

MINUTES
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 23, 2021 – 2:00 P.M.
LAWTON CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

Stan Booker, Mayor

Also Present:
Michael Cleghorn, City Manager
John Ratliff, City Attorney
Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk
COL Rhett A. Taylor, Fort Sill Liaison

Mayor Booker called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law. Invocation was given by Charles Barnett, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mary Ann Hankins, Ward One
Keith Jackson, Ward Two
Linda Chapman, Ward Three
Jay Burk, Ward Four
Allan Hampton, Ward Five
Sean Fortenbaugh, Ward Six
Onreka Johnson, Ward Seven
Randy Warren, Ward Eight

ABSENT: None

PROCLAMATIONS:

American Red Cross Month

Mayor Booker proclaimed March 2021 as American Red Cross Month. He presented the proclamation to Council Member Onreka Johnson.

Women's History Month

Mayor Booker proclaimed March 2021 as National Women's History Month. He presented proclamations to representatives from Daughters of the American Revolution, the League of Women Voters of Lawton, Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women, Mountain Metro Ambucs, The Pioneer Club of Lawton, The Women That Vote Arts Corporation, Theta Upsilon Omega Chapter AKA 68 and Women United for Action.

Barbara Curry stated as part of the celebrating suffrage sculpture project, they will install their first bench in Shepler Park on Sunday, April 11th at 4 p.m.

Mayor Booker stated the addendum will be considered next.

ADDENDUM:

Ratliff clarified that staff has drafted two ordinances, one under emergency conditions which would require 6 affirmative votes and one which allows the council to repeal under normal conditions, which would be repealed in 30 days. He stated if the council does not wish to repeal the ordinance, they should vote no on both of these items.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Consider an ordinance pertaining to offenses and crimes, repealing and reserving Section 16-5-1-546, Division 16-5-1, Article 16-5, Chapter 16, Lawton City Code, 2015, eliminating the requirements for the posting of signage and the wearing of face masks in certain instances to help limit the spreading of disease, providing for severability and declaring an emergency. Exhibits: Ordinance 21-____.

Mayor Booker stated he has invited our health professional to come and speak.

Brandie Combs, Comanche County Health Department, updated the council on the status of the Covid issue. She stated on Monday vaccines will be open to everyone. She stated currently they are filling 70% of the open appointments. She stated people are going to have to make a choice regarding holidays.

Hampton questioned how many high-risk people have taken the vaccine.

Combs stated up until this point you could not get the vaccine unless you were 65 and older.

Burk stated Oklahoma is in the top ten as far as vaccinations and that means the job is getting done. Everyone is doing a great job in rolling this out.

Combs stated they are opening it up and the message should be to not wait, and they need help in getting the message out. They need to get more people vaccinated so that there is no unnecessary hospitalization.

Mayor Booker stated the health department staff has done an amazing job.

Combs stated the vaccine is saving lives and all the partnerships are critical.

Mayor Booker stated Dr. Michener was unable to attend.

Burk stated the mask committee met yesterday and again today and they have been trying to determine dates. He stated he is going to make a motion to end the city-wide mask mandate effective immediately because they believe at this time, due to having more vaccines available and for peace and harmony for our community. He would still like to encourage mask usage at any business that deems it necessary for the employee safety and the safety of their customers. He understands that individual businesses, churches, restaurants, and corporations may require

masks to be worn in their establishments and respect and honor those decisions. He also believes that we should highly encourage following the CDC recommended steps for a safer community.

Warren stated the important part of this motion is that we all continue with the social distancing, hand washing that we have all been following. If the numbers start going the other direction and we are going to be right back in the situation we were in. There are still going to be some places that will still require masks.

