



City of Lawton

City Council

Minutes

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

Friday, April 11, 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 Councilwoman Linda Chapman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Councilwoman- Ward 1 Mary Ann Hankins
Councilman- Ward 2 RL Smith
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
Dewayne Burk, Deputy City Manager
Timothy Wilson, Interim City Attorney
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk

Unfinished Business

1. Consider a request from the City Manager to waive the requirements of

Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Council Policy 4-1 for the FY26 budget, and take appropriate action as deemed necessary.

Wilson explained that this item was on the April 8, 2025 agenda, where the City Manager requested a waiver on certain section of Council Policy 4-1. The item today is to clean up the action that was taken on April 8, 2025. The agenda item title did not reference a waiver of Section 1 on April 8, 2025, so the item is being brought back with the appropriate reference.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve a request from the City Manager to waive the requirements of Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Council Policy 4-1 for the FY26 budget. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Mary Ann Hankins, RL Smith. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Executive Session

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to adjourn into executive session. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

The City Council remained in executive session from 10:02AM to 12:20PM. No action was taken in executive session.

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

1. Pursuant to Section 307 B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the pending damage claim of Peyton Davidson and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

No action was taken.

2. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the seven (7) pending actions in Comanche County District Court, each titled City of Lawton vs. Great Plains Improvement Foundation, et al., Case No. CJ-2025-31, CJ-2025-32, CJ-2025-33, CJ-2025-34, CJ-2025-35, CJ-2025-36, CJ-2025-37 , and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

No action was taken.

3. Pursuant to Section 307B.2, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss negotiations of the FYE 2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the International Association of Firefighters

(IAFF), Local 1882, and the City of Lawton, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

No action was taken.

4. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the pending action in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma titled Kent Jackson, as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Isreal Williams v. City of Lawton, et al, Case No. CIV-23-284-G, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

No action was taken.

5. Pursuant to Section 307C.11, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session for the purpose of conferring on matters pertaining to economic development, the public disclosure of which would violate the confidentiality of prospective business entities, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

No action was taken.

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 Sherene L Williams, to Adjourn. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:22PM.