



City of Lawton

City Council

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

Minutes

Monday, March 31, 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 Councilmember RL Smith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Councilwoman- Ward 1 Mary Ann Hankins
Councilman- Ward 2 RL Smith
Councilman - Ward 4 George Gill
Councilman - Ward 5 Allan Hampton
Councilman - Ward 6 Bob Weger
Councilwoman - Ward 7 Sherene L Williams

Absent:

Councilwoman - Ward 3 Linda Chapman
Councilman - Ward 8 Randy Warren

Also Present:

Stanley Booker, Mayor
Dewayne Burk, Deputy City Manager
Timothy Wilson, Interim City Attorney
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk

Executive Session

Motion by George Gill, Second by RL Smith, to convene into Executive Session. AYE: Mary Ann Hankins, RL Smith, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

The City Council entered Executive Session at 10:01AM and reconvened in Open

Session at 10:19AM. No action was taken in Executive Session, in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to return to Open Session. AYE: Mary Ann Hankins, RL Smith, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

1. 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 Metropolitan Life Insurance Company v. (1) Jennifer Mars (2) City of Lawton dba Lawton Animal Welfare and (3) Lawton Humane Society & Animal Shelter, Inc, Case No. CIV-24-434-SLP, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Motion by Bob Weger, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve an agreed settlement where Lawton Animal Welfare shall receive 1/3 of the disputed proceeds in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company v. Jennifer Mars, City of Lawton/Lawton Animal Welfare, Lawton Humane Society and Animal Shelter, Inc. Case Number CIV-24-434-SLP, and authorize the City Attorney and Mayor to sign, execute, and file all necessary documents to effectuate settlement. . AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Mary Ann Hankins, RL Smith. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

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 Allan Hampton, to Adjourn. AYE: Mary Ann Hankins, RL Smith, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:21AM.