



City of Lawton

City Council

Minutes

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

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

3:00 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 Stanley Booker with invocation led by Bob Weger followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Councilman - Ward 1 Lane Hooton
Councilwoman - Ward 3 Linda Chapman
Councilman - Ward 4 George Gill
Councilman - Ward 5 Allan Hampton
Councilman - Ward 6 Bob Weger
Councilwoman - Ward 7 Sherene L Williams

Absent:

Councilman - Ward 8 Randy Warren
Councilman - Ward 2 Taron Epps

Also Present:

Stanley Booker, Mayor
John Ratliff, City Manager
Timothy Wilson, Interim City Attorney
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk
Julia Mantzke, City Council Relations Liaison

Business Items

1. 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.

Mayor Booker explained he had this stricken from the last agenda due to a misunderstanding over the \$14,300.00. He thought it was coming from the CIP Fund, but it was actually coming from fees collected for the applications to hunt elk. He stated the \$30 million is from the last loan.

Ratliff stated the \$30 million is for the Animal Welfare Center, the library, streets, the museum, and all the other projects that were discussed at length throughout this process.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Linda Chapman, to approve Resolution 25-259. AYE: Lane Hooton, Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Executive Session

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

The City Council entered Executive Session at 3:02 PM and reconvened in Open Session at 3:29PM. No action was taken in Executive Session, in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Linda Chapman, Second by Allan Hampton, to reconvene in open session. AYE: Lane Hooton, Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

2. Pursuant to Section 307(B)(1), Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the vacant position of City Attorney and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Motion by Bob Weger, Second by Allan Hampton, to direct the City Manager to negotiate with Jari Askins for employment as the Interim City Attorney as an independent contractor until such time as a permanent replacement can be found. Tim Wilson will revert back to his prior position as Deputy City Attorney. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Adjournment

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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 Bob Weger, to adjourn the meeting of October 22, 2025. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:33PM.