

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
LAWTON WATER AUTHORITY
JANUARY 27, 1998 - 6:00 P.M.
WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Invocation by Pastor Tommy Smith, Western Hills Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall bulletin board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jody Maples, Richard Williams, Jeff Sadler, Robert Shanklin, Charles Beller, Carol Green, Randy Warren.

ABSENT: John Purcell.

ALSO PRESENT: Gil Schumpert, City Manager; Felix Cruz, City Attorney; Brenda Smith, City Clerk

PRESENTATION OF OML HONOR ROLL OF SERVICE 25 YEAR AWARDS

Mayor Terry Morse, Burns Flat, along with Mayor Marley, presented awards on behalf of the Oklahoma Municipal League to the following City employees: Robert Bigham, Robert Bridwell, Randy Britton, Hubert Buzbee, Hansell Ed Doster, Lester Kramer, Carl Steve Livingston, Terry McDougale, and Nadalia Overstreet. Employees receiving the award but unable to attend were Kenneth Klein, Andrew Hargraves, Joe Henson and Charles Whitmore.

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD TO WILLIAM BRYANT,
SOLID WASTE DIVISION, PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Bryant was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Marley congratulated Mr. Bryant and read the list of awards donated by local businesses.

Consider approval of minutes of Lawton Water Authority Special Meeting of January 13, 1998.

MOVED by Maples, SECOND by Green, to approve the minutes. AYE: Williams, Sadler, Shanklin, Beller, Green, Warren, Maples. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEM:

1. Consider grazing lease extension of Homer Coody for Tract 10, Lake Ellsworth. Exhibits: Renewal Request Form; Map.

Schumpert said Mr. Coody did not technically meet the renewal time limit, however, staff is recommending approval of the extension. Shanklin asked the dollar value and Schumpert said \$1,412 for 100 acres. Shanklin said that is somewhat better income than is received from other tracts and Schumpert agreed.

MOVED by Williams, SECOND by Warren, to approve the grazing lease extension to Homer Coody for Tract 10 at Lake Ellsworth. AYE: Sadler, Shanklin, Beller, Green, Warren, Maples, Williams. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Consider a request from Ed Hillary, Jr. to exercise his option to extend his hay baling lease for Tracts 1 and 4, Lake Lawtonka. Exhibits: Renewal Request Form.

Schumpert said Hillary=s lease was for one year with four, one-year renewal options and requested extension on January 16, which was past the expiration date. Staff recommendation is to extend the lease for Tracts 1 and 4.

Shanklin asked how many acres are in the tracts and the revenue expected. Dick Huck, Parks & Recreation Director, said Tract 4 is approximately 200 acres and Tract 1 is approximately 20 acres, and income was a little less than \$1,000. Shanklin asked if that was for 220 acres and Huck said he thought it was about 247 acres total. Shanklin said revenue received is much less than the other smaller tract. Mayor Marley said he did not think the cost could be increased at this stage. Huck said the bid was \$4.08 per round bale in 1996. Shanklin asked why the other person bid \$1,412. Huck said the earlier lease was for grazing, as opposed to baling, and the baling leases are based on the number of bales harvested.

Beller asked the City Attorney if it was proper to extend the lease since the person did not request an extension until after the lease itself had expired. Cruz said there is not a penalty in the lease for not exercising the option on time and the Authority may extend the option or not extend it and advertise for bid.

Maples asked if there was competition for this type of lease. Huck said there was a situation where the lessee failed to comply with the baling and the lease was canceled; in the past there have been two or three individuals who bid on this type of lease and bids will be advertised for the areas at Lake Ellsworth where the lease was recently canceled. Huck said the area at Lake Lawtonka was not included in that advertisement because at the time Mr. Hillary was still in compliance with his lease.

Williams asked if the lessee has to request an extension at the end of each year and Cruz said yes. Huck said this may be the last of that type of concept because future advertisements will be for three year leases to avoid paperwork and administration involved in the annual renewals. Williams asked if that should be done in this case. Huck said that would be an option if this extension is not approved.

MOVED by Beller, SECOND by Green, to approve Ed Hillary=s request to extend the hay lease for Tracts 1 and 4 at Lake Lawtonka for a one year period. AYE: Shanklin, Beller, Green, Warren, Maples, Williams, Sadler. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

JOHN T. MARLEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

BRENDA SMITH, SECRETARY