



City of Lawton

Parks & Recreation Commission

City Hall
212 SW 9th Street
Lawton, OK
73501

Agenda

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

5:30 PM

Banquet Hall

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Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

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Reports

1. Parks & Recreation Staff
2. Commission Members

Announcement regarding the Election of Officers in January to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Audience Participation

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Unfinished Business

Business Items

3. Consider approving the 2027 Annual Meeting Notice for the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.
4. Consider approving the minutes from the July 7, 2026, regular meeting.

Adjournment

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2027 ANNUAL MEETINGS
NOTICE OF MEETING

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

TYPE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting *	(X)	Rescheduled Regular Meeting***	()
Special Meeting **	()	Continued or Reconvened Meeting	()
Emergency Meeting	()		

First Tuesday Every Other Month, 2027

DATE	TIME	PLACE OF MEETING
Tuesday, January 5, 2027	5:30 PM	City Hall
Tuesday, March 2, 2027		212 SW 9 th Street
Tuesday, May 4, 2027		Lawton, OK 73501
Tuesday, July 6, 2027		Banquet Hall
Tuesday, September 7, 2027		
Tuesday, November 16, 2027 (Due to Council on 11/02/27, 11/09/27)		

To be completed by person filing notice:

Name: Dylan Dunavin
Title: Administrative Assistant II, Parks and Recreation
Address: Owens Center, 1405 SW 11th St, Lawton, OK 73501
Phone: 580-581-3400 ext. 1824

Filed in the office of the municipal clerk at _____ a.m./p.m. on _____.

Signed: _____
Clerk/Deputy Clerk

* The notice and the agenda of the meeting are to be posted at the principal office of the public body (City Hall) or, if there is no principal office, at the location of the meeting at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays legally declared by the State of Oklahoma. (311, #9, Title 25, Okla. Statutes)

** The notice of the special meeting shall be given in writing, in person or by telephone at least 48 hours before the meeting. The notice and the agenda of the special meeting are to be posted at the principal office of the public body (City Hall) or, if there is no principal office, at the location of the meeting at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays legally declared by the State of Oklahoma. (311, #11, Title 25, Okla. Statutes)

*** Notice of any change in the date, time or place of a regularly scheduled meeting shall be given not less than 10 days prior to the implementation of such change. (311, #8, Title 25, Okla. Statutes)



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Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Scott, Mike Pollard, Reginald Fisher (entered at 5:32pm), Dennis Clippinger, Terry Brierton, Reginald Seaton, David Tyler, Blake Munoz (non-voting), Flora Callejas.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vince Cambron, Kelly Harris, Melissa Shelton, Jerry Boone.

STAFF PRESENT: Kelvin Ingram (P&R Deputy Director) , Dylan Dunavin (Recording Admin).

OTHERS PRESENT:

Reports

1. Parks and Recreation Staff

Kelvin Ingram states that Lee West splash pad is still underway and the expectation is the construction could be finished this month. However, it is still to be determined when the splash pad may be opened to the public. Lake Lawtonka is in the process of

obtaining new play equipment. Great Plains park is in phase four of that park's improvement. Wayne Gilley park has new lighting thanks to PSO.

Kelvin Ingram continues that regarding the Lawton Aquatic Center, staffing is still the biggest hurdle we face and we are still taking applications. He reminded the commission that Monday's are maintenance day and the LAC is closed all day on Mondays. In regard to the floatation tubes, roughly 80% of the tubes that we started the season with have been damaged. We are looking into other vendors who may offer floatation tubes with better durability. However, he reminds the commission that we still do not allow outside floatation devices to ensure our customers and citizens are using the safest equipment.

Kelvin Ingram continues to state that the Owens Multipurpose Center has hired a new Activities Coordinator, Ky'lan Edwards, and the community should look forward to programs offered at not only the Owens Center, but the Patterson and HC King Center as well moving forward. He reminds the commission that summer camps are under way and a lot of kids have been having their summer fun at our recreation centers.

