City of Lawton

City Council

Minutes

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 **6:00 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 Pro Tem Randy Warren with invocation led by Pastor Jessie Marshall of One in the Spirit Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:
Councilman- Ward 1 Lane Hooton
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:
Mayor Stan Booker
Councilwoman - Ward 3 Linda Chapman
Councilman - Ward 2 Taron Epps

Also Present:
John Ratliff, City Manager
Timothy Wilson, Interim City Attorney
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk

Presentation

1. True North Award Recipient

City Manager John Ratliff thanked the public for attending and stated he was encouraged to see strong citizen participation. He told attendees, “This is your house as much as it is ours," and thanked everyone for being present. Ratliff then invited Andrea Morman to the front and asked Stavis Morman to join her.

Ratliff stated that Andrea Morman has worked for the City of Lawton for more than 24 years and currently serves as Deputy Administrator for Arts and Humanities. He stated that Stavis Morman also works for the City in Arts and Humanities. Ratliff described Andrea as an "indispensable" part of the department, explaining that while Arts and Humanities Director Jason Poudrier is skilled at generating ideas and making big plans, Andrea is the person who carries out the tasks and ensures those plans become reality.

Ratliff credited Andrea as being instrumental to the recent birthday celebration and the Freedom Festival, describing both as highly successful events that included multiple elements such as drone displays and fireworks. He stated the events would not have been as successful without Andrea's involvement and noted she typically works behind the scenes and does not seek recognition. Ratliff stated the City felt the success of those events warranted recognition and invited the audience to applaud Andrea Morman.

2. Receive a presentation regarding STEM activities from community based organizations.

Bernita Taylor, identified as facilitator for the nonprofit partners within the STEM Consortium, presented information regarding summer STEM programming. Taylor stated there were five STEM sites participating: Abundant Life, Red Shield, Spread the Word, Powerhouse, and MIGHT. Community Development Resource Center (also referred to as MIGHT Technology for the Kids).

Taylor presented enrollment numbers and stated total student enrollment was 173. She discussed demographics and stated the program served a diverse population across multiple areas of the City, including the northeast, west, and south sides of Lawton. Taylor stated the program also involved 24 teens who served meals at the STEM sites and presented demographic information for the teen participants.

Taylor stated the total number of meals served during the program was 8,245. She then presented program cost information and highlighted two key figures: Taylor stated the City of Lawton reimbursed $52,776.31, and she stated the nonprofit partners invested $83,443.17 of their own funds into the program. Taylor then invited youth participants to speak about their experiences.

Youth and Teen Participant Remarks
Railen stated they attended Powerhouse STEM and enjoyed the science activities.

Macy stated they enjoyed the STEM activities and noted they were from Louisiana.

Paisley stated they attended M.I.C. and enjoyed spending time with friends and participating in the STEM activities.

Zapoya stated the STEM activities were fun and educational and stated they were from "Spread the Word."

Avery stated they volunteered as a teacher and enjoyed watching the kids learn, work, grow, and help each other in difficult situations, and stated they were from Spread the Word.

Madison stated they volunteered at Abundant Life and enjoyed spending time with younger children and watching them learn and figure out new things.

Keishon stated they were from MIGHT, explained they worked with the teen program, and described the experience as fun, noting the group learned and helped the community.

Elisha stated they were from Abundant Life and enjoyed the field trip to the science museum in Norman.

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Parent Remarks
Antonio Gonzalez stated he had five children participating in STEM and said the program was beneficial, noting science, math, and technology are "taking over the world." He stated he appreciated seeing his children have fun while learning.

Mia Kavaris stated she had two children attending MIGHT Technology Center and said her children came home excited and eager to share projects. She stated science is important in her household and noted she works in the medical field, adding that she values the program opportunities offered through the center.

Cletus Reeves stated he was the parent of two children who attended the STEM camps at Abundant Life. He stated his children frequently talked about both the activities and what they learned, and also repeatedly mentioned the meals provided. Reeves thanked the City for its support and stated he hoped the program would continue.

Annika Hamilton stated she had two daughters participating this year and also previously, and said they truly enjoyed the program. She noted she works in finance and stated she appreciated the City making the program possible.

The STEM students and parents then recited the I AM STEM chant.

Several of the non-profit STEM organization presented an information board to Mayor Pro Tem Warren.

Taylor's presentation is available for view in the City Clerk's Office.

3. Receive the annual report from the Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority (LETA).

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Proclamation

4. Citizen of the Month- Deja Vu Social & Civic Club

Ratliff called Deja Vu Social and Civic Club and the Mayor’s Commission for the Status of Women to come forward. Ratliff thanked the group for attending and described Deja Vu as a nonprofit organization that conducts fundraisers and supports community causes, including school backpack drives and assistance to local organizations. He stated they understood Deja Vu raised money for the Cancer Centers of Southwest Oklahoma, describing it as meaningful community support.

