

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
LAWTON WATER AUTHORITY
JUNE 9, 1998 - 6:00 P.M.
WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Cecil E. Powell, Chairman. Invocation was given by Minister Edwina Reddick-Scott, New Directions Church of God, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board in compliance with State law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: G. Wayne Smith, Richard Williams, Jeff Sadler, John Purcell, Robert Shanklin, Charles Beller, Carol Green, Randy Warren.

ABSENT: None.

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

PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN OF THE MONTH AWARD TO MARY JO SARTIN

Donna Richey, Mayor=s Commission on the Status of Women, introduced Mary Jo Sartin as the Citizen of the Month. Sartin has been employed with AmQuest Bank for 28 years and serves as Vice President and Public Relations Officer. Volunteer efforts with the following organizations were pointed out: Lawton Chamber of Commerce; Redcoats; Leadership Lawton; Leadership Oklahoma; Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra; Vo Tech Foundation; Crimestoppers; Arts For All; and United Way. Ms. Sartin was recently asked to participate in a women=s issues advisory group by Congressman Watts.

Powell presented certificates of honor from the City of Lawton, Oklahoma State Legislature, and Congressman Watts. He commended her volunteer efforts and the example provided. Sartin thanked the Commission for the recognition and pointed out the large number of persons who volunteer to better the community.

Powell recognized members of the Leadership Lawton-Fort Sill Class who were in attendance.

CONSIDER MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 12, 1998

MOVED by Sadler, SECOND by Smith, for approval of the Minutes. AYE: Williams, Sadler, Purcell, Shanklin, Beller, Green, Warren, Smith. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Consider increasing landfill fees, increasing fees for commercial refuse services provided

by the City of Lawton and establishing fees for commercial refuse haulers, and recommend adoption of the resolution to the City Council. Exhibits: Chart of current and proposed rates for commercial containers; Landfill survey results; 5/11/98 Memo on estimated revenue from increased rates; Resolution No. 98-_____.

Jerry Ihler, Public Works/Engineering Director, distributed a resolution which had been revised as a result of a committee meeting held this morning. A basic revision was to establish one rate of \$27.50 for in-state and commercial haulers; previous fees were \$22, \$25 and \$27.50; out of state fee is \$55, and it was previously \$44. There is not a separate fee for inside city limits, outside city limits or commercial haulers because there is one fee for all. Uncovered and unsecured loads will be charged double.

Shanklin asked if a one ton vehicle or less with a valid drivers license or water bill from Lawton has to pay. Ihler said that is correct and that did not change; commercial tag vehicles would pay \$27.50. Purcell suggested requiring a water bill to allow use without charge, and that the drivers license portion be deleted. This point will be considered at a future meeting.

Williams asked why figures such as \$31.36 were included, as opposed to a round number. Ihler said percentage increases were applied, such as going from \$21.40 to \$55, and the same percentage increases were established. Williams suggested it be either \$31 or \$32 so it would be even. Purcell agreed that should be done with other listed fees also.

Beller explained \$31.36 was being changed to \$31, and the \$13.75 would be \$14. Purcell said \$15.68 on Page 3 should be changed to \$16, and \$39.93 should be \$40. Cruz pointed out the Authority would recommend adoption of the resolution to the Council, as amended.

Terry Gardner, Rural Trash Services, Marlow, Oklahoma, said he picks up the rural area of Marlow, Duncan and as far south as Addington, so it is basically Stephens County. He said he was a commercial hauler and had no problem with the increase to \$27.50, although he was presently paying \$18.75. Gardner said the increase is coming all at once, instead of in increments, and that it would be easier for the haulers to absorb in smaller increments. He said the City had called and asked if they would still participate in using Lawton=s landfill and he said probably but it would be 50-50. Gardner said with an increase like that, for a while he would have to find a cheaper place. He said he had not researched the area but did know of one area that was cheaper which was up north, and that he did not know what Waurika=s tipping fee was. Gardner said he would rather use Lawton=s landfill because it is more convenient for him to come in on Highway 7, get off the Interstate and right off on 11th and straight to the landfill with no worry about traffic for any of his trucks or drivers, so it was real convenient. He said the increase is not convenient.

MOVED by Purcell, SECOND by Beller, to approve increasing the landfill fees as amended, approve the increased fees for commercial refuse service provided by the City and establish a fee

for commercial refuse haulers and recommend adoption of the resolution to the City Council.

AYE: Sadler, Purcell, Shanklin, Beller, Green, Warren, Smith, Williams. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Consider recommending to the Lawton City Council adoption of an ordinance amending Sections 22-114, 22-132, and 22-144, Lawton City Code, 1995, excepting application of established water, sewer and landfill rates by agreement. Exhibits: Proposed Ordinance.

Cruz said the action of the Authority is to recommend adoption of an ordinance which will amend the water, sewer and landfill fees so that the Council can negotiate a price other than the set fee for industrial and manufacturing firms. He said this was prepared based on earlier discussion with Roadrunner, which is now a reality, and this allows exception from the fees as established, by agreement, to use it as an incentive for economic development.

Beller asked if this sets a fee or provides that it be negotiated. Cruz responded that it be negotiated.

MOVED by Williams, SECOND by Purcell, to recommend adoption of the proposed ordinance.

AYE: Purcell, Shanklin, Beller, Green, Warren, Smith, Williams, Sadler. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

Cecil E. Powell, Chairman

Attest:

Brenda Smith, Secretary