Mayor Booker stated to end this immediately it will require passage of an emergency clause which will require six affirmative votes.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Warren to adopt **Ordinance 21-07**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and declaring an emergency, to end the city-wide mask mandate effective immediately because they believe at this time, due to having more vaccines available and for peace and harmony for our community. He would still like to encourage mask usage at any business that deems it necessary for the employee safety and the safety of their customers. He understands that individual businesses, churches, restaurants, and corporations may require masks to be worn in their establishments and respect and honor those decisions. He also believes that we should highly encourage following the CDC recommended steps for a safer community. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Chapman, Burk, Hampton, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 21-07

An ordinance pertaining to offenses and crimes, repealing and reserving Section 16-5-1-546, Division 16-5-1, Article 16-5, Chapter 16, Lawton City Code, 2015, eliminating the requirements for the posting of signage and the wearing of face masks in certain instances to help limit the spreading of disease, providing for severability and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Booker stated that item #2 will be stricken.

2. Consider an ordinance pertaining to offenses and crimes, repealing and reserving Section 16-5-1-546, Division 16-5-1, Article 16-5, Chapter 16, Lawton City Code, 2015, eliminating the requirements for the posting of signage and the wearing of face masks in certain instances to help limit the spreading of disease, providing for severability and declaring an effective date of thirty days after passage. Exhibits: Ordinance 21-____.
STRICKEN

REPORTS: MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL

Chapman stated the Meadowbrook Heinz Neighborhood will meet this Monday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Hampton read a letter from a constituent regarding the wading pool in 35th Division Park.

Fortenbaugh encouraged everyone to start planning for the once a week trash pickup.

Johnson stated the Youth and Family Affairs committee has met and they are trying to capture all the organizations in the community that are working with youth. She encouraged these organization to get in touch with her.

Warren encouraged citizens to adhere to the rules for the once a month bulk pick up.

Burk reported that Trash Off will be held on May 8th at McMahon Auditorium.

Mayor Booker stated items #13 and #14 will be stricken from the agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Richard Ogin, 503 SW 45th Street, stated he feels the council made a good decision on the mask mandate. He feels this will help open businesses in town.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Cleghorn requested item #6 be considered separately.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Jackson to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item #6. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Chapman, Burk, Hampton, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Lawton City Council meeting of March 9, 2021.
2. Consider the following damage claim recommended for approval: Laura Wanke in the amount of \$11,072.55.
3. Consider approving a Professional Services Agreement for Legal Services, Advice and Consultation to the City of Lawton and the Lawton Economic Development Authority in Implementing the STEDI Project Plan and Non-Retail Business Economic Development Assistance Policy and Developing Economic Development Strategies under the Local Development Act.
4. Consider accepting a \$2,000.00 donation to the Library from the Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society (SWOGS) to be designated as 10% matching funds for the Oklahoma Heritage Preservation grant.
5. Consider approving the record plat for Saint James Place, Part 5, which includes a Replat of Lot 1, Block 10, Saint James Place, Part 3.
6. Consider ratifying the action of the City Manager in signing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality to accept an award of \$638,532 as part of the On-Road Program as funded by the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust.

Larry Wolcott, Public Works Director, stated this is a grant they applied for through ODEQ. He stated they identified five vehicles which were eligible for the grant.

Cleghorn stated there are a lot of restrictions, we actually have to destroy the vehicles.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Chapman to ratify the action of the City Manager in signing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality to accept an award of \$638,532 as part of the On-Road Program as funded by the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Chapman, Hampton, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. ABSENT: Burk. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consider awarding requirements contract (CL21-016) Electric Services at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to Hot-Line Electric Service Company, LLC of Duncan, OK as the primary vendor, to Quality Electric Service Company of Duncan, OK as the secondary vendor and to Patco Electrical Services of Lawton, OK as the tertiary vendor.
8. Consider awarding contract (CL21-017) Sodium Hydroxide to Petra Chemical Company of Dallas, TX.
9. Consider awarding contract for (CL21-014) Supplemental Nuisance Abatement to Yeshua Lawncare & Home and not awarding a contract to Junk Removal & Services.
10. Consider cancelling contract (CL18-041) Sodium Hypochlorite with FSTI, Inc of Austin, TX due to declaration of force majeure and authorize Finance to re-bid the contract.
11. Consider rejecting all bids for the Lawton Groundwater Supply - Treatment Pilot Project #PU20-02 and authorize the Department of Public Utilities to re-advertise the project for award
12. Consider approving appointments to boards and commissions.

Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority

Annette Wiseman-Vaughan -Ward 2 Representative
112 NE Fullerton Street
Lawton, OK 73507
03/23/24

NEW BUSINESS:

13. Discuss the current status of the Lawton Community with regards to the COVID-19 Pandemic, provide direction to staff, and take action as deemed necessary. **STRICKEN**
14. Consider an ordinance pertaining to Offenses and Crimes, amending Section 16-5-1-546, Division 16-5-1, Article 16-5, Chapter 16, Lawton City Code, 2015, by modifying the conditions where face coverings are required and amending and codifying the sunset provision, providing for severability and declaring an emergency. **STRICKEN**

15. Consider receiving information and recommendation from staff concerning the 2021 Freedom Festival, providing direction to staff and take action as deemed necessary.

Bart Hadley, Deputy City Manager, stated this event was cancelled last year, but staff is recommending that the event take place this year with a scaled down version. This will be an evening event on June 26th with live entertainment and fireworks.

Burk stated it is great that it is coming back.

Jackson stated this is a large event with a lot of citizens in attendance and everyone is excited to bring it back.

Hadley stated there was a discussion in general about community events and he questioned if the council would like to have that discussion.

Mayor Booker stated he feels it is appropriate to get feedback from the council on how they feel about these public events.

Hadley stated we have opened registrations for little league and youth programs with safety protocols. They are moving towards having events in the auditorium. The Armed Forces Day parade is in progress.

Burk stated it is time for youth sports to open. Both OSU and OU will have full capacity in their stadiums in the fall. Our children need to get out of the house and do things. As far as community events, we don't want to make it too restrictive and we don't have to mandate these organizations, they need to do what is best for them. The parks and playgrounds are full of people. We can't mandate or control everything.

Cleghorn stated they are trying to allow as many events to happen as safely as possible.

Warren stated he feels they need to let staff make those decisions on allowing festivals. There is a planning phase on these events, and we must let that process start and if we have to slam on the breaks at some point we can. He feels we need to move forward in making these things happen.

Hadley stated typically these larger events have boards that run the events and they will usually make the decision to move forward or not.

Warren stated we need to encourage them to do what they feel is appropriate and what they can fit in timewise.

Mayor Booker suggested Council Member Warren work with staff to bring this back.

Cleghorn stated what he really needs is a consensus that they move forward with as many of these events as possible.

Warren stated this is just giving direction to staff, he is not sure they need an agenda item unless legal feels otherwise.

Ratcliff stated no.

Hampton stated it is important to bring events back. He questioned if there was a plan to open recreation centers and city facilities back up.

Hadley stated they have had a request from the health department to use our recreation centers for vaccine distribution centers, so we are waiting to get through that process. He is not sure of the timing of these needs.

MOVED by Jackson SECOND by Warren to authorize the Freedom Festival to be held the evening of Saturday June 26th, 2021 in Elmer Thomas Park. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Chapman, Hampton, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. ABSENT: Burk. MOTION CARRIED.

16. Hold a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Sections 18-1-1-106 and 18-5-8-580, Chapter 18, Lawton City Code, 2015, by changing the definitions of theater, amending the permitted uses in C-1 Local Commercial District to allow for indoor theaters, providing for severability, renumbering and establishing an effective date.

