY.

MOTION by Cross, SECOND by Purcell, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting of the Lawton Urban Renewal Authority.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYES: Cross, Abshere, Purcell, Sheppard. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED 4 - 0.

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3. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURES AND ACCEPTING THE FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT OF THE LAWTON URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020.

The balance in the bank as of June 1, 2020 was $32,956.61. After deposits of interest, and disbursements, the bank balance as of June 30, 2020 was $31,861.58.

4. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURES AND ACCEPTING THE FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT OF THE LAWTON URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2020.

The balance in the bank as of July 1, 2020 was $31,861.58. After deposits of interest, and disbursements, the bank balance as of July 31, 2020 was $30,766.50.

MOTION by Purcell, SECOND by Cross, to adopt Resolutions 20-08 and 20-09 approving the expenditures and accepting the financial status report for the months of June and July 2020.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYES: Sheppard, Purcell, Cross, Abshere. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED 4 - 0.

Sheppard said the expiration of LURA funding needs to be discussed next year with the Mayor and City Council to determine if the City wants to keep LURA in existence.

Rogalski said he believes the City will want LURA to remain intact, but the amount of LURA owned property may need to be evaluated. Rogalski said some of these properties could be transferred to other entities.

Purcell asked if there's any chance of getting money from LEDA.

Rogalski said LEDA had to borrow funds to make their last note payment. He said LEDA is certainly not in excess of money. However, the interest rates on the note have been lowered, and Bricktown Brewery is now generating additional income. Rogalski said it's possible LEDA might be able to pick up mowing costs for LURA.

Sheppard asked who would organize a meeting regarding future funding.

Rogalski said he is also the Executive Director of LEDA and he will get a meeting organized.

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5. ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF THE LAWTON URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY.

Pursuant to Resolution 14-14 adopting the revised By-laws, the Commissioners shall elect a Secretary from its membership by a simple majority vote of its members. The Secretary shall serve a term of one year beginning August 1st of each calendar year. Should the office of Secretary become vacant, the commission shall elect a successor from among its members at the next meeting, and such election shall be for the unexpired term of said office.

The Secretary shall attest to all resolutions, contracts, deeds and other legal instruments made by the Authority, and shall sign Certificates of the Recording Officer as required. He is designated as one of the persons authorized to sign or countersign orders and checks for the disbursement of money.

MOTION by Purcell, SECOND by Abshere, to elect Jacob Brox as Secretary of the Lawton Urban Renewal Authority.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYES: Sheppard, Purcell, Cross, Abshere. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED
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6. PURSUANT TO SECTION 307(B)(3), TITLE 25, OKLAHOMA STATUTES, CONSIDER CONVENING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED SALE OR TRANSFER OF LOTS 1-5, BLOCK 112, LAWTON VIEW ADDITION, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN OPEN SESSION.

In the past the Board has expressed a desire to dispose of LURA owned properties in Lawton View Addition. A request for Lots 1-5, in Block 112, of Lawton View Addition has been received.

Legal counsel advised the LURA Board that the Board should determine the disclosure of communications between the Board and the Executive Director and legal counsel regarding the above referenced item would adversely affect the potential purchase price of the property. From that determination, the Board should convene in executive session to discuss this matter.

MOTION by Cross, SECOND by Abshere, to move into executive session.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYES: Sheppard, Purcell, Cross, Abshere. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED
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Regular session was resumed at 1:18 P.M.

MOTION by Purcell, SECOND by Abshere, to approve the transfer of Lots 1-5, Block 112, Lawton View Addition, to the Lawton Housing Authority contingent upon the addition of the same 5-year reversionary clause that was placed upon the five lots that were transferred to the LHA in January 2020.

<u>VOTE ON MOTION</u>: AYES: Sheppard, Purcell, Cross, Abshere. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED
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7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Rogalski said with regards to the Planning Division, Brown will be handling most of the zoning related items and Augustine will be handling most of the property related items.

Rogalski said as further work is done on the FISTA project, it is likely an amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan will soon come before the Authority for approval.

Sheppard asked for clarification on what happened at the last Board of Adjustment meeting regarding the fence at 111 SW C Avenue.

Rogalski said what was original presented to LURA was a fence with horizontal wood slats. LURA's decision was to only allow the wood fence with the addition of brick columns. However, the Board of Adjustment was opposed to the wooden fence. They preferred the most recent design idea of a vinyl coated chain link fence.

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8. ADJOURNMENT

<u>MOTION by Abshere, SECOND by Cross,</u> to adjourn.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYES: UNANIMOUS. NAYS: None.
MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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Ernest Sheppard, Chairman

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Jacob Brox, Secretary

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