



City of Lawton

City Council

Minutes

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

Monday, September 8, 2025

10:00 AM

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 Allan Hampton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Councilwoman - Ward 1 Mary Ann Hankins-Booker
Councilwoman - Ward 3 Linda Chapman
Councilman - Ward 4 George Gill
Councilman - Ward 5 Allan Hampton
Councilwoman - Ward 7 Sherene L Williams
Councilman - Ward 8 Randy Warren*

Absent:

Councilman - Ward 6 Bob Weger

Also Present:

Stanley Booker, Mayor
John Ratliff, City Manager
Timothy Wilson, Interim City Attorney
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk

*Arrived at 10:03AM

Reports: Mayor/City Council/City Manager

Hankins stated her resignation will be effective on September 22, 2025.

Williams stated the Ward 7 painting project will start on Saturday.

Ratliff announced the pool will close on September 26th.

Executive Session

Motion by Mary Ann Hankins, Second by Sherene L Williams, to enter into executive session. AYE: Mary Ann Hankins, Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Randy Warren arrived at 10:03AM and entered executive session.

The City Council entered Executive Session at 10:02AM and reconvened in Open Session at 10:58AM. No action was taken in Executive Session, in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to return to open session. AYE: Mary Ann Hankins, Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

1. Pursuant to Title 25, Section 307.B.1, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the appointment and candidates to fill the position of Ward 1 Council Member, to include interviewing candidates, and take action in open session as necessary.

Motion by Linda Chapman, Second by Randy Warren, to appoint James Lane Hooton effective September 23, 2025 to serve as Ward One Councilperson until a successor is elected for the unexpired term of office at the next possible municipal election. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Mary Ann Hankins per City Charter which states she cannot vote because she is resigning. Motion Passed.

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: Mary Ann Hankins, Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:03AM.