



City of Lawton

City Council

Minutes

Lawton City Hall
212 SW 9th Street
Lawton, Oklahoma
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Tuesday, July 14, 2026

5:00 PM

Lawton City Hall
Wayne Gilley Auditorium

Meeting Called to Order

"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.

Roll Call

Present:

Councilman- Ward 1 Lane Hooton
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

Absent:

Councilman - Ward 8 Randy Warren

Also Present:

Stanley Booker, Mayor
John Ratliff, City Manager
Jari Askins, Interim City Attorney
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk

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.

Motion by Bob Weger, Second by Lane Hooton, to approve the consent agenda as presented with the exception of pulling Item 4. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby

Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

1. Consider approving a request from the property owner for additional time to remodel the structure located at 204 SW 16th Street, per Section 6-1-1-108 Paragraph D of Lawton City Code, 2025, which states after 180 days the property will go back to City Council for specific authorization by the Council.
2. Consider approving a request from the property owner for additional time to remodel the structure located at 2702 NW Denver Avenue, per Section 6-1-1-108 Paragraph D of Lawton City Code, 2025, which states after 180 days the property will go back to City Council for specific authorization by the Council.
3. Consider approving a request from the property owner for additional time to remodel the structure located at 206 SW Park Avenue, per Section 6-1-1-108 Paragraph D of Lawton City Code, 2025, which states after 180 days the property will go back to City Council for specific authorization by the Council.
4. Consider determining the actual costs of the dismantling and removal of dilapidated buildings and other expenses that may be necessary in conjunction with same by approving invoices for demolition of properties as required by Oklahoma State Statute, Title 11 §22-112.4 for properties located at 1410 SW Park Avenue, 1618 SW New York Avenue, 1903 SW Monroe Avenue 906 SW Jefferson Avenue, and 3115 NW Kinyon Avenue.

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, explained that the item represented the final demolition costs presented to the Council after the demolition work had been completed. He stated that the costs included landfill tipping fees, contractor demolition and abatement charges, and filing fees required as part of the demolition process.

Weger asked why there was such a significant variance in the landfill tipping fees between the properties.

Jernigan explained that the cost differences were primarily based on the type of construction materials. He stated that brick homes are significantly heavier than wood-frame structures, resulting in higher landfill tipping fees because the debris is weighed upon disposal. He further explained that brick structures also require more time and

effort to demolish, increasing the contractor's demolition costs.

Weger noted that the property on SW New York Avenue reflected approximately \$4,800 in tipping fees, while the highest of the other properties was approximately \$2,500, and asked if the difference was due to the structure being constructed of brick.

Jernigan confirmed that the SW New York Avenue property was a brick home and stated that this was the reason for the higher costs.

Brown asked whether the cost of capping utilities was included in the demolition expenses.

Jernigan confirmed that utility capping costs were included in the final demolition costs presented to the Council.

Hooton asked for clarification regarding the term "tipping fee."

Jernigan explained that "tipping fee" is the common term used for the landfill disposal fee charged when demolition debris is delivered to the landfill.

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

Unfinished Business

5. Consider adopting a resolution declaring the structures located at 1112 SW Dr Charles W Whitlow Avenue, to be dilapidated pursuant to Division 6-5-1 Lawton City Code, ordering the owner to abate the nuisance, authorizing summary abatement, and authorizing the City Attorney to commence legal action in District Court to abate the nuisance.

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, advised the Council that the property located at 1112 SW Dr. Charles W. Whitlow Avenue had previously been presented to the Council on May 12, 2026. He reported that staff was recommending no action on the proposed resolution because significant improvements had been made to the structure.

Jernigan referenced photographs of the property and noted that the owner had installed new windows, new siding, a new roof, new doors, and new trim, demonstrating substantial progress toward rehabilitating the structure.

Mayor Booker asked if there were any questions from the Council. There were none.

Mayor Booker noted the Council's consensus to take no action

Business Items

6. Consider a request from the property owner for additional time to remodel the structure located at 1006 SW 6th Street, per Section 6-1-1-108 Paragraph D of Lawton City Code, 2025, which states after 180 days the property will go back to City Council for specific authorization by the Council.

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, presented the request for an additional 180-day extension to remodel the structure located at 1006 SW 6th Street. He advised the Council that staff was recommending denial of the extension request.