Charlotte Brown, Senior Planner, stated at a City Planning Commission meeting held on November 12, 2020, the Commissioners directed staff to bring forward a code amendment that will permit a drive-in movie theater, on a very limited basis, in the C-1 Local Commercial District. Under the current code, traditional drive-in movie theaters are a use permitted upon review in the C-4 Tourist Commercial and C-5 General Commercial Districts. Indoor theaters abutting a major street are a use permitted on review in the C-2 Planned Neighborhood Shopping Center District and a permitted use in the C-3 Planned Community Shopping Center, the C-4 Tourist Commercial, and the C-5 General Commercial Districts. When indoor theaters were closed during the pandemic, a local indoor theater obtained a temporary use permit to show movies in their parking lot so that patrons can view the entertainment from their own vehicles. This occurred several times and we have not received any complaints from the adjacent residential property. This proposed ordinance will include an indoor theater as a permitted use within the C-1 District and will allow for a drive-in theater as an accessory use to an indoor theater as further regulated in Article 7-34 of Lawton City Code. This accessory use will require an annual permit issued by the License & Permit Division. The permit process includes provisions to mitigate any impact this accessory use will have on adjacent properties and a process to address complaints such as noise and light trespass. The City Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 9, 2021 and recommended approval with an 8-0 vote. Notice of the public hearing was published in *The Lawton Constitution* on February 28, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED. No one appeared to speak and the public hearing was closed.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Hankins to adopt **Ordinance 21-08**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and establishing an effective date of thirty days after passage.

AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Chapman, Burk, Hampton, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 21-08

An ordinance pertaining to planning and zoning amending Sections 18-1-1-106 and 18-5-8-580, Chapter 18, Lawton City Code, 2015, by amending the definitions of theater; amending the permitted uses in the C-1 local commercial district to allow for indoor theaters; providing for severability; renumbering; and establishing an effective date.

17. Consider an ordinance creating Article 7-34, Division 7-34-1, Sections 7-34-1-3401 through 7-34-1-3404, Chapter 7, Lawton City Code, 2015, that provides for an annual permit for a drive-in movie theater as an accessory use to an indoor theater; establishes regulations for said permit; provides for severability, and establishes an effective date.

Brown stated this actually puts in place an annual permit which is similar to the special use permit that the existing theatre is already using, but it gives it its own code section and regulations to help protect the adjacent property owners.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Jackson to adopt **Ordinance 21-09**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and establishing an effective date of thirty days after passage.

AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Chapman, Burk, Hampton, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 21-09

An ordinance pertaining to business by creating Article 7-34, Division 7-34-1 and Sections 7-34-1-3401 through 7-34-1-3404, Chapter 7, Lawton City Code, 2015, by creating a permit for drive-in movie theater as an accessory to an indoor theater and the regulations for said permit; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

18. Consider a resolution amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, by creating the annual permit fees for a drive-in movie theater as an accessory use.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Jackson to approve **Resolution 21-63** amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, by creating the annual permit fees for a drive-in movie theater as an accessory use AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Chapman, Burk, Hampton, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

19. Consider an ordinance amending Personnel Policies and Procedures Section 17-3-4-341 Chapter 17, Lawton City Code, 2015, by inserting alphabetization and creating Section 17-3-4-341 (B), Chapter 17, Lawton City Code 2015, by establishing a special retirement option; setting forth eligibility requirements for a limited time special retirement option; establishing a deadline to elect the limited time special retirement option; outlining City contributions for the special retirement option; providing for severability and declaring an effective date.

Dewayne Burk, Human Resources Director, stated the proposed ordinance would create a retirement incentive that would grant eligible employees up to twelve months of credited service toward their retirement date and/or up to twelve months toward any age eligibility requirements; and pay both the employee's portion and city's portion of the pension contributions for the incentive credited service time, thereby accelerating the employee's credited service time by up to twelve months. It would also allow employees to utilize their accrued leave balances toward their credited service, and/or toward age eligibility requirements, for purposes of becoming eligible for the twelve-month credited service incentive. At the March 11th Employee Retirement System Pension Trust meeting, the Pension Trust Commissioners voted on this proposed code change and specifically to "Endorse a limited-time voluntary Retirement Incentive Program that would credit eligible employees one additional year of creditable service toward their pension and allow employees to utilize their available leave to qualify for said incentive". The vote was unanimously in favor of endorsing this proposed limited code change.

