

MINUTES
LAWTON WATER AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.
NEW CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman, Fred L. 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, Rosemary Bellino-Hall, Jay Burk, Dwight Tanner, Jr., Richard Zarle, Stanley Haywood, Doug Wells.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan Long, City Manager; Tim Wilson, Deputy City Attorney; Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2014.

MOVED by Wells, SECOND by Morford, to approve the minutes of June 24, 2014. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Zarle, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS ITEM:

1. Consider adopting Resolution Number 14-__ approving filing of an application for state assistance for a feasibility study for alternative water sources from the State of Oklahoma in the form of a Water for 2060 Drought Grant, approving the application and authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to execute the same. Exhibits: Resolution Number 14-____ and Grant Application.

Jerry Ihler, Public Works Director, stated the state legislature in 2012 passed the Waters for 2060 Act, in which the state set a goal that they will consume no more fresh water in 2060 than we did in 2012. In this years' legislation they established the 2060 Drought Grant program. The grant consists of \$1.5 million for different communities and water authorities. Some of the projects eligible for the grant are water efficient devices for public buildings, automatic water meters, leak detection, repairs within the distribution system, water audits and water conservation plans and recycling and water reuse. Both agenda items provide for this program. Item #1 is to approve filing of an application for assistance for a feasibility study for alternative water sources for groundwater as well as reuse water. Item #2 on the agenda is a request for the same grant for replacement of leaky water lines and installation of the chlorine injection system. The Water Resources Board has indicated they are looking for more along the lines of construction projects, but the application indicates that the projects do consist of planning, design, construction, inspection and testing and staff feels that the first stage of any project is the feasibility study, so they are going to submit an application for that part of the feasibility study project. There is \$1.5 million available and there is a cap that any one community or agency can receive no more than

\$500,000. He stated the amount given will depend on the quality and number of applications. One of the benefits of this program is that it brings to the forefront the value of water, the importance of looking at reuse and conservation and the need for assistance from the state legislature and the need for additional money in the future. There will also be a need for ODEQ to look at regulations on how we can accomplish those types of programs. He is requesting that both applications be approved.

Jackson questioned if there was some opportunity to receive federal grants.

Ihler stated yes, staff submitted a grant application in June to the Bureau of Reclamation and we received notice that we did not receive any grant money. However, they did contact city staff and indicated that they will have additional funds next year and they would like us to submit our project again.

Tanner questioned if we were applying for the total amount of \$1.5 million or just a portion.

Ihler stated the most any one community can get is \$500,000. We are actually submitting three projects, the feasibility study, water line relocation in central Lawton near 10th & D, and the chlorine injection system.

Tanner stated the total amount we are filing for is \$1.5 million.

Ihler stated no, the most that we can receive is \$500,000. The most any one community can get is \$500,000. If we received money for all three projects, the total sum could not be over \$500,000.

MOVED by Wells, SECOND by Burk, to adopt **Resolution Number 14-04**. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Zarle, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Consider adopting Resolution Number 14-__ approving filing of an application for state assistance for water system improvements from the State of Oklahoma in the form of a Water for 2060 Drought Grant, approving the application and authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to execute the same. Exhibits: Resolution Number 14-____ and Grant Application.

MOVED by Wells, SECOND by Zarle, to adopt **Resolution Number 14-05**. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Zarle, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

FRED L. FITCH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TRACI HUSHBECK, SECRETARY