City of Lawton

Lawton Youth Sports Trust Authority

Lawton City Hall
212 SW 9th Street
Lawton, Oklahoma
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Minutes

Monday, February 23, 2026 | **2:00 PM** | **Lawton City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room**

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Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

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Present:
Councilman Bob Weger
Albert Johnson, Jr
Chairman Brian Henry
Hossein Moini
Carey Monroe (arrived at 2:05 p.m.)
Mike Cowan

Absent:
Councilman Randy Warren
Krista Ratliff
Taylor Watson

Also Present:
Kobe Humble, City Clerk's Office
William Miller, ESM - Play Lawton

Kelvin Ingram, Parks & Recreation
Councilwoman Tiffany Dimrey, Ward 4
Eric Swansen, Lawton Constitution

Reports

1. Indoor Facilities Committee – Receive a report regarding the activities of the Indoor Facilities Committee.

Chairman Henry reported that the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract is in its final stages of review. Due to the project's funding structure, the City will serve as the official contract owner, while the Lawton Youth Sports Trust Authority will act in an advisory capacity as the owner's representative. This arrangement is expected to streamline financial processes, with payments being made directly from City Finance to the contractor.

Chairman Henry stated that the approval of the contract is anticipated at the March 10th City Council meeting. The groundbreaking ceremony remains scheduled for March 12 at 4:00 p.m., with planning efforts already underway. Permitting continues to progress, including approval of the water detention plan. Following contract approval, subcontractor bids will be released, and construction is expected to begin in early May. The project timeline currently estimates completion around October 2027, assuming no significant weather delays. Sponsorship packages are also expected to be finalized and released in the near future.

2. Outdoor Facilities Committee - Receive a report regarding the activities of the Outdoor Facilities Committee.

Chairman Henry reported ongoing discussions with the Lawton Soccer Club regarding a potential merger of operations. Both parties have expressed interest, and a phased transition is being considered. This would likely include registration beginning in May, a fiscal transition in July, and league play starting in September. The Lawton Soccer Club has been tasked with preparing a letter of intent and reviewing its contractual obligations. Additional updates are expected at the next meeting.

3. Parks & Recreation – Receive a report from the City of Lawton Parks & Recreation Division.

Kelvin Ingram provided an update on behalf of Parks and Recreation. He reported that the 2026 agreements are currently under revision and nearing completion. The department remains committed to supporting maintenance efforts across city parks, particularly at McMahon Park, and will assist with logistics for the upcoming groundbreaking event.

Mr. Ingram also announced a reopening ceremony for the Thunder Foundation basketball court at Elmer Thomas Park on February 28 at 1:00 p.m., encouraging attendance and community participation.

4. Eastern Sports Management – Receive a report from Eastern Sports Management.

Will Miller reported continued growth across programming. Winter season participation increased by approximately 15.7%, bringing total participation to over 1,200 athletes. However, the season was significantly impacted by weather and facility limitations, resulting in more than 230 game reschedules and several games still pending due to gym availability.

Spring registration has concluded and is projecting an additional 30% increase over the previous year. Efforts to improve officiating have also been implemented through a new certification partnership with Great Plains Technology Center.

Community engagement remains a priority, with upcoming youth participation opportunities in partnership with Cameron University athletics. Sponsorship efforts continue to show positive results, with increased partner contributions.

Discussion was held regarding communication challenges, particularly in relaying schedule changes to parents. While current systems notify coaches and registered users, additional methods of communication may be explored to improve consistency and reduce confusion.

5. Finance Report - Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ended December 31, 2025, prepared by Hatch, Croke, and Associates, along with the corresponding financial statements for November 2025 through January 2026 from Eastern Sports Management, and take any action deemed necessary.

The financial reports and corresponding financial statements were presented for review and can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office upon request.

Motion by Hossein Moinii, Second by Carey Monroe, to approve. AYE: Bob Weger, Albert Johnson, Jr, Brian Henry, Hossein Moinii, Carey Monroe, Mike Cowan. NAY: None. Motion passed.

Business Items

1. Consider approval of the 2026 nominees for trustee appointments, subject to final approval by the City Council, and take any action deemed necessary.

Chairman Henry presented the 2026 trustee nominations, which were presented in accordance with the updated policy limiting consecutive years of service.

Motion by Hossein Moinii, Second by Albert Johnson, Jr, to approve. AYE: Bob Weger, Albert Johnson, Jr, Brian Henry, Hossein Moinii, Carey Monroe, Mike Cowan. NAY: None. Motion passed.

2. Consider approval of the 2026 slate of officers and take any action deemed necessary.

Chairman Henry presented he proposed slate of officers for 2026, maintaining current leadership positions.

Motion by Carey Monroe, Second by Albert Johnson, Jr, to approve. AYE: Bob Weger, Albert Johnson, Jr, Brian Henry, Hossein Moinii, Carey Monroe, Mike Cowan. NAY: None. Motion passed.

3. Consider approval of the McMahan Park and Miracle Field Lease Agreement, subject to final approval by the City Council, and take any action deemed necessary.

Chairman Henry presented the McMahon Park and Miracle Field lease agreement. The updated agreement consolidates previous leases into a single document and clarifies responsibilities for maintenance and capital improvements. The lease amount was set at $10 annually.

Motion by Albert Johnson, Jr, Second by Mike Cowan, to approve. AYE: Bob Weger, Albert Johnson, Jr, Brian Henry, Hossein Moinii, Carey Monroe, Mike Cowan. NAY: None. Motion passed.

Discussion took place regarding whether formal Board approval is required for the Trust Authority's designation as the City's "owner's advisor" prior to City Council consideration. It was noted that a special meeting may be scheduled if necessary. Chairman Henry also discussed the possibility of meeting on March 12 at 2:00 p.m., prior to the scheduled groundbreaking ceremony.

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 Hossein Moinii, Second by Carey Monroe, to adjourn. AYE: Bob Weger, Albert Johnson, Jr, Brian Henry, Hossein Moinii, Carey Monroe, Mike Cowan. NAY: None. Motion .

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.