MOVED by Warren **SECOND by Jackson** to adopt **Ordinance 21-10**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and establishing an effective date of thirty days after passage. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Chapman, Burk, Hampton, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 21-10

An ordinance pertaining to personnel policies and procedures, creating Section 17-3-4-358, Division 17-3-4, Article 17-4, Chapter 17, Lawton City Code 2015, by establishing a special retirement option; setting forth eligibility requirements for a limited time special retirement option; establishing a deadline to elect the limited time special retirement option; outlining city contributions for the special retirement option; providing for severability and declaring an effective date.

20. Consider an ordinance amending Section 6-1-5-186, Division 6-1-5, Article 6-1, Chapter 6, Lawton City Code, 2015, that amends the regulations for landscaping by establishing requirements for landscaping with remodels/alterations, by establishing maintenance rules, by establishing penalties for failure to maintain landscaping, providing for renumbering, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date.

Burk stated the Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority started working on this a year ago because they want to be more in line with other cities throughout the state. New businesses have been taking advantage of what we have in our code and we have had a major problem with what they are using. They could get away with putting in the smallest plants and then most would die and then they would come back with small plants. We are trying to get on even ground with other communities and LETA supports this.

Rogalski stated this clears up some loopholes in our current code.

MOVED by Burk **SECOND by Hankins** to adopt **Ordinance 21-11**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and establishing an effective date of thirty days after passage.

AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Chapman, Burk, Hampton, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 21-11

An ordinance pertaining to buildings, construction and housing by amending Section 6-1-5-186, Division 6-1-5, Article 6-1, Chapter 6, Lawton City Code, 2015, by amending the regulations for landscaping; by establishing requirements for landscaping with remodels/alterations; by establishing maintenance rules; by establishing penalties for failure to maintain landscaping; providing for renumbering; providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

21. Consider updating Council Policy 1-06 by adding a subparagraph (4) to paragraph 7 entitled “Committees.” The change will require committees/commissions seeking council approval for matters passed by them to bring those matters to the city council for consideration thereof no later than the second council meeting after said matter has been approved by the committee/commission. If the committee/commission cannot comply with this requirement, then the City Manager or his designee is required to provide an explanation to the city council and the mayor during the open session portion of the meeting.

Hankins stated by being on a committee, this is one of the ways that citizens can have a voice in decisions. When a committee makes a recommendation to the council, it should be staff’s duty to get all of the information to the council as soon as possible. She feels that this process could work better so some additional language was added. She stated that the City Planning Commission does a good job of getting their recommendations to the council, usually by the next meeting and she feels that all the committees need to be this way if they are going to have good representation.

Ratliff stated this is just an extension of the council and staff’s initiatives to make our government more efficient and there needs to be some accountability. There are some committees where business items passed by the committee have been languishing around for several council meetings. This is not an attempt to ridicule or put anyone on the spot.

Mayor Booker stated that committees and commissions cannot initiate a council item, but most have a staff person. He questioned how a committee could bring something to the council if they don’t have a staff person.

Burk stated they would need to contact a council person.

Mayor Booker stated that it would be understood that they need to get with a staff member or a member of council. He suggested the reporting be done during staff reports, not just open session.

Cleghorn stated this could be done during staff reports.

Hadley stated typically staff cannot get something on the council agenda in two weeks, especially if it has not gone through the legal process. He suggested that any items that may end up going to council go through the legal process on the front side.

Burk stated the biggest complaint is that the council gets items that do not have enough information for them to make a decision. These items are not ready to come to council and they end up having another meeting and another meeting. It seems like they are constantly doing this with certain departments.

Hankins stated it needs to be a smooth and clean process in getting items to council.

Burk stated he does not know if the timeframe is two weeks or a month. There has to be a number.

Ratliff stated this says two council meetings which is a month.

Cleghorn stated staff starts the agenda process 21 days out. The agenda item needs time to work through finance, legal and the manager's office.

Hampton stated he usually gets his agenda book two or three days before the meeting and he is in a rush to look at all this information. He has another job and he has to set aside time for things in his ward and on the agenda.