Wyonna Alberty, Mayor’s Commission for the Status of Women Chairwoman, added that Deja Vu regularly assists with her Angel Tree work, specifically an Angel Tree serving children whose parents are incarcerated. Alberty stated Deja Vu members help wrap gifts and help distribute them, noting the program sometimes serves “over a hundred” children and supports caregivers so families do not have to worry about Christmas gifts.

Ratliff read a proclamation on behalf of the Mayor, noting the Mayor was in Washington, D.C., and stated that Mayor Pro Tem Warren was managing an injured hand. Ratliff read a proclamation recognizing Deja Vu Social and Civic Club for charitable service, fundraising, civic engagement, support to schools and shelters, donations to Cancer Centers of Southwest Oklahoma, school supply donations, meal service at shelters, monthly blessing box restocks, and volunteer assistance. Ratliff proclaimed Deja Vu Social and Civic Club as Citizens of the Month for October 2025, thanking them for “rising to the highest level of some kind of wonderful.”

5. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Ratliff stated the next proclamation was for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and emphasized the importance of early detection. Wyonna Alberty, Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women Chairwoman, stated she is a cancer survivor and told the audience the Commission stands with those fighting cancer, describing the fight as shared by families and the community. She encouraged individuals to “stay in the fight” and gave a specific shout-out to Kat O’Neal, stating O’Neal wanted to attend but was currently “in a fight,” and reminded others still battling to keep fighting.

Ratliff read a proclamation recognizing October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, referencing early detection through screenings and self-examinations, and acknowledging the work of survivors, advocates, health care professionals, and organizations. Ratliff proclaimed October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encouraged residents to support awareness activities and those impacted by the disease.

6. Blind Americans Equality Day

Ratliff introduced the White Cane proclamation and explained it raises awareness for residents who are legally blind or vision-impaired. Ratliff stated there are approximately six million visually impaired people in the United States and an additional one million who are considered legally blind.

Tom Love stated he was speaking on behalf of the group and shared that his wife, Kay Love, is visually impaired. He stated her blindness did not prevent her from accomplishing significant goals. Love stated Kay completed college at Cameron University with a 3.87 GPA, later became the first blind woman to graduate with a master's degree in social work (as stated), and returned to Cameron University where she served as a counselor for 24 years. Love stated Kay also worked closely with the City and helped bring the bus system back to Lawton. He encouraged awareness and caution for people using white canes, noting that visually impaired individuals can be overlooked in crowded places and stated the White Cane organization is present to promote recognition and safe behavior around visually impaired pedestrians.

Ratliff read a proclamation describing the white cane as a tool for mobility and safety, a recognized symbol of blindness, and referenced Oklahoma law requiring motorists to stop at least 15 feet away from a visually impaired pedestrian using a white cane or dog guide. Ratliff referenced the federal designation of White Cane Safety Day and proclaimed October 15, 2025 as White Cane Safety Day.

Reports: Mayor/City Council

Williams thanked Catalyst Behavior Center, community volunteers, and herself for completing Ward 7 painting projects in the Lawton View area. She also thanked John and Cook's Real Pit Barbecue, Councilman George Gill, and herself for donating free meals for citizens who signed up, including support for the Senior Center of Creative Living and a free wheelchair ramp program. Williams stated attendees on October 3 at John and Cook's received a free barbecue sandwich meal and stated wheelchair ramp signups were available through the Lawton AMBUCS Chapter. She stated 10% of proceeds generated during the effort would be returned to the Senior Center of Creative Living and the AMBUCS Chapter. Williams also thanked the City's Community Enrichment Department for its work in maintaining and improving parks.

Weger thanked residents and encouraged participation in community events. He referenced the opening of a new “Kids Zone” at a park the prior Saturday and stated it was a positive community gathering. He stated he attempted to use a piece of equipment but said children would not let him on, and he described visiting with citizens and celebrating improvements that enhance Lawton as a place to live and raise a family.

Hampton stated he recently visited the Farmers Market and described purchasing green beans, adding humor that he was told he bought the last of them and encouraged residents to attend the Farmers Market. Hampton then stated he wanted to publicly welcome his son home after a six-month deployment in the Middle East. He stated his son had been in harm’s way and thanked all service members and families with loved ones serving. Hampton stated, “Welcome home Daniel,” and welcomed home other veterans returning from deployment.

Gill provided an infrastructure update and stated the City has been working on significant water line and sewer line improvements totaling “over $150 million” (as stated). The speaker stated residents may notice road and ground disruptions related to that work. The speaker provided an update on 38th Street, stating it was about halfway completed and would reopen as a newly improved road, and stated bids had gone out for the next segment from Lee Boulevard toward 52nd Street.