Jernigan reported that water and sewer service to the property had been inactive since January 18, 2017, and noted that the property had previously come before the Council on January 13, 2026. He stated that staff had spoken with the property owner, who acknowledged that no work had been performed on the structure since that time.

Jernigan displayed current photographs of the property and compared them to the photographs previously presented to the Council. He advised that the structure continued to exhibit roof damage, damaged siding, broken and missing windows, and missing doors, with no visible progress having been made toward rehabilitation.

Mayor Booker stated that the staff recommendation was to deny the requested extension.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by Bob Weger, to deny the request for additional time to remodel the structure located at 1006 SW 6th Street. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

7. Consider holding a public hearing and adopting a resolution declaring the structure and all secondary structures on the property located at 906 SW 17th Street, 1501 SW Pennsylvania Avenue, 1602 SW A Avenue (Secondary Structure), 1903 SW F Avenue, 2312 SW H Avenue, 2507 SW C Avenue, 2747 SW G Avenue (Secondary Structure), 3303 NW Cache Road, 3401 NW Oak Avenue, 3403 NW Oak Avenue, to be dilapidated pursuant to Division 6-5-1 Lawton City Code, ordering the owner to abate the nuisance, authorizing summary abatement, and authorizing the City Attorney to commence legal action in District Court to abate the nuisance.

2312 SW H Avenue

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, presented the staff report. He advised that water and sewer service to the property had been inactive since November 23, 2013. Jernigan stated that the structure no longer had walls and was in danger of collapsing. He further reported that the property owner had begun demolishing the structure without first obtaining the required demolition permit. Notice had been posted on the property in accordance with state statute on July 1, 2026, and, as of that morning, no demolition permit had been obtained.

Mayor Booker asked if there were any questions from the Council. There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Gerald Leech, property owner, stated that he was in the process of demolishing the structure himself with the assistance of friends. He advised that the upper portion of the structure had already been removed and that only the floor and framing remained. He explained that he worked full-time and was completing the demolition after work as time allowed.

Mayor Booker asked Jernigan whether a demolition permit was required even when a property owner performed the demolition work personally.

Jernigan confirmed that a demolition permit was still required regardless of who performed the work.

Mayor Booker asked for staff's recommendation.

Jernigan stated that staff continued to recommend declaring the structure dilapidated and placing it on the demolition and abatement list until the structure was either brought into compliance with City Code or completely demolished.

Mayor Booker asked what would be required if the owner intended to continue with demolition.

Jernigan explained that the owner would have 30 business days to obtain the required demolition permit. Before the permit could be issued, the owner would need to obtain the necessary utility clearances. Once the permit was issued, demolition could proceed.

Mayor Booker asked if anyone else wished to speak on the item.

Mr. Leech asked whether he would still need to contact the utility companies since utility service had been disconnected from the property for many years.

Mayor Booker advised Mr. Leech that those requirements were part of the permit process and directed him to work with Jernigan to complete them.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Hampton stated that he had personally visited the property and observed that only the

floor remained.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by Bob Weger, to approve Resolution 26-168 declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set for in the resolution. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

2747 SW G Avenue (Secondary Structure)

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, reported that the property had an active water account. He stated that the secondary structure exhibited damaged siding, damaged roofing, broken trim, and broken windows and doors. He advised that notice had been posted on the property on July 1, 2026, in accordance with state statute, and that, as of that morning, no permits had been obtained.

Mayor Booker asked if there were any questions from the Council. There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Bernice Fischer stated that she was surprised by the photographs presented, explaining that she had only seen a Zillow photograph showing the front of the property and believed the condition shown in the presentation was limited to the detached garage or secondary structure.

Ms. Fischer explained that ownership of the property was currently in dispute. Speaking on behalf of herself and Manuel Campos, she stated that Mr. Campos had entered into an agreement in 2022 to purchase the property from Frank and Virginia Crispen for \$20,000 and had paid approximately \$18,000 over the past three years while renting the property. She stated that the sellers had not completed the transfer of ownership and that she had recently prepared and submitted purchase and disclosure documents to U.S. Bank to determine the remaining mortgage balance, which she said was approximately \$9,300.

Mayor Booker advised Ms. Fischer that the ownership dispute was not the matter before the Council. He explained that the issue under consideration was the condition of the secondary structure and the public safety concerns it presented.