Burk stated that he likes to have time to ask questions before the meeting and he only has a few days to look at his agenda book and get prepared.

Cleghorn stated with the electronic system, they can be in iLegislate on Thursday.

Johnson questioned if they could possibly receive them a week before the meeting.

Cleghorn stated that would be tough.

Burk questioned if they could get the agenda on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Hushbeck stated that Wednesday would be a possibility. Staff would need to move agenda meeting to Monday instead of Wednesday.

Hampton stated he is concerned about are things he has to deal with in his ward and it seems like he does not have time before they vote on items. He feels it is more administrative in understanding what a council person has to do. He must deal with issues, big or small.

Hankins stated they just need the outcome to be quicker and more efficient. She has been asked if there is a bottleneck somewhere because a committee did not get an issue on the agenda or did not get enough information on the agenda so the council can make a good decision.

Hampton stated they need to have the answers for their constituent and anything that is going to help on that end would be good.

Warren stated this is not about bringing a vote ready item, he wants to know what that committee decided. There may be six weeks of staff time to get it to council, but he would like to see that item brought to council to just explain what happened and what they want to accomplish. Then the council would know that the item will come back to council in the future.

Chapman stated it would keep the council in the loop.

Mayor Booker stated this is the council saying that this is a priority to the council.

Cleghorn stated any item brought by a committee/commission should have minutes or a recommendation attached. He stated there are new staff members and he is working through those issues.

Mayor Booker stated that those minutes would not have been approved yet by the commission. He stated everything they have discussed has been administrative and they can go ahead with this as written, with the one minor correction.

Warren stated he is having a problem because he does not care about the item that gets brought back and if he doesn't see the recommendation until the item comes then it has not accomplished anything for him. He wants to know, within two weeks, what that committee/commission has pushed forward. He wants this to come to council as an information item.

Cleghorn stated they can do this during staff reports.

Mayor Booker stated he would like this to come to council as an item so that council can give direction, so that staff is not spending a lot of time preparing something that the council doesn't want.

Warren stated he just wants to know, as soon as possible, what that committee/commission has agreed on, and then it can take staff months to get it all together.

Hankins stated she still doesn't want those smaller committees to get lost and the council not know what they are doing. If there was some accountability, they would be more likely to get information to the council.

Burk stated this is convoluted and he suggested they work on this and make it where they can all live with this. Maybe staff can send something out letting the council know of hot button issues so they don't get blind-sided.

MOVED by Hankins SECOND by Burk to table. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Chapman, Burk, Hampton, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Booker requested that Council Member Hankins, Burk and Warren work with staff on this item.

22. Consider approving a Resolution repealing and replacing Resolution No. 2020-28 specifying the revised intent of the Mayor and Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma with regard to the replacement of the existing seven-eighths of one percent (7/8%) Capital Improvement/Operational Expenditure Sales Tax and the one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) Capital Improvement Sales Tax with a new sales tax to be levied of two and one-eighth percent (2.125%) as approved by the registered voters of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma at an election held for such purpose on February 11, 2020.

Rogalski stated the council approved a Resolution of Intent that set out the specific projects and operational expenditures the proposed sales tax will fund. The proposed Resolution of Intent would revise the 2020 Resolution of Intent by adding a new category for Program Administration to include funding for the development of a program management system/tool, bond/financing fees and associated legal expenses, and other administrative costs as approved by the Council. He stated he distributed an amended resolution which stated that the total cost of the program administration shall not exceed \$1 million.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Johnson to approve **Resolution 21-64**, as amended. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Chapman, Burk, Hampton, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT ROUNDUP - E-911 – Jessica Carter, Emergency Communications Director, updated the council on services provided by the Emergency Communications Department.

FINANCE REPORT

Don Moore, Finance Director, presented revenue and expenditure highlights for the period ending February 28, 2021. (On file in the City Clerk's office).

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m. upon motion, Second and roll call vote.

STAN BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TRACI HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK