



City of Lawton

City Council

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

Minutes

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

1:30 PM

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 Councilman Bob Weger followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

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 (in at 1:36 PM)

Absent:

Councilman - Ward 1 Lane Hooton

Also Present:

Stanley Booker, Mayor
John Ratliff, City Manager
Jari Askins, Interim City Attorney
Julia Mantzke, City Council Relations Liaison

Business Items

1. Consider granting a private drainage easement, with consideration, to E.D.R. Allinn, LLC, the property owner of 1815 SW 11th Street where FedEx is

located, for the private drainage facility associated with the proposed parking lot expansion project north of the existing FedEx facility, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the easement.

Christine James, Planning Director, presented the item and explained that, unlike typical easement requests considered by the Council, the City would be granting an easement rather than obtaining one. She stated that the subject property, identified as dedicated open space, was conveyed to the City in 1978 as part of an urban renewal plan and is maintained as public open space rather than street right-of-way.

Ms. James explained that Edr Allen LLC, owner of the FedEx property located at 1815 SW 11th Street, is proposing an expansion of the existing parking area north of the facility to accommodate additional parking and vehicle maneuvering. As part of the project, a private underground drainage pipe is proposed to extend along the western and southern portions of the City-owned open space and connect to an existing storm drainage inlet.

She advised that while the applicant has the option of routing the drainage improvements entirely on private property, doing so would require significant disruption to the existing parking area. The proposed easement would allow the installation of a private underground drainage facility without impacting the intended use of the open space.

Ms. James further stated that staff reviewed available fee structures to determine appropriate consideration for the easement and recommended utilizing the City's construction inspection fee for cable permits, calculated at \$27.75 per rod, resulting in a proposed consideration amount of slightly more than \$600. She noted that the City has not acquired or granted similar easements in the area in recent years and therefore had limited comparable data available.

Ms. James concluded her presentation and offered to answer questions from the Council.

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

2. Consider and take possible action to: (A) suspend the rules and reconsider the June 9, 2026 council action approving Stewart Johnson's damage claim in the reduced amount of \$2,421.57; and upon reconsideration, (i) deny the claim; or (ii) adopt a resolution authorizing filing of a friendly suit and confession of judgment for \$2,421.57 (five affirmative votes required); or (iii) waive Council Policy 2-3 and authorize payment of \$2,421.57 from the General Fund.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by Bob Weger, to suspend council rules and reconsider. AYE: Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Following reconsideration, a motion was made and seconded to deny the damage

claim of Stuart Johnson.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by Randy Warren, to Deny. AYE: Kirby Brown. NAY: Taron Epps, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren. Motion passed.

Executive Session

3. Pursuant to Section 307B.3, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the potential purchase of real property, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

A motion was made and seconded to convene in Executive Session.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by Bob Weger, to go into Executive Session. AYE: Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

The City Council recessed into Executive Session.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by Bob Weger, to return from Executive Session. AYE: Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Interim City Attorney Askin reads the title: Pursuant to Section 307B.3, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the potential purchase of real property, 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 Randy Warren, Second by Sherene L Williams, to adjourn. AYE: Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren. NAY: None. Motion .

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.