Ms. Fischer stated that she and Mr. Campos wanted to repair the structure but had been unable to do so because of the unresolved ownership issues. When asked by Mayor Booker whether she intended to repair the structure shown in the photographs, Ms. Fischer responded that she had repaired structures in worse condition.

Mayor Booker explained that, based on the photographs, he believed the Council would likely declare the secondary structure a dilapidated nuisance. He emphasized that only the secondary structure, and not the primary residence, was under consideration. He further explained that, if the resolution were adopted, the owner would have 30

business days to obtain the necessary permit and begin repairs.

Ms. Fischer stated that she had hoped to receive an extension because the parties anticipated entering escrow that week.

Mayor Booker responded that the Council would determine the appropriate action but reiterated that the purpose of the proceeding was not to order immediate demolition. Rather, adoption of the resolution would begin the process requiring the owner to obtain a permit and either repair or remove the structure within the prescribed timeframes.

Ms. Fischer expressed concern that the structure might be demolished before she and Mr. Campos completed the purchase of the property.

Hampton assured her that the City was not immediately tearing down the structure and explained that the owner would have approximately 30 business days, or roughly 45 calendar days, to obtain a permit.

At Hampton's request, Jernigan explained that, once a permit was obtained through the dilapidated structure process, the property owner would receive an initial 90-day permit with the opportunity for one additional 90-day extension, providing up to six months to complete the required work.

Hampton advised Ms. Fischer that demonstrating continued progress on the repairs to Jernigan would be important throughout the process.

Hampton then asked Manuel Campos if he intended to begin repairs promptly once the ownership paperwork was completed. Mr. Campos confirmed that he did. Ms. Fischer reiterated that they preferred to wait until the escrow closing before obtaining permits or making repairs to avoid investing in improvements before ownership was finalized. She stated that they anticipated closing the transaction within approximately one week.

Hampton responded that, if the closing occurred as anticipated, there should be adequate time to obtain the necessary permit and complete the repairs. He again confirmed with Mr. Campos that he intended to begin the work promptly following the closing, and Mr. Campos answered in the affirmative.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by Bob Weger, to approve Resolution 26-170 declaring the secondary structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set for in the resolution. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

3303 NW Cache Road

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, reported that water and sewer service to the property had been inactive since March 9, 2026. He

advised that the date of the fire that damaged the structure was unknown. Jernigan stated that the structure had damaged roofing, damaged siding, broken windows and doors, and smoke damage throughout. He further advised that notice had been posted on the property on July 1, 2026, in accordance with state statute, and that no permits had been obtained as of that morning.

Jernigan informed the Council that the property owner had contacted staff and advised that the property was under contract for sale. He noted that the property owner was present at the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Rocky Taylor, property owner, stated that he had already sold the property and was scheduled to sign the closing documents with the purchaser, Mr. Owens, the following day. He explained that he had continued maintaining the property by mowing the grass, controlling weeds, removing trash, boarding the windows, and checking on the property daily. Mr. Taylor requested a brief extension, explaining that the purchaser had already obtained an estimate of approximately \$12,800 to demolish the structure and intended to proceed with demolition immediately after the sale closed.

Mayor Booker asked Jernigan for staff's recommendation.

Jernigan recommended that the matter be tabled until the August 11, 2026, City Council meeting, the first meeting in August, to allow time for the property sale to be completed.

Mayor Booker asked if anyone else wished to speak on the item or if the Council had any questions. There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by Lane Hooton, Second by Taron Epps, to table to August 11, 2026. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

3401 NW Oak Avenue

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, advised that a new water and sewer account had been established for the property on July 8, 2026. Jernigan reported that the structure sustained a fire in the kitchen area on June 14, 2024, and that staff had received complaints regarding vagrants entering the property through broken doors and windows. He stated that notice had been posted on the property on July 1, 2026, in accordance with state statute, and that no permits had been obtained as of that morning. Jernigan further advised that the property was under contract for sale and recommended tabling the item until August 11, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Pam Marion, property owner, stated that she purchased the property near the end of 2024 with the intention of remodeling it for resale or as a rental property. She explained

that she later learned the bank owned the vacant property adjacent to hers and had approached them regarding a larger redevelopment project involving both properties. Although those discussions initially did not move forward, she later contacted the bank about marketing the two properties together because she believed rehabilitating only one of the homes would not adequately address the ongoing problems in the area.