Hooton stated he wanted to recognize volunteers and City support for a recent event at the cancer center. Hooton specifically thanked City departments including the Fire Department, Police Department, and Streets and Parks crews for their assistance and stated their support was essential. Hooton also stated he appreciated the support of the women who had been recognized earlier and said it was an honor to serve them and others at the cancer center.

City Manager Ratliff invited Jocelyn Wood to provide updates.

Jocelyn Wood introduced herself and Ralph Pew, explaining Pew supports her work by maintaining websites and assisting with event coordination. Wood stated the upcoming “Trunk or Treat” event had more than 100 businesses signed up to distribute candy, compared to approximately 38 the prior year. She stated the event would take place on Saturday, October 18, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Elmer Thomas Park, and said Survival Flight would land a helicopter to kick off the event if not responding to an emergency. Wood stated the event is free to the public and encouraged sharing the flyer.

Wood then discussed Steps Under Stars and Stripes, describing it as a 24-hour walk for veterans intended to demonstrate ongoing support and appreciation. She stated organizations and individuals sign up for one-hour increments to carry the American flag and that the flag must continue moving in a relay-style handoff. Wood stated the event would begin Friday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m. and conclude Saturday, November 8, at 1:00 p.m., followed by a 1:30 p.m. conclusion ceremony. She stated the Cameron ROTC color guard would fold the flag and present it to veterans in attendance. Wood stated the event is located at the VA Center on Flower Mound and said any veteran attending from the public could participate in accepting the flag on behalf of veterans worldwide. Wood described the event as emotional and stated invitations were extended to state and federal officials, including the Secretary of War and the Sergeant Major of the Army at Fort Sill, who she stated planned to attend and speak. Wood stated she was still seeking an additional guest speaker.

Wood stated that signups can be completed through the event website and explained that multiple organizations can sign up for the same hour. She encouraged participation "rain or shine," stating, "The soldiers never quit, so we don't want to either." In response to a question, Wood stated there was no age limit for candy at Trunk or Treat and stated there would be plenty available.

Wood also shared event support details for Steps Under Stars and Stripes, including that Arvest Bank agreed to cook 500 hot dogs, Pepsi would provide 500 drinks, and Nothing Bundt Cakes would provide "bundtinis" (miniature cakes). Wood stated a C3 Car Club car show would be part of the event and encouraged people who cannot walk to attend the conclusion ceremony to support veterans.

Ratliff introduced Shandra Young as the City's new Finance Director. Ratliff stated Young is from Wichita Falls, is a graduate of Texas Tech University, and has more than 30 years of professional experience in finance and public service. Ratliff invited Young to introduce herself.

Shandra Young thanked the Council and citizens for attending. Young stated she has experience in public accounting, private sector finance, and government finance. She stated she was thankful to be in Lawton, looked forward to meeting and working with Council and residents, and stated she wanted to help make an impact in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Warren thanked Councilman Hampton and the City Manager for "standing in" for him due to his injured dominant hand. Warren stated he was encouraged by the STEM presentation and expressed appreciation for the volunteers and organizations investing time in teaching local youth. He stated the STEM activities are making a meaningful impact and helping equip youth with knowledge they can apply in their lives.

Consent Agenda

The following items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. Should discussion be desired on an item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to action and considered separately.

Mayor Pro Tem Warren stated the Council had already removed Item No. 9 from the consent agenda and asked if any other items should be pulled. No additional items were requested for removal.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Bob Weger, to approve the consent agenda as presented with the exception of striking Item 9. AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

7. Consider the following tort claim recommended for approval and payment: Karen McCarter in the amount of $351.00.

8. Consider the following tort claims recommended for denial: Chick-fil-a in the amount of $2,410.12, and Chick-fil-a in the amount of $811.17.

9. Consider approving a resolution amending the City of Lawton FYE26 budget, as amended, to appropriate $14,300.00 to the Lakes Division's Repair and Maintenance account per paragraph B.2 of Section 19-4-411, Lawton City Code, and $30,000,000.00 to the 2019 Capital Improvement Fund for capital improvement projects.

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10. Consider approving a resolution amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Lawton City Code, 2015, pertaining to Article 9-1, Chapter 9, Court, to reduce the prescribed court costs from $34.50 to $30.00.

Resolution No. 25-255

11. Consider granting easements to PSO across a portion of Bly's Pointe Park and along SE Bishop Road, approving the payment for both easements, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the required documents.

12. Consider accepting a permanent utility easement from Bigillu Enterprises, Inc, and PMS Properties, LLC for the water main relocation project at the intersection of NW Cache Road and NW Goodyear Boulevard for Project #EN2104, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute documents and payments for the same.

13. Consider approving a Council Approved Revocable Permit for the proposed Dollar General to be located at 3608 E Gore Blvd to park, maneuver and install landscaping on a public utility easement along the north side of E Gore Boulevard, and take action as deemed necessary.

