



City of Lawton

City Council

Minutes

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

Monday, January 12, 2026

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 Pastor Warren Winns of Spread the Word Ministries followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Councilman - Ward 1 Lane Hooton
Councilman - Ward 2 Taron Epps
Councilwoman- Ward 3 Linda Chapman
Councilman- Ward 4 George Gill
Councilman - Ward 5 Allan Hampton
Councilman - Ward 6 Bob Weger
Councilwoman - Ward 7 Sherene L Williams
Councilman - Ward 8 Randy Warren

Absent:

Also Present:

Stanley Booker, Mayor
John Ratliff, City Manager
Jari Askins, Interim City Attorney
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk
Hon. Nathan Johnson, Municipal Judge

Business Items

1. Comments- Current Administration

Mayor Booker stated the meeting marked an important moment of governance and transition. He noted the importance of the oaths taken by officials and said he would make additional comments later during the plaque presentation.

The Council collectively thanked Councilmember Chapman and Councilmember Gill for their service; emphasized that their work impacted the entire City, not just their wards; noted both contributed to a positive Council culture where members could disagree without dysfunction; praised their leadership styles: Chapman for steadiness and tone, and Gill for infrastructure focus, cost awareness, and urgency in project delivery; expressed that both would be missed and encouraged continued civic involvement.

Councilmember Gill thanked the Council and reflected on the prior three years as a particularly unified and productive period. He credited Mayor Booker's leadership, highlighted major infrastructure work (including road and utility investment), and said he intended to remain engaged in City projects and community support after leaving office.

Councilmember Chapman thanked Ward 3 supporters, City staff, and her family. She highlighted major accomplishments including Kids Zone, progress at Lee West Park, the growth of neighborhood watch efforts, and road improvements (especially 38th Street). She emphasized relationship-building and unity as keys to progress and welcomed Kirby Brown as the incoming Ward 3 representative.

2. Presentation of Services Plaques to Exiting Councilmembers

Mayor Booker presented a service plaque to Councilmember Gill, shared a personal anecdote, praised Gill's energy and ability to execute, and encouraged continued community involvement.

Mayor Booker presented a service plaque to Councilmember Chapman, recognizing her calm and steady leadership and crediting her collaborative approach as part of the foundation that enabled major initiatives such as PROPEL.

3. Declare Current Administration to Cease- Mayor Stan Booker

Mayor Booker declared the current administration concluded.

4. Administration of Constitutional and Statutory Oaths of Office- Municipal Court Judge Nathan Johnson

Judge Nathan Johnson administered the oath(s) of office and the statutory oath to Council-elect Kirby Brown, Council-elect Tiffiney Dimery, and Councilmember Allan Hampton.

5. Declare New Administration to Begin- Mayor Stan Booker

Mayor Booker declared the new administration to begin.

6. Roll Call- New Administration

Present:

Councilman - Ward 1 Lane Hooton

Councilman - Ward 2 Taron Epps
Councilman- Ward 3 Kirby Brown
Councilwoman- Ward 4 Tiffiney Dimery
Councilman - Ward 5 Allan Hampton
Councilman - Ward 6 Bob Weger
Councilwoman - Ward 7 Sherene L Williams
Councilman - Ward 8 Randy Warren

Absent:

7. Comments- New Administration

The Council welcomed Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Demery and generally advised the learning curve is steep and the pace is fast; don't try to master everything immediately; rely on City staff and the City Manager for operational details; expect criticism regardless of votes, but focus on doing what is right for the City; remember both roles: ward advocate and Citywide decisionmaker; read and understand the City charter and core governing rules; maintain teamwork and respectful discussion as the standard culture.

Councilmember Dimery thanked God, her supporters, family, and faith leaders. She expressed commitment to work hard for Ward 4 and the City, and said she looked forward to teamwork, relationships, and serving alongside Council and staff.

Councilmember Brown expressed gratitude to family and to Councilmember Chapman for mentorship and service. He stated he looked forward to collaborative work, learning City operations, and supporting continued progress, noting the complexity of City governance and the strength of City staff.

Mayor Booker welcomed the new councilmembers, emphasized the importance of unity and flexibility in decision-making, cautioned against firm positions before hearing full information, and reiterated that service is challenging but highly rewarding. He also welcomed returning member Hampton and thanked everyone for participation.

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 Randy Warren, Second by Sherene L Williams, to adjourn. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren NAY: None. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48AM.