

MINUTES
LAWTON WATER AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 13, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.
LAWTON CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chairman Fred Fitch. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bob Morford, Keith Jackson, Caleb Davis, Jay Burk, Dwight Tanner, Jr., Cherry Phillips, V. Gay McGahee, Doug Wells.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Ihler, City Manager; Frank Jensen, City Attorney; Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk, COL Samuel Curtis, Fort Sill Liaison.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2017.

MOVED by Wells, SECOND by Burk, to approve the minutes of April 25, 2017. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Davis, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS ITEM:

1. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing increases in water, sewer, and refuse rates, as set forth in Exhibit A of the Resolution, and establishing an effective date. Exhibits: Resolution 17-__ and Exhibit "A".

MOVED by Jackson, SECOND by Morford, to approve **Resolution 17-02**. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee. NAY: Davis, Wells. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing a change to the water and sewer impact fees to the amount of zero dollars (\$0), as set forth in Exhibit A of the Resolution, and establishing an effective date. Exhibits: Resolution 17-__ and Exhibit "A".

Ihler stated this issue was brought up a couple of meetings ago to look at changing the impact fees that we have for development or construction of new homes or commercial businesses. The typical fee for a residential home is \$1,000 impact fee for water and \$1,000 impact fee for sewer. The Impact Fee committee met last week and recommended to reduce those fees back down to zero.

Wells stated he and Councilmember Morford are on that committee along with three developers. When this was originally imposed we could collect the fees and then use them anywhere in the city. Under new state law we can collect the fees but we can only use them for something that is a city wide project. Because of the downturn in the economy our construction activity is low and

everyone on the committee felt that it would be a good time to lower the fees to zero for some period of time or permanently.

Tanner state he was the one who brought this up because there was an existing commercial property that was for rent and needed to put in a new water line and water meter and this impact fee of \$4,000 for the water line and \$4,000 for the sewer line may have been a deal killer. He feels this may actually open up more opportunity for the city of Lawton.

Jensen stated this is a serious matter and we have some issues to deal with some lease purchase agreements.

Morford stated we need to get this all tied up.

MOVED by Wells, SECOND by Morford, to approve **Resolution 17-03**. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Davis, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

FRED L. FITCH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TRACI HUSHBECK, SECRETARY