14. Consider approving a Council Approved Revocable Permit for Bless Day Learn & Play Daycare located at 223 SW 12th Street to park, maneuver and install landscaping on the street right-of-way along the west side of SW 12th Street, and take action as deemed necessary.

15. Consider approving a Utility Relocation Agreement with Public Service

Company (PSO) for project EN2104 US-62 Interchange in the amount of $721,928.00 for the relocation of its existing electric utility infrastructure.

16. Approve the installation of deaf child signs at 929 SW 60th Street.

17. Consider approving an Agreement for Limited Services in the amount of $1,500.00 between the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women and the City of Lawton to fund activities designed to identify and assist with issues specifically related to women and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

18. Consider approving a Funding and Limited Support Agreement with the Lawton Metropolitan Area Airport Authority for the renovation and remodeling of Lawton Airport facilities, contingent upon the Lawton Metropolitan Area Airport Authority also approving the agreement.

19. Consider approving a Professional Services Agreement with Griffin Planning and Consulting, in an amount not to exceed $100,000.00, funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, to assist in the preparation of the City of Lawton's Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan for Community Improvement Initiatives, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

20. Consider awarding contract RFPCL26-005 ATM Services to LTD, LLC to provide ATMs at the Animal Shelter, City Hall, Lakes Headquarters, Public Safety Facility, and Aquatic Center in Elmer Thomas Park.

21. Consider awarding contract CL26-003 Nuisance Abatement to Blade & Bloom, LLC, and OPW Commercial Services.

22. Consider approving a Statement of Work with CivicPlus in the amount of $6,597.60 for the 2025 republication of the Lawton City Code.

23. Consider authorizing the City to adopt Dell Technologies’ comprehensive cloud-based backup solution for $44,444. 37 for a twelve-month period. This system will securely store our data across three geographically diverse locations within the United States. It features advanced ransomware protection and recovery tools to keep our data safe from cyber threats. Dell Technologies is an approved vendor under Oklahoma State Contract SW1020D.

24. Consider approving a Change Order for project CAP24-0171, 1702 SW N H Jones Avenue, for delay of start due to DEQ approval and utility sign offs.

25. Consider and take action in approving Change Order no. 1, reducing the contract by $662,942.45, accepting the project in the final contract amount of $8,977,327.55, and placing the maintenance bond into effect for the Cache Road Waterline Replacement Project 12" PU 2303 for waterline replacement as constructed by Cimarron Construction Company.

26. Consider approving Amendment No.1 - Roundabout Intersection Design- for Freese and Nichols on the design of Engineering Project EN2303 - Sheridan Road (SW Bishop Rd. to Lee Blvd).

27. Consider approving ES2 for the upgrade of HVAC controls at City Hall, costing $197,200. Thus, ensuring consistency with the systems already in place across other City buildings. Sole source number, SS25-18 identifies ES2 as a sole-source provider, approved by the City of Lawton Finance Department.

28. Receive notice from Building Division that a special Construction permit was issued pursuant to Section 16-4-2-424.9 of Lawton City Code to allow the electrical contractors to work on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 7084 W Gore Boulevard.

29. Consideration and Acceptance of a donation from the Thunder Community Foundation in the amount of $21,360.00 and Approval of the Court Refurbishing Agreement.

30. Approve a modification to Council Policy 10-5, Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy, by adding a statement regarding specialized traffic warning signs.

31. Approve the City of Lawton and Comanche County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

32. Consider authorizing City Staff to apply for the Rural and Tribal Assistance (RTA) grant.

33. Consider ratifying City Staff's actions of applying for the Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program.

34. Consider accepting the FFY 2025 grant amounts for CDBG & HOME grants in the amounts of CDBG $738,579.00 and HOME $364,467.71 for a total of $1,106,244.47, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the documents accepting the grants.

35. Per the recommendation of the Streets, Bridges, and Building Development Committee, approve the study and installation of permissive left turn signals at Flowermound Rd and E Gore Blvd; SW 67th Street and Rogers Lane; and SW 38th Street and Rogers Lane.

36. Per the recommendation of the Streets, Bridges, and Building Development Committee, consider approving the full list of 107 streets, to include the addition of SW King Blvd and SE Kincaid Blvd, in the "105 in '25" Mill and Overlay Program and authorize staff to begin bidding.

37. Consider determining the actual costs of the dismantling and removal of dilapidated buildings and other expenses that may be necessary in conjunction with the same by approving invoices for demolition of properties as required by State Statute Title 11-22-112.4 for properties located at 1215 SW 25th Place, 1216 NW Smith Avenue, 501 NE Carver Avenue, 301 SW Jefferson Avenue, 306 SW Jefferson Avenue, 308 SW Jefferson Avenue. 122 NE Bell

Avenue and 509 1/2 Park Avenue.

