



**City of Lawton**  
**Lawton Youth Sports**  
**Trust Authority**

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

**Minutes**

Thursday, March 12, 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 Moinii  
Carey Monroe  
Mike Cowan  
Krista Ratliff  
Taylor Watson

**Absent:**

Councilman Randy Warren

**Also Present:**

Kobe Humble, Deputy City Clerk  
Tim Wilson City Attorney's Office

Kristin Huntley, Finance Department  
Kelvin Ingram, Parks and Recreation  
William Miller, Play Lawton - ESM  
Eric Swansen, The Lawton Constitution

## Reports

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

Chairman Henry announced that the Indoor Facilities Committee report would be held until after the business items.

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

Johnson reported that progress is being made toward installing lighting at McMahon Park, with a contractor identified to perform the work. Additionally, ongoing discussions are taking place with the Lawton Soccer Club regarding the next phase. Chairman Henry noted that there is universal agreement that they want to merge.

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

Chairman Henry reported that Parks and Recreation staff are currently preparing the site for the ground breaking ceremony.

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

Miller provided an update, indicating that registrations are currently just thirteen participants short of last year's total, with the summer season still remaining. It was further noted that participation has increased approximately 74 percent since 2022, with additional growth anticipated.

## Business Items

1. Consider approving a Development Agreement with City of Lawton that defines each party's duties for delivering the Lawton Youth Sports Facility, including but not limited to design coordination, complete procurement under the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act, construction administration and funding flows tied to bond proceeds.

Wilson presented the agreement, explaining its purpose, including coordination of design, procurement, construction administration, and funding processes tied to bond financing. It was also explained that the Authority would serve as the City's agent for various project-related responsibilities, while the City would retain final authority over

approval of the guaranteed maximum price and issuance of the notice to proceed.

Discussion was held regarding the potential need for a project manager to oversee daily activities and protect the interests of the Authority and the City.

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

2. Consider approving an Operations and Management Agreement with the City of Lawton that appoints the Lawton Youth Sports Trust Authority as the City's exclusive agent to manage, operate, and maintain the Lawton sports complex and certain related recreational facilities located in Lawton, Oklahoma, all of which are being financed by a portion of the Lawton Industrial Development Authority Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A and Federally Taxable Series 2026B dated March 12, 2026 in the aggregate original principal amount of \$88,370,000, said agreement including among other things provisions associated with staffing, budgeting, maintenance, marketing, fiscal controls, insurance, and term/termination provisions as outlined.

The agreement designates the Authority as the City's exclusive agent for managing, operating, and maintaining the Lawton Sports Complex and related recreational sports facilities funded through bond proceeds.

The agreement was presented and discussed, including provisions related to staffing, budgeting, maintenance, insurance, and operational authority. Clarification was requested regarding the scope of facilities included in the agreement. Following discussion, an amendment was proposed to clarify that the agreement applies specifically to recreational sports facilities.

Additional discussion included insurance provisions and contractual limitations associated with bond funding requirements.

Motion by Krista Ratliff, Second by Carey Monroe, to approved with the amendment. AYE: Bob Weger, Brian Henry, Hossein Moinii, Carey Monroe, Mike Cowan, Krista Ratliff, Taylor Watson. NAY: None. Motion passed.

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Additional discussion followed regarding a previously executed long-term lease agreement with Lawton Public Schools and the possibility of assigning that agreement to the City, though no action was taken.

Ingram provided an update, including plans to present cost estimates for lighting

improvements at McMahon Park and additional information regarding site infrastructure.

Chairman Henry then provided a preview of the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony, including event logistics, speaker lineup, and participation details. It was noted that multiple community groups, City officials, and youth participants would be involved.

Chairman Henry also announced that two major naming rights sponsorship commitments had been secured. The Greater Lawton Rotary Club committed to an annual contribution of \$20,000 over a ten-year term, and Ervin and Bridget Randall committed \$50,000 annually for a minimum of three years. These commitments represent a significant financial investment in support of the project.

## **Adjournment**

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 P.M.