Kelvin continues to state that the Color Oklahoma project is still moving forward and people should expect to see the wildflower initiative along I44. The Harkey Park/Dubar School Monument grand opening was a success. Kelvin continues to state that the Daughters of the American Revolution are taking a memorial park bench to City Council for approval to go into Shepler Park. He continues to state that Juneteenth at Patterson and Elmer Thomas Park was a very successful and high turnout event.

Kelvin Ingram announces his resignation from the City of Lawton effective July 22, 2026.

Michael Scott asks if the open hours of the LAC have been affected by staffing issues?

Kelvin states that we haven't had to close the entire facility due to staffing. However, they may have to close specific features such as the diving boards or slides if needed for safety.

Terry Brierton asks about the timeline for more floatation tubes to be available.

Kelvin states that he doesn't have a specific date, but purchase orders have been placed. Even though we are still looking into better vendors.

David Tyler asks if local business can pay to sponsor or advertise on the tubes, thus allowing that money to help pay for more tubes in the future?

Kelvin states that it has been discusses, but that's not a near future item.

Terry Brierton asks why the LAC is cash only.

Kelvin states that it isn't, we take cards as well. There have been some technological glitches with the cards, but we do accept that as payment.

Terry Brierton expresses concern regarding cash with regard to the potential for theft.

Kelvin responds stating that all of those employees have had training and policy is in place as well as cameras above the areas where money is accepted.

David Tyler asks if Crystal Hills park is still projected for July improvement.

Kelvin states that Crystal Hills is still planned for improvement, however crews have been a month or two behind, so while it may not be July, it's still coming.

David Tyler expressed that he was just worried about it being removed from the list or getting pushed behind other parks in line.

Flora Callejas asks if we have a specific area for tube return at the LAC.

Kelvin states that we do, however most tubes get left out on the concrete or passed around and customers don't always put them away.

Flora Callejas mentions a pool she knows of that charges one dollar to use a tube, and when you return the tube you get your dollar back.

Kelvin states that it's a good idea, but goes back to staffing needed to constantly man that process.

Mike Pollard asks what age range our staff consists of?

Kelvin states that most are between 16 and 23 years old. However, we do have some employees in their 30s or older.

Reggie Fisher asks if we are constantly putting out there that we are hiring.

Kelvin says yes we are.

Flora Callejas asks if we do lifeguard certifications.

Kelvin says when hiring lifeguards, we do prefer some pre-qualifications such as CPR certified, or a strong swimming background such as a swim team member, but the goal is to use Red Cross to certify.

Michael Scott finished the topic by stating making sure the commission heard that Kelvin is resigning this month.

2. Commission Members

Blake Munoz suggested checking with Comanche Nation because their swim tubes were great quality.

Reggie Fisher thanks Kelvin for the work over his tenure.

Terry Brierton thanks Kelvin for his tenure. States that he believes the Lawton Aquatic Center has a lot of hiccups with many issues based on reviews seen online.

Reggie Fisher asks about 17th & G park (Ahlschlager)

Kelvin states that we have one more year of maintenance.

David Tyler states that Kelvin has done a great job and he wishes him well.

Reggie Seaton thanks Kelvin. Mentions lights damaged on the east side of Elmer Thomas Park near the pathway. Also asks if the county would assist with Ahlschlager park.

Kelvin states that he doesn't know if they have the ability to help with that park.

Michael Scott thanks Kelvin for his detailed information over the year.

Mike Pollard asks where Great Plains park is located.

Kelvin states that it is off 67th Street behind the new credit union.

Dennis Clippinger thanks Kelvin for his tenure.

Flora Callejas thanks Kelvin for his tenure. States that as a citizen, she has seen a big difference in the parks.

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MOTION by David Tyler; SECOND by Reginald Seaton

AYES: Michael Scott, Mike Pollard, Reginald Fisher, Dennis Clippinger, Terry Brierton, Reginald Seaton, David Tyler, Flora Callejas

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIES

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