38. Consider approving the claims list from September 20, 2025, through October 10, 2025.

39. Consider approving the minutes of the August 26, 2025, September 9, 2025, and September 23, 2025 meetings.

40. Consider approving proposed appointments to boards and commissions.

STEM BOARD:
Dana Ponder – GPTC Representative
UT 03/12/2026

Matt Tranquill-Chamber Representative
UT 03/12/2026

LAWTON METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY:
Dustin Hilliary-Mayoral Re-Appointment
12/31/2028

Matt Tranquill-Chamber Representative
UT 12/31/2027

LAWTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:
Jace Zacharias-Mayoral Re-Appointment
08/24/2030

LAWTON ENHANCEMENT TRUST AUTHORITY:
Lane Hooton, Council Appointment
Council Term

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:
Blake Munoz, Mayoral Appointment (Alternate 1)
10/14/2026

RACE RELATIONS COUNCIL COMMITTEE:
Sherene L. Williams, Ward 7 Representative
Council Term

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:
Muhammad Ali, Ward 8 Appointment

07/01/2035

YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:
Josh Hale, Mayoral Appointment
UT04/09/2027

Business Items

41. Consider holding a public hearing and considering an ordinance for a change of zoning for the property located on the north side of SW Washington Avenue between SW 17th Street and SW 18th Street, which is the south half of Block 7, Lawton View Addition, from the R-1 Single-Family Dwelling District to R-2 Two-Family Dwelling District zoning classification, and take action as deemed necessary.

Christine James, Planning Director, described the request as a rezoning application for the south half of Block 7 of the Lawton View Edition, submitted by Builder's Investment Group, covering lots owned by the applicant. She stated the applicant requested rezoning from R1 to R2 to construct duplexes. She stated staff recommended expanding the rezoning request administratively to additional lots to avoid spot zoning and to encourage developer-friendly redevelopment in an area that is largely vacant.

James stated the surrounding zoning was R1 to the east, south, and west and C5 to the north near Lee Boulevard and the proposed structures are duplexes. She stated the City Planning Commission recommended approval by a 7–0 vote and that notice was mailed to 43 property owners within 300 feet and published in the paper.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.
Scarlet Russell stated he lived in the Lawton View area and asked what the criteria would be for residents to obtain housing in the duplexes and whether they were intended for local constituents. He stated residents had not heard details about who the housing was being built for.

James responded that the development is a private project and that the City's role was limited to processing the rezoning request. She stated the developer had built multiple duplexes in the area, that they sell quickly, and that the developer's stated goal was to provide affordable housing with a smaller footprint, targeting lower to moderate income.

Russell stated they had spoken with the developer and said the developer stated the duplexes were not Section 8. The speaker stated they were told the rent was approximately $1,200 for a one-bedroom and $1,400 for a two-bedroom, and stated they did not believe residents in the area could afford those rates. The speaker also stated they observed many out-of-state license plates and felt newer residents from outside Oklahoma may be moving into the units.

Timothy Loftess stated he believed people in the neighborhood were not being paid fair value for their properties and said some properties were being purchased for amounts such as $250 or $200. He stated he believed this was unjust, particularly for families who have lived in the area for generations. He referenced his mother’s family home being torn down and stated she did not receive benefits related to that property. Loftess stated he believed his mother’s lot was worth more than what he said buyers were willing to pay and acknowledged that negotiations are between property owners and the developer.
PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Williams stated she had received constituent concerns and wanted more information, including the cost of duplexes and why units were two-bedroom rather than three-bedroom.

James stated the City does not typically inquire into that type of information as part of the rezoning process and explained that the proposal included a binding site plan, meaning the developer would be required to follow the approved plan unless the plan was revised through a new public hearing and formal process.

Motion by Sherene L Williams to table the item to the second meeting in December 2025.

Ratliff stated he had concerns about delaying the item for several months, explaining that the information had already been presented to the City Planning Commission and that postponing could negatively impact economic development efforts. He stated the questions being asked were unlikely to change by delaying the rezoning decision and emphasized that the project was a private development involving private property and private business decisions. Ratliff stated the rezoning does not change existing R1 homeowners’ rights because uses allowed in R1 remain allowed under R2, and the rezoning simply allows additional housing types.

Mayor Pro Tem Warren noted that his concern is that this is a private developer that purchased private property from a private individual that's going to build a private home that they will either rent out or sell to somebody else. He stated all of that is totally their prerogative and it doesn't have anything to do with what any of the neighbors want or think.

James noted that everything that is allowed in R2 is also allowed under R1.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion by Randy Warren, Second by Lane Hooton, to approve the ordinance, waive the reading of the ordinance, and ready the title only.

City Attorney read the Title:
AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE EXISTING ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE

R1 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO R2 FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT ZONING CLASSIFICATION ON THE TRACT OF LAND WHICH IS HERE AND AFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE HEREOF AND AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO BE MADE UPON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

MOTION ON VOTE: AYE: Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: George Gill, Sherene L Williams. Motion Failed.

