



City of Lawton

Lawton Unhoused Trust Authority

Lawton City Hall
212 SW 9th Street
Lawton, Oklahoma
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Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2026

4:00 PM

Lawton City Hall
Wayne Gilley Auditorium

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Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

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1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Allan Hampton at 4:00 PM

2. Roll Call:

Present: Mantzke: Hampton-present; Weger-present; Williams-Present

Quorum was confirmed.

Absent:

N/A

Also Present:

John Ratliff, City Manager

Julia Mantzke, City Council Relations Liaison

Jari Askins, Interim City Attorney

Matina Davis, Citizen

3. Introduction of Attendees

All attendees were acknowledged.

Unfinished Business

1. Consider electing a Slate of Officers for the Lawton Unhoused Trust Authority and take action as deemed necessary.

Hampton: Consider electing a slate of officers for the Lawton Unhoused Trust Authority and take action as deemed necessary.

Hampton: The bylaws state we need a Chair, Vice Chair, and recording secretary.

Williams: I motion for Hampton to be the chair/**Weger:** 2nd motion.

Hampton: We need a Vice Chair as well.

Weger: I motion for Williams to be the Vice Chair

Hampton: I can 2nd that. Are you sure you don't want to be the Vice Chair?

Williams: I would like to be the Vice Chair.

Motion: by Weger, **Second:** by Hampton, Councilman Hampton appointed to Chairman, Councilwoman Williams appointed to Vice Chairman, and Julia appointed to recording secretary. **AYE:** Hampton, Weger, Williams. **NAY:** None **MOTION PASSED**

Business Items

2. Consider approving the minutes of the August 8, 2025 meeting.

Hampton: Consider approving the minutes of the August 8, 2025, meeting.

Motion: by Weger; **Second:** by Hampton. Consider approving the minutes of the August 8, 2025, meeting. **AYE:** Hampton, Weger, Williams. **NAY:** None **MOTION PASSED**

3. Consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton, Lawton Unhoused Trust Authority, and the Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation, governing use of Trust-owned property for a temporary camping and service-support site.

Hampton: Consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton, Lawton Unhoused Trust Authority, and the Salvation Army, A Georgia

Corporation, governing use of Trust-owned property for a temporary camping and service-support site.

Hampton: Does anybody have any questions about the MOU? John, part of this MOU is to ensure the city is protected and the Salvation Army.

Ratliff: Yes

Hampton: And the trust, so there are three entities involved.

Ratliff: Yes, and the city is also providing trash service to the area.

Hampton: Spoke to Captain Brinley about the area, and I don't know if you drove by there, but the area looks good.

Weger: I did drive by there, and it looked good.

Hampton: I spoke to Brinley, and he said his hands were tied about cleaning up the area. He stated that part of the homeless encampments ministry is to clean up. So the Salvation Army has not been doing much over there. That is why I feel we needed an MOU.

Williams: Will Brinley take care of the trashiness of the property?

Hampton: Are you asking if Brinley will take care of the trash? Yes, that is apart of the MOU and originally I thought he was supposed to keep it clean.

Ratliff: he (Brinley) told you he could not keep it clean because he did not have an MOU?

Hampton: He said that due to being under the authority of the Salvation Army, he needed the MOU in place. In order to go in and do the ministry he needed the MOU to allow him to minister on City property. John, I was thankful that you sent people out to cut the trees and bushes down due to people hiding in the bushes on the property. Now you can see the homeless encampment from the road and see whats going on over there. But you can also see the trash, but it looks good now. Does that answer your question?

Williams: Yes

Ratliff: It does say that in the MOU that Brinley (Salvation Army) will be taking care of the upkeep of the property.

Weger: What is the frequency of pickup for the trash dumpster? Is it weekly?

Ratliff: They call us when it's full.

Hampton: I think a part of this is to make some improvements to the encampment. It will allow them to go in and do their ministry on the property.

Ratliff: Yes, the Salvation Army building is in bad shape.

Hampton: There are more tents over there.

Williams: and this is temporary?

Hampton: Brinley's program is for 7 days, and I believe the 7th day is the day of reckoning, which is what I call it. Which is when they decide which program the individual will go through, which the Salvation Army has, drug and alcohol programs, and mental health programs. Some of the programs that Brinley sends them to are not local and they may have to leave the area. With having more control, he can catch criminals and citizens with warrants.

Motion: by Weger, **Second:** by Williams, Motion to accept a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton, Lawton Unhoused Trust Authority, and the Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation, governing use of Trust-owned property for a temporary camping and service-support site. **AYE:** Hampton, Weger, Williams.

NAY: None **MOTION PASSED**

Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM.

Motion: by Hampton, **Second:** by Williams, Motion to adjourn meeting. **AYE:** Hampton, Weger, Williams. **NAY:** None **MOTION PASSED**