



City of Lawton

City Council

Minutes

Lawton City Hall
212 SW 9th Street
Lawton, Oklahoma
73501-3944

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

5:15 PM

Lawton City Hall
Wayne Gilley Auditorium

Meeting Called to Order with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

"Official action can be taken only on items which appear on the agenda. The Council may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, or continue any agenda item. The Council may also propose and enact floor amendments to any matter presented before them. When more information is needed to act on an item, the Council may refer the matter to the City Manager or the City Attorney. The Council may also refer items to standing committees of the Council or a board, commission, or authority for additional study. Under certain circumstances, items are deferred to a specific later date or stricken from the agenda entirely."

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stanley Booker with invocation led by Pastor Troy Taylor of First Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Councilwoman - Ward 1 Mary Ann Hankins-Booker
Councilman - Ward 2 Taron Epps
Councilman- Ward 4 George Gill
Councilman - Ward 5 Allan Hampton
Councilman - Ward 6 Bob Weger
Councilwoman - Ward 7 Sherene L Williams

Absent:

Councilwoman- Ward 3 Linda Chapman
Councilman - Ward 8 Randy Warren

Also Present:

Stanley Booker, Mayor
John Ratliff, City Manager
Timothy Wilson, Acting City Attorney
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk
Hon. Nathan Johnson, Municipal Judge

Presentation

1. Presentation of Service Plaque to Councilmember Mary Ann Hankins-Booker
Mayor Booker presented a service plaque to Council member Mary Ann Hankins-

Booker in recognition of her seven years of service on the Lawton City Council. Mayor Booker spoke about Council member Hankins-Booker's dedication to public service, her commitment to Ward 1, her responsiveness to constituents, and her consistent participation in Council and committee meetings.

Members of the City Council and City staff offered brief remarks expressing appreciation for Council member Hankins-Booker's leadership, professionalism, character, and service to the City of Lawton. Several speakers noted her thoughtful approach, steady demeanor, and positive working relationships during her tenure.

Mayor Booker read the inscription on the service plaque, recognizing Council member Hankins-Booker for her dedicated service, leadership, and lasting impact on the citizens of Lawton, and formally presented the plaque to her.

Council member Hankins-Booker addressed the Council and audience, thanking the Mayor, Council, staff, and citizens for the opportunity to serve. She expressed appreciation for the trust placed in her by Ward 1 residents and reflected on her experiences serving the City, noting the evening was bittersweet but meaningful.

Business Items

2. Swearing-In Ceremony for Ward 1 City Councilmember – Lane Hooton

Mayor Booker invited the Honorable Nathan Johnson, Municipal Judge, and Ward 1 City Council Member Lane Hooton to the front for the swearing-in ceremony. Council Member Hooton was duly sworn into office by the Honorable Nathan Johnson.

Following the oath of office, members of the City Council offered brief welcoming remarks and words of encouragement to Council Member Hooton, emphasizing service to constituents, thoughtful leadership, and collaboration with fellow Council members.

Mayor Booker welcomed Council Member Hooton to the City Council and spoke briefly about the importance and responsibility of public service.

Council Member Hooton addressed the Council and audience, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve Ward 1 and the City of Lawton. He stated his commitment to working diligently, listening to constituents, and serving the community with integrity.

Adjournment

The City of Lawton encourages participation from all of its citizens. If participation at any public meeting is not possible due to a disability, notification to the City Clerk at (580) 581-3305 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting is encouraged to make the necessary accommodations. The City may waive the 48 hour rule if interpreters for the deaf (signing) is not the necessary accommodation."

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to adjourn. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None.

Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35PM.