

MINUTES
LAWTON WATER AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 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, Dwight Tanner, Jr., Richard Zarle, Stanley Haywood, Doug Wells.

ABSENT: Jay Burk

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan Long, City Manager; Frank Jensen, City Attorney; Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 11, 2014.

MOVED by Wells, SECOND by Zarle, to approve the minutes of November 11, 2014. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Tanner, Zarle, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS ITEM:

1. Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution establishing a financing plan for a portion of the projects to be funded with the proceeds of the sales tax authorized by the voters on August 26, 2014; authorizing the Lawton Water Authority (the "Authority"), the staff and the advisors to go forward with requests for bids to provide financing for the projects; and containing other provisions relating thereto. Exhibits: Resolution 14-__ and Certificate of Authority Action.

Brooks Mitchell, Finance Director, stated at previous meetings the council has discussed the priority projects for the sales tax extension that was passed in August. Staff has come up with an interim financing plan to be able to move faster on some of these projects. The engineering study for the new public safety facility is in this plan along with repairs for McMahon Auditorium and Museum of Great Plains. There is also money allocated for the repainting of a couple of the industrial water towers. There is some money built in for contingency. Staff is asking for approval for the finance consultants to be able to approach banks and try to negotiate a financing package for us. They have had some preliminary discussions and believe they can get some bank qualified financing which will provide an interest rate of 2% or less and this would be a good time to lock in that rate. It will be structured to where we will not begin paying interest until we actually start drawing on the proceeds. He stated they are looking at an 18 month draw schedule and a repayment term of 4 years and 8 months.

Jackson stated this proposal did not have any contingency money built in.

Well stated the contingency is additional funds for other priority projects and costs of issuance.

Mayor Fitch stated this is for priority projects and the cost of issuance that pertain to the sales tax extension.

Morford questioned why they were approving this under the Lawton Water Authority.

Jensen stated the City of Lawton cannot do financing by itself. As a municipality, it is on a pay as you go basis so they use the trusts that we are a beneficiary of, like LWA, LEDA, LIDA, etc. to do financing that the municipality cannot do itself.

Mayor Fitch questioned if there is a time period that we have to start drawing that money.

Mitchell stated by the end of this calendar year, 2014, we have to have drawn down an initial \$50,000, but after that the draw schedule is at our discretion.

MOVED by Wells, SECOND by Jackson, to adopt **Resolution Number 14-06**. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Zarle, Haywood, Wells. NAY: Tanner. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

FRED L. FITCH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TRACI HUSHBECK, SECRETARY