Ms. Marion stated that, while the home was not in poor condition when she purchased it, it had deteriorated after sitting vacant for several months due to repeated break-ins and vandalism despite her efforts to secure the structure by boarding it up. She advised that she ultimately found an investor willing to purchase both properties and that they had been under contract since June 11, 2026. Although the closing had been delayed, she stated that discussions with the bank indicated everything was progressing and that she expected the transaction to close before the end of the month.

Ms. Marion asked the Council to allow additional time so the purchaser could remodel the home rather than demolish it. She stated that rehabilitating the property would improve the neighborhood, provide housing for a family, and return the property to the tax rolls.

Mayor Booker noted that staff had recommended tabling the matter until August 11, 2026, and asked if anyone else wished to speak. There were no additional speakers.

Brown asked Ms. Marion whether tabling the matter until August 11 would provide sufficient time to complete the sale and allow the new owner to obtain the necessary permits.

Ms. Marion responded that she believed it would.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Brown stated that he supported tabling the item but recommended extending the table date to the September 8, 2026, City Council meeting rather than August 11. He explained that the additional time would allow the property sale to close, provide the new owner an opportunity to obtain the required permits, and allow the Council to evaluate the progress that had been made.

Before the motion, Brown asked Jernigan whether utilities had been restored to both properties involved in the sale or only the subject property.

Jernigan clarified that the active utilities were for 3401 NW Oak Avenue only.

Motion by Kirby Brown, Second by Allan Hampton, to table to September 8, 2026. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

3403 NW Oak Avenue

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, advised that

water and sewer service to the property had been inactive since July 13, 2018. Jernigan reported that the structure had damaged roofing, damaged trim, broken windows, and a broken door. He stated that staff had also received complaints regarding vagrants at the property. Notice had been posted on the property on July 1, 2026, in accordance with state statute, and no permits had been obtained as of that morning. Jernigan further advised that the property was under contract for sale and recommended tabling the matter until August 11, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Brett Tamoodi confirmed that the property was under contract with a reputable contractor and was scheduled to close on July 31, 2026. He stated that the purchaser intended to rehabilitate the home and return it to good condition.

Brown asked Mr. Tamoodi whether tabling the item until August 11 would provide sufficient time to complete the transaction or whether the same schedule proposed for the previous property, September 8, would be more appropriate.

Mr. Tamoodi responded that he would appreciate following the same schedule as the previous property and having the matter tabled until September 8.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by Kirby Brown, Second by Allan Hampton, to table to September 8, 2026. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

1501 SW Pennsylvania Avenue

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, advised that water and sewer service to the property had been inactive since December 10, 2025. Jernigan reported that the structure had sustained fire damage, with the first fire occurring on December 30, 2025. He stated that the structure exhibited extensive fire damage, damaged roofing, damaged siding, damaged trim, broken windows and doors, and had become a location for vagrant activity. Jernigan advised that notice had been posted on the property on June 1, 2026, in accordance with state statute, and that no permits had been obtained as of that morning.

Mayor Booker asked if there were any questions from the Council. There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Nina Robinson stated that she had been residing at the property. She explained that the home had belonged to her mother-in-law and had passed to her husband upon her mother-in-law's death. Following her husband's death approximately one year earlier, however, the property had not gone through probate.

Ms. Robinson stated that she had sought assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs because she was unfamiliar with the probate process. She explained that insurance coverage had not been what her husband believed it to be, which had

delayed addressing the property. She further stated that the unresolved probate proceedings had created additional complications, as the VA was attempting to work with her late husband's sisters regarding the disposition of the property but had been unable to obtain the necessary responses.

Ms. Robinson stated that she had contacted the VA again that day regarding assistance with replacing the residence. She also explained that she had not restored water service because the structure had no water lines and had been repeatedly entered by vagrants, who had removed wiring and plumbing from the home. As a result, she believed restoring water service would be impractical.

Mayor Booker asked whether probate proceedings had been initiated.

Ms. Robinson responded that the VA had been communicating with her late husband's sisters regarding the property, but she understood they had not been providing the information necessary to move the process forward. She stated that, although she had lived in the home with her husband since before his mother's death and believed she had an interest in the property, she was uncertain how to proceed. She reiterated that the VA was assisting her and identified Dr. Sherry as her primary point of contact.

Mayor Booker advised Ms. Robinson that the Council would take a moment to confer with the City Attorney regarding the situation.

Following a brief discussion between the City Attorney and Ms. Robinson, Mayor Booker thanked Ms. Robinson for appearing before the Council and asked if anyone else wished to speak on the item. There were no additional speakers.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by Sherene L Williams, Second by Kirby Brown, to table to September 8, 2026. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

906 SW 17th Street

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services advised that water and sewer service to the property had been inactive since April 8, 2015. Jernigan reported that the structure had damaged roofing, damaged siding, broken trim, and broken windows. He stated that notice had been posted on the property on July 1, 2026, in accordance with state statute. As of that morning, a demolition permit application had been submitted and was awaiting payment of the required fees. Jernigan explained that the necessary utility clearances had already been obtained and that staff was awaiting the contractor to complete the permitting process so demolition could proceed.

Jernigan recommended that the structure remain on the d&d list to ensure that it was either demolished or brought into compliance with City Code.

Public Hearing Opened. No one appeared to speak. Public Hearing Closed.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by None, to approve Resolution 26-165 declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set for in the resolution. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

1602 SW A Avenue (Secondary Structure)

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, reported that the primary structure on the property had an active water account. He advised that the secondary structure had damaged roofing, damaged siding, broken trim, and broken doors and windows. Jernigan stated that notice had been posted on the property on July 1, 2026, in accordance with state statute, and that no permits had been obtained as of that morning.

Public Hearing Opened. No one appeared to speak. Public Hearing Closed.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by Bob Weger, to approve Resolution 26-166 declaring the secondary structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set for in the resolution. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

1903 SW F Avenue

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, reported that water and sewer service to the property had been inactive since January 11, 2024. He advised that the structure had damaged roofing, damaged siding, and damaged trim. Jernigan stated that notice had been posted on the property on July 1, 2026, in accordance with state statute. As of that morning, a demolition permit application had been submitted and was awaiting utility clearances.

Jernigan recommended that the structure remain on the d&d list.

Public Hearing Opened. No one appeared to speak. Public Hearing Closed.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by Bob Weger, to approve Resolution 26-167 declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set for in the resolution. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

2507 SW C Avenue

Jonathan Jernigan, Division of Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services, reported that water and sewer service to the property had been inactive since May 20, 2026. He advised that the structure had damaged siding and damaged trim. Jernigan stated that

staff had received multiple complaints regarding vagrant activity at the property and noted that there was also a secondary structure located on the property. He further advised that notice had been posted on the property on July 1, 2026, in accordance with state statute, and that no permits had been obtained as of that morning.

Public Hearing Opened. No one appeared to speak. Public Hearing Closed.

Motion by Kirby Brown, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve Resolution 26-169 declaring the structures on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set for in the resolution. AYE: Lane Hooton, Taron Epps, Kirby Brown, Tiffiney Dimery, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Following consideration of the dilapidated structure agenda items, Mayor Booker asked Jernigan how many D&D cases were currently in the City's pipeline.

Jernigan stated that he did not have the exact number available but estimated that there were approximately 24 cases currently being processed through the legal system.

Mayor Booker expressed concern that the number of active D&D cases might be affecting the City's ability to address tall grass and weed violations. He remarked that he was seeing a significant amount of tall grass throughout the community and did not want D&D cases to impede mowing and nuisance abatement efforts.

Larry Parks, Community Enrichment Director, explained that the recent weather had contributed to the increase in tall grass and weeds and stated that the primary challenge involved moving the necessary paperwork through the contracting process quickly enough to engage contractors in a timely manner.

Mayor Booker asked whether staff had developed a solution to address the recurring issue.

Parks responded that staff had reassigned personnel to help process the paperwork more quickly in an effort to expedite contracting and improve response times.

Mayor Booker commented that the issue appeared to occur annually despite planning efforts. He stated that, in his opinion, if staff needed to temporarily delay some D&D cases in order to address tall grass and weed abatement, that should be done. He indicated that he believed the Council generally agreed with that approach.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40PM.