

MINUTES
LAWTON WATER AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2015 - 6:00 P.M.
NEW CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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., Cherry Phillips, V. Gay McGahee, Doug Wells.

ABSENT: None

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

NEW BUSINESS ITEM:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015.

MOVED by Wells, SECOND by Burk, to approve the minutes of November 10, 2015. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS ITEM:

Chairman Fitch stated item #1 has been resolved and will be stricken from the agenda.

1. Consider rescinding the agricultural leases for grazing and baling previously awarded to Sullivan Farms, authorize the re-letting of these agricultural leases, and refuse to consider any subsequent bids from Sullivan Farms for these agricultural leases. Exhibits: Letters to Sullivan Farms are available for inspection at the City Attorney's Office. **STRICKEN**
2. Consider approving a professional services agreement for legal consulting services with the firm Municipal Finance Services, Inc., and authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute it. Exhibits: Consulting Agreement with Municipal Finance Services, Inc.

Jensen stated the City of Lawton has been in litigation with three rural water districts and the Pecan Valley Water Association for the last couple of years and the lawsuit is over the \$2.50 Lake Waurika surcharge that was imposed on all their meters in 2011. The Municipal Finance Services is the firm of Rick Smith and John Wolf, who are outside financial advisors and we need them to testify in connection with this case as far as the financial structure of the city and the loan that was taken out and was to be funded by that surcharge of \$2.50 to buy the remaining storage capacity of Lake Waurika.

MOVED by Burk, SECOND by Jackson, to approve a professional services agreement for legal consulting services with the firm Municipal Finance Services, Inc., and authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute it. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

FRED L. FITCH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TRACI HUSHBECK, SECRETARY