No additional motions were made, so no action took place.

42. Consider holding a public hearing and considering an ordinance for a change of zoning for the property located on the south side of SW NH Jones Avenue between SW 18th Street and SW 19th Street, and the property located on the north side of SW Douglas Avenue between SW 18th Street and SW 19th Street, which is the entire Block 62, Lawton View Addition, from the R-1 Single-Family Dwelling District to R-2 Two-Family Dwelling District zoning classification, and take action as deemed necessary.

Christine James, Planning Director, stated this was another rezoning application from Builder’s Investment Group for Lots 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 26, and 27 of Block 62 in the Lawton View Edition. She stated staff again recommended an administrative rezoning of additional lots to encourage redevelopment and consistency. She stated the City Planning Commission recommended approval 7–0 and that notices were mailed to 49 property owners and published in the paper.

Williams asked whether there were any objections, and James responded that there were no calls for or against and no opposition at the City Planning Commission meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.
Williams asked if the area was near Dunbar School and James replied it was the block just west of the Dunbar School site.
PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Williams stated she needed more information due to constituent concerns and asked that the item be brought back later.

Motion by Sherene L Williams, Second by George Gill, to table to December 9, 2025. AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Sherene L Williams, Lane Hooton. NAY: Bob Weger, Randy Warren. Motion Passed.

43. Consider holding a public hearing and considering an ordinance for a change of zoning for the property located at 1420 NW 67th Street, Lawton, from C-1, Local Commercial District to C-4, Tourist Commercial District zoning

classification, and take action as deemed necessary.

Christine James, Planning Director, stated the rezoning request was submitted by Smooth Sailing Properties Services LLC to change zoning from C1 to C4 to allow development of a short-term rental complex with amenities. She described existing site conditions including a house and a large gym and described planned changes including an additional building and conversion of the gym space into amenities for short-term residents. She stated the City Planning Commission recommended approval 7–0 and described notice requirements.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED. No one appeared to speak. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve Ordinance 25-54, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

City Attorney read the title: ORDINANCE 25-54
AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE EXISTING ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE C1 LOCAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C4 TOURIST COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ZONING CLASSIFICATION ON THE TRACT OF LAND WHICH IS HERE AND AFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE HEREOF AND AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO BE MADE UPON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

44. Consider approving a resolution declaring the intent to consider approval of a proposed major amendment to the Downtown Economic Development Project Plan and proposed tax increment districts under the Local Development Act; directing preparation of a proposed Third Amended Downtown Economic Development Project Plan; reconvening the review committee; directing the review committee to make findings as to eligibility and financial impact, if any, on taxing jurisdictions within the districts; directing the review committee to make a recommendation with respect to the proposed Third Amended Downtown Project Plan; and directing the Planning Commission to make a recommendation with respect to the proposed Third Amended Downtown Economic Development Project Plan.

Richard Rogalski, LEDA Executive Director, explained the City has two active Local Development Act project plans: the STEDI plan and the Downtown Economic Development Project Plan originally adopted in 2006. He described the creation of TIF 1 in 2006 and TIF 2 in 2010 and referenced the Town Center area and related developments. Rogalski stated the City was working through due diligence related to a grocery store purchase and sale agreement for a long-vacant parcel (Lot 8) and said the amendment would update the project plan, update budgets to reflect current costs, and revise the project area. Rogalski stated the amendment would remove certain long-vacant lots from TIF 2 to “start them over again” without adding new area to the district. He also stated the proposal expands the project area (where money may be spent) to include Elmer Thomas Park, Central Middle School, and Lawton High School, and stated it adds a provision for STEM funding (10%) for any new TIF districts activated after adoption. He clarified that the proposed amendment does not affect TIF One or TIF Two.Rogalski stated that the change would apply only to any new TIF districts activated after adoption of the amendment, which would include a provision dedicating 10 percent of new TIF revenues to STEM funding, consistent with other adopted economic development plans.

Rogalski emphasized that the action before Council was procedural in nature and stated that Council was not approving a final project plan at this time. He explained that the purpose of the item was to initiate the formal review process, including the establishment of the required review committee.

Rogalski explained that the review committee would be composed of representatives from Comanche County, the Comanche County Health Department, Great Plains Technology Center, Lawton Public Schools, and one City Council representative, who would serve as the chair of the committee. Rogalski stated that the Council representative serving as chair would submit a list of seven potential community members, from which the review committee would select three additional members to complete the committee.

Rogalski stated that the review committee would be responsible for reviewing the proposed third amended downtown economic development project plan and making findings regarding eligibility and financial impact, as well as issuing a recommendation to the City Council. He reiterated that the Council’s action at this stage was limited to starting the process and allowing the required review steps to move forward.

Rogalski concluded by stating that the background information was provided to ensure Council understood the intent and scope of the action being taken.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve Resolution 25-256. AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

45. Approve the installation of “deaf child” signs at 816 NW 49th street.

Michael Watrous, Public Works Director, presented a request from a citizen to install a “deaf child” warning sign at 816 NW 49th Street. NAME noted the location is in Ward 3 and that Councilwoman Chapman was not present. He stated staff recommended disapproval, referencing studies and information previously provided to Council indicating that specialized warning signs are typically more dangerous to citizens than not having them at all.

Gill asked whether staff had discussed this specific request with Councilwoman

Chapman following the prior presentation. Watrous responded that staff had not discussed this particular item with her and confirmed she was unaware.

Hampton asked what remedy or options were available to the citizen if the sign request was denied, and whether the family would essentially be “on their own.” Watrous responded that if the request were denied, then yes, the family would be without the sign, but clarified that the matter remained within Council’s discretion and Council could still approve installation of the sign.

Councilmember Hampton asked again what options citizens have in situations like this. Watrous stated that the current remedy being requested is installation of these types of “deaf child” signs, but noted it is not recommended by the legal office for citizens to install their own signs. He explained the two primary options are either the City installs the sign or the citizen installs a sign, and indicated that neither option was viewed as a great idea based on the information provided.

Hampton commented that families in these situations are concerned about a child playing outside and potentially being struck by a vehicle and that the intent is to alert drivers.

Hampton asked whether the location was near or across from vo-tech and stated he sometimes gets confused by street numbers. Watrous offered a small map for reference, and Hampton reviewed it.

Gill asked whether the topic of deaf-child signs had been discussed at the Traffic Commission meeting and, if so, what recommendation had been made.

Watrous responded that it was discussed at Traffic Commission. He stated Traffic Commission recommended providing the presentation to Council and then adding language to Council Policy 10-5 (which had been approved on the consent agenda) to include a statement, but noted the final decision on whether to install the sign still rests with City Council.

Gill stated he remembered the prior discussion and indicated he wanted to approve installation of the sign, noting he would do so on behalf of Councilwoman Chapman since she was not present.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Sherene L Williams, to approve the installation of a "deaf child" sign at 816 NW 49th Street. AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren. NAY: Lane Hooton. Motion Passed.

46. Consider approving an ordinance modifying Section 2-3-11-371, Division 2-3-11, Article 2-3, Chapter 2, Lawton City Code, 2015, pertaining to Boards, Commissions, and Committees by establishing that members of the Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee nominated by elected officials

shall serve terms that run concurrent with the nominating official; once all members are synced with the nominating official, terms shall be for a period of three (3) years; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Sherene L Williams, to approve Ordinance 25-55, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

City Attorney read the title: ORD 25-55
AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 2-3-11-371, DIVISION 2-3-11, ARTICLE 2-3, CHAPTER 2, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, PERTAINING TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES BY ESTABLISHING THAT MEMBERS OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SHALL SERVE TERMS THAT RUN CONCURRENT WITH THE NOMINATING OFFICIAL; ONCE ALL MEMBERS ARE SYNCED WITH THE NOMINATING OFFICIAL, TERMS SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

47. Consider approving an ordinance modifying Section 2-3-2-312, Division 2-3-2, Article 2-3, Chapter 2, Lawton City Code, 2015, pertaining to Boards, Commissions, and Committees by establishing that members of the City Planning Commission nominated by elected officials shall serve terms that run concurrent with the nominating official; once all members are synced with the nominating official, terms shall be for a period of three (3) years; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve Ordinance 25-56, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

City Attorney read the title: ORDINANCE 25-56
AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 2-3-2-312, DIVISION 2-3-2, ARTICLE 2-3, CHAPTER 2, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, PERTAINING TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES BY ESTABLISHING THAT MEMBERS OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOMINATED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SHALL SERVE TERMS THAT RUN CONCURRENT WITH THE NOMINATING OFFICIAL; ONCE ALL MEMBERS ARE SYNCED WITH THE NOMINATING OFFICIAL, TERMS SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

48. Consider approving an ordinance amending Section 2-3-13-383, Division 2-3-

13, Article 2-3, Chapter 2, Lawton City Code, 2015, pertaining to Boards, Commissions, and Committees by establishing that members of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women shall serve terms that run concurrent with the nominating official; allowing for staggering alignment of mayoral appointments until 2028; establishing all subsequent terms shall be for a three (3) year period; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve Ordinance 25-57, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title.

The City Attorney read the title: ORDINANCE 25-57
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-3-13-383, DIVISION 2-3-13, ARTICLE 2-3, CHAPTER 2, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, PERTAINING TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES BY ESTABLISHING THAT MEMBERS OF THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN SHALL SERVE TERMS THAT RUN CONCURRENT WITH THE NOMINATING OFFICIAL; ALLOWING FOR STAGGERING ALIGNMENT OF MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS UNTIL 2028; ESTABLISHING ALL SUBSEQUENT TERMS SHALL BE FOR A THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

49. Consider approving an ordinance amending Section 2-3-10-367, Division 2-3-10, Article 2-3, Chapter 2, Lawton City Code, 2015, pertaining to Boards, Commissions, and Committees by establishing that members of the Parks and Recreation Commission nominated by elected officials shall serve terms that run concurrent with the nominating official; once all members are synced with the nominating official terms shall be for a period of three (3) years; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve Ordinance 25-58, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

The City Attorney read the title: ORDINANCE 25-58
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-3-10-367, DIVISION 2-3-10, ARTICLE 2-3, CHAPTER 2, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, PERTAINING TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES BY ESTABLISHING THAT MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION NOMINATED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SHALL SERVE TERMS THAT RUN CONCURRENT WITH THE NOMINATING OFFICIAL; ONCE ALL MEMBERS ARE SYNCED WITH THE NOMINATING OFFICIAL TERMS SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

50. Consider approving an ordinance amending Section 2-3-20-404, Division 2-3-20, Article 2-3, Chapter 2, Lawton City Code, 2015, pertaining to Boards, Commissions, and Committees by establishing that members of the Veteran Affairs Committee nominated by elected officials shall serve terms that run concurrent with the nominating official; once all members are synced with the nominating official, terms shall be for a period of three (3) years; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve Ordinance 25-59, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

The City Attorney read the title: ORDINANCE 25-59
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-3-20-404, DIVISION 2-3-20, ARTICLE 2-3, CHAPTER 2, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, PERTAINING TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES BY ESTABLISHING THAT MEMBERS OF THE VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE NOMINATED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SHALL SERVE TERMS THAT RUN CONCURRENT WITH THE NOMINATING OFFICIAL; ONCE ALL MEMBERS ARE SYNCED WITH THE NOMINATING OFFICIAL, TERMS SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Staff Reports

51. Receive a presentation and consider approval for a resolution authorizing a City-Wide No-Cart-November event.

Michael Watrous, Public Works Director, presented the annual “No Cart November” event and requested approval of a resolution declaring November as No Cart November Month. He explained that the event would follow the same guidelines as the previous year and would allow citizens to place shopping carts in the City right-of-way similar to bulk waste placement, with carts to be collected according to the bulk waste pickup schedule.

Watrous explained that, due to Thanksgiving, the last week of the month would be spread over a two-week period, and the carts would not count toward the normal four cubic yards allowed for bulky waste pickup. Watrous stated carts must be empty, and if carts were full they would be treated as out of compliance. Watrous also noted there would be no cost to citizens, and residents could call the Solid Waste Division if carts were missed for their scheduled week.

Watrous stated that recovered carts would be stored behind the Public Works Yard and would be available for owners to claim through January 31, 2026, after which unclaimed carts would be treated as waste and disposed of accordingly.

Watrous advised that staff anticipated this would likely be the last No Cart November because a shopping cart ordinance was being prepared for consideration in mid-November, pending a favorable legal review. When asked for the specific meeting date, he stated staff was not prepared to provide an exact date but confirmed it would be mid-November.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve Resolution 25-257. AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Executive Session

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

The City Council entered Executive Session at 7:38PM and reconvened in Open Session at 8:12PM. No action was taken in Executive Session, in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.

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

52. 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, Jose Arciniega and Dante Guzman v City of Lawton and Clear Creek Development, LLC, Case number CIV-24-1039-HE, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by Sherene L Williams, to approve Resolution 25-258 authorizing a settlement agreement in the amount of $71,000.00 pursuant to the terms set forth in the resolution and settlement agreement, including the placement of judgment on the sinking fund. AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

53. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss an action relating to litigation against Settling Defendants and other defendants, which actions are currently pending in the multi-district litigation styled, In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873 (D.S.C.) (the “MDL”) and Case No. 2:23-cv-03230, to resolve claims relating to PFAS contamination, and if

necessary, take action in open session.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Bob Weger, to a proposed individual plaintiff property damage fact sheet, specifically pertaining to the lawton municipal airport, and authorized the acting city attorney to execute the same. AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Audience Participation

Lawton citizens who have completed a Request to Speak Form and wish to address business not listed on the agenda may step forward at this time.

To ensure compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, the Mayor and Council will receive comments but will NOT engage in direct responses. However, they may refer matters to the appropriate department or individual for further consideration and follow-up action.

To participate, speakers must submit a Request to Speak Form to the City Clerk and reside within the Lawton city limits. Each speaker is allotted 3 minutes, with a maximum of 9 minutes per topic, and Audience Participation is limited to 30 minutes total. All participants are expected to follow the Rules of Decorum as outlined in Council Policy 1-6.

Mayor Pro Tem Warren called for Aline Millard, but she was not present.

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 Sherene L Williams, Second by George Gill, to adjourn. AYE: George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.