



City of Lawton

City Council

Agenda

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

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

2:00 PM

**Lawton City Hall
Council Chambers/Auditorium**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEM RANDY WARREN WITH
INVOCATION BY WYONNA ALBERTY, FOLLOWED BY THE 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."

ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Ann Hankins, Ward 1
Kelly Harris, Ward 2
Linda Chapman, Ward 3
George Gill, Ward 4
Allan Hampton, Ward 5
Bob Weger, Ward 6
Sherene L Williams, Ward 7
Randy Warren, Ward 8 and Mayor Pro Tem

Absent:

Alson Present: John Ratliff, City Manager
Timothy Wilson, Interim City Attorney
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk
COL James Peay, Fort Sill Liaison

EVEN MORE IN '24 REPORTS

1. Provide City Council with an update on Public Utilities' Current and Upcoming Projects.

Attachments: [Public Utilities Projects](#)

STRICKEN.

PRESENTATION:

Employee Spotlight Award- Lisa Dawsey, Workforce Administrator- Human Resources

PROCLAMATION:

National Women's History Month- Women of STEM

Citizen of the Month of March- Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

REPORTS: MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL

COL Peay stated he was glad to be back and looking to all the Spring Events coming up in Lawton/Fort Sill.

Williams shared information on the next Ward 7 Constituents Meeting.

Hampton spoke about the Farmer's Market, Open Streets, and Trash Off

Gill gave an update on the 10 Wins for the Citizens milling and overlaying project.

Chapman updated on the Meadowbrook/Heinz Neighborhood Watch. There will also be a Neighborhood Watch meeting for the Country Club Heights area.

Harris wished everyone a Happy Easter. He also spoke about the Homeless Action Committee that was recently formed.

Hankins asked that everyone think positively about all the things happening in the City of Lawton, such as roads, sidewalks, and youth sports.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Anyone having an item of business to present to the City Council that does not appear on the agenda please come forward at this time. The Mayor and Council will receive comments from audience members. Council may recommend to the individual or group as to what action they should take, i.e., refer the situation to a particular department or person at the city offices. Each speaker will have a 3-minute time limit, each topic will have a 9-minute time limit, and Audience Participation will be limited to 30-minutes in total.

Elizabeth Dunn, 7010 Winchester Avenue, spoke on vandalism in her neighborhood and requested to fence off a drainage ditch in her house to keep kids from riding bikes and skateboards in the ditch.

Geneva Hadley, Fletcher, OK, spoke against Westwin Elements and asked for transparency from the City.

Joe Salis, 4205 Park Avenue, asked if Lee Blvd from 38th Street to 52nd Street would be milled and overlaid. He also spoke about kids in the street at the elementary school at SW J Avenue and 27th Street.

Susan Seacore, 1609 SW Sandra Circle, asked that Boyles Landing be paved, fixed, repaired, or replaced.

Jaqueline Shelton, Oklahoma City, spoke against Westwin Elements and asked for a Town Hall without Westwin Refinery present.

Kinny Shelton, Oklahoma City, spoke against Westwin Elements and asked for a Town Hall with ODEQ.

Dwight Caldwell, Country Club Apartments, stated that Crosby Park Apartments is without air conditioning and asked that City Code be changed to require air conditioning and heating.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2. Consider adopting a resolution approving the joint petition settlement in the amount of \$10,368.00 and making payment in the workers' compensation claim of John Chelenza.

Attachments: [Chelenza-Resolution](#)

3. Consider approving a resolution authorizing the City to submit an Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board grant application, which includes a proposed partnership with the Comanche County Health Department to support opioid prevention efforts in the community.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 24 OPIOID ABATEMENT](#)

4. Consider adopting a Resolution of Necessity for real property acquisition located along the east and west side of SW 11th Street for the Wolf Creek Bridge Project # EN2204.

Attachments: [Resolution of Necessity-Wolf Creek Bridge](#)

5. Consider approving a resolution to eliminate fees for renting public spaces in City Hall and discontinue the practice of leasing public spaces within City Hall to the public.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24- Eliminating City Hall Rentals](#)
[Fee Comparison with Peer Cities - City Hall Rentals](#)

6. Consider awarding requirements contract (CL24-012) Electrical Services at City of Lawton Facilities to Patco Electrical Service of Oklahoma as the Primary Vendor.

Attachments: [Dept Recommendation CL24-012](#)
[Abstract.docx](#)
[CL24-012 Patco Bid Packet](#)

7. Consider awarding contract (CL24-011) Lawton Fire Department Analysis to the lowest responsive bidder Emergency Services Consulting International, Inc.

Attachments: [Abstract.docx](#)

Efficiency Study Recommendation

8. Consider awarding contract (CL24-013) Nuisance Abatement to Tahah Lawncare & Landscaping LLC and Joe's Backhoe Service LLC.

Attachments: [Department Recommendation Abstract.docx](#)

Harris asked for an explanation on the significant increase in pricing for this contract.

Josh White, Neighborhood Services, explained that one contractor rebid at a higher price and the other is a new contractor.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by WILLIAMS, to approve awarding contract (CL24-013) Nuisance Abatement to Tahah Lawncare & Landscaping LLC and Joe's Backhoe Service LLC. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

9. Consider awarding contract (CL24-014) Mowing and Litter Control to Sonrise Adult & Teen Challenge of OK for Areas 1, 3, and 5 and Lawn Wizards for Areas 2 and 4, and reject all bids for Area 6.

Attachments: [14 MAR 24 Recommendation Memo Mowing and Litter Contract Abstract.docx](#)
[CL24-014 Bid Results](#)

10. Consider extending (RFPCL22-016) Printing, Copying and Maintenance Services to High Tech Office Systems of Lawton, Oklahoma.

Attachments: [Dept Rec- High Tech](#)

11. Consider awarding a contract in the amount of \$4,064,781.70 to McKee Utility Contractors, LLC, for the construction of South Wolf Creek Trunk Expansion #5 PU1801 to rehabilitate approximately 32,000 linear feet of 15-48 inch sewer line.

Attachments: [Recommendation of Award South Wolf Creek 5_signed Bid Tab - swc5](#)
[SWC5 Contract and Bonds](#)

12. Consider approving a Resolution confirming discontinuation of funding and thereby terminating a contract with Routeware, Inc. for software, hardware, and services that aid in solid waste disposal truck fleet management.

Attachments: [Routeware Resolution](#)

13. Consider and take action approving Change Order 1 reducing the contract by \$706,852.11, accepting project in the final contract amount of \$1,733,921.17 and placing the Maintenance Bond into effect for Industrial Water Main Extension Phase I PU2306 as constructed by M&T Septic and Backhoe Service, INC.

Attachments: [Change Order Number 1 MTSB](#)
[Westwin Phase 1 - Engineer Acceptance](#)

14. Consider approving a Law Enforcement Services Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Lawton and the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 8, Comanche County, Oklahoma, also known as Lawton Public Schools, granting authority to Lawton

Public Schools officers to enforce municipal criminal and traffic ordinances on school property and on specific streets, highways, roads, alleys, easements and other public ways immediately adjacent to school property. This Mutual Aid Agreement repeals and replaces all prior Mutual Aid Agreements between Lawton Public Schools Police Department and Lawton Police Department.

Attachments: [Map Exhibit](#)
[MOU LPSPD AND LPD](#)

15. Consider approving a Limited Event Support Agreement with Darien's Voice Foundation to support the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children & Adults with Special Needs, and take action as deemed necessary.

Attachments: [Darien's Voice- Agr & Budget 2024](#)
[Flyer- Darien's Voice Easter Egg Hunt 2024](#)

16. Consider approving Operating and Professional Services Agreement, providing entertainment and fireworks for the 10th Annual Freedom Festival by LimeLight Productions and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract.

Attachments: [2024 Limelight Professional Services Agreement](#)

17. Consider approving plans and specifications for Engineering Project EN2401 - Lake Helen Trail and authorizing staff to advertise for bids.

Attachments: [EN-2401 Contract Docs & Specs.pdf](#)
[2024-03-06 Final Plans EN2401 Lake Helen Trail.pdf](#)

18. Consider approving an Eagle Scout Project concept to make improvements to the McMahon Dog Park as proposed by Bryce Mosley.

Attachments: [Eagle Scout Project Workbook](#)

19. Consider accepting a Quit Claim Deed from the Lawton Urban Renewal Authority for the property located at the southwest corner of SW A Avenue and SW Railroad Street needed to relocate the police evidence building, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the deed.

Attachments: [QCD LURA to COL Lts 1-4 Blk 22 Original Townsite](#)

20. Consider adopting a resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for cooperative purchasing by and between the Independent School District No. 15 of Atoka County (a/ka/ Atoka Public Schools "APS") and the City of Lawton and authorize the execution of the resolution and agreement.

Attachments: [TOPS Resolution](#)
[TOPS Interlocal Cooperation Agreement](#)

21. Consider adopting a resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement for cooperative purchasing by and between the Region 8 Education Service Center and the City of Lawton, and authorize the execution of the resolution and agreement.

Attachments: [TIPS Resolution](#)
[TIPS Agreement](#)

22. Consider approving the minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting.

Attachments: [03.12.24 Minutes](#)

23. Consider approving appointments to boards and commissions.

Attachments: [Board Appts- 03.26.24](#)

Williams stated she would like to be on the Lawton/Fort Sill Metropolitan Airport Authority and Race Relations Commission.

Motion by GILL, Second by HARRIS, to approve appointments to boards and commissions. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

Motion by HARRIS, Second by GILL, to approve the consent agenda as presented with the exception of Items 8 and 23. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

24. Adopt a resolution declaring the structures located at 815 NW 35th Street and 2809 SW J Avenue, to be dilapidated pursuant to Section 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.

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
[Resolution](#)
[Pictures](#)

815 NW 35th Street

Josh White, Neighborhood Services, asked that no further action be taken on this property because they have pulled a remodel permit. The property has been boarded up and the trash has been cleaned up.

Chapman stated she agrees that no action should be taken.

2809 SW J Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services, stated no permits have been pulled for this property to date. The roof has now been removed, but nothing else has been done.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by CHAPMAN, to approve a resolution declaring the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

BUSINESS ITEMS:

25. Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution declaring the structures located at 206 SW Park Avenue, 305 SW Jefferson, 606 NW 63rd Street, 1406 NW Williams Avenue, 1411 NW Kingsbury Avenue, 1505 SW Oklahoma Avenue, 1505 SW Texas Avenue, 1507 SW Dr. Charles W Whitlow Avenue, 1512 SW Oklahoma Avenue, 1614 SW Jefferson Avenue, 1711 SW 12th Street, 1809 SW 7th Street, 1816 SW Jefferson Avenue, 2004 SW Dr.

Charles W. Whitlow Avenue, to be dilapidated pursuant to Section 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.

Attachments: [Exhibit A's](#)
[Resolutions](#)
[Picture](#)

206 SW Park Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structures on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

305 SW Jefferson

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Jordan, 4406 NW Denver Avenue, stated he would like to express a grievance about Westwin Elements.

Warren directed the citizen to cease and desist.

No one else appeared to speak on the property.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by WEGER, to declare the structures on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

606 NW 63rd Street

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. No utilities were found for the property.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

James Bloomer, 5324 NW Rotherwood, stated he has owned the property for about 24 years. He put a new roof on the building about 8 months ago and had planned to continue remodeling. He requested information regarding permits, and Warren directed him to Neighborhood Services to obtain details.

Wilson noted that the owner must make substantial progress to keep the structure from being demolished.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by WEGER, Second by HARRIS, to declare the structures on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1406 NW Williams Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2019, and there is also an unknown fire date.

White noted that the owner contacted him requesting an extension. She is unable to attend the hearing due to health reasons.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by GILL, to table this item to the second meeting in April. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1411 NW Kingsbury Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2023.

White noted that the owner has been in contact and would like more time to work on the property.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by CHAPMAN, to declare the structures on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1505 SW Oklahoma Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2007.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by WEGER, to declare the structures on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1505 SW Texas Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2006.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Sherri Carvo, 4710 Meiling Circle, stated she plans to demolish the structure.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by CHAPMAN, to declare the structures on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1507 SW Dr. Charles W Whitlow Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Casey Carr, 6210 NW Chestnut Lane, stated he acquired the property about a year ago. He is in the process of remodeling.

Warren directed the citizen to speak with Neighborhood Services regarding permits.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by WEGER, to declare the structures on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1512 SW Oklahoma Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2023.

Williams stated she believes this property has been declared before and asked if they received any type of extensions.

White stated he doesn't believe this item has ever been brought to Council before.

Warren noted that there are several structures on Oklahoma that look very similar to this one.

Harris asked what happens after the City demolishes a structure and the lien is not paid.

Jon Jernigan, Community Services Deputy Director, stated once a property is torn down, a lien is sent to the County. They have three years to pay. If the lien is not paid in that timeframe, the property itself will go to a County Tax Sale. If it is unsold, the County will cease the property, and it will be resold at a later time.

Ratliff stated if the property goes unsold at the County Tax Sale and it goes to the Commissioner's Sale, our taxes are not collected.

Williams asked who owns the property after a structure is torn down by the City.

White explained that the property still belongs to the owner until it goes to the tax sale for unpaid liens.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by CHAPMAN, to declare the structures on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1614 SW Jefferson Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2014.

White stated the daughter of the owner has been in contact. They are requesting that the property not be declared dilapidated or that they are given more time.

Ratliff asked if the communication from the owner's daughter be read for the record.

Williams read the following email received from the owner's daughter:

"Good Morning,

My name is Juanita Baker-Bevins. I am the sole surviving child of Lewis Baker, who passed in 1989. Although I grew up in Lawton, at the time of my father's death, I was not allowed to be an administrator for his estate. I was not then a resident of Oklahoma. The estate was overseen by the two others assigned as administrators. I assisted by paying taxes on the property and paying for regular lawn care. In the ensuing years, however, the assigned administrators were afflicted by ill health and have since passed. Since 1989, 1614 SW Jefferson Avenue has periodically been occupied by family members as well as HUD Section 8 recipients, and, although the house has now fallen into disrepair, there has been interest in acquiring and renovating the property by ministers and individuals who have grown up in the Lawton View community and were touched by the life of Lewis Baker. Deacon Lewis Baker was a civil rights pioneer with an impact and influence on Lawton View and Lawton. His work at Saint Elmo's Baptist Church, Union Baptist Church, and New Zion Baptist Church are well noted, but it is in his powerful work as President of Lawton's NAACP that gives the home he built at 1614 SW Jefferson Avenue deep historical significance. It was at that home where he held many key meetings, sitting at that very kitchen table with Pastor N.H. Jones, discussing how to secure civil rights for his beloved Lawton View community and minorities of the city as a whole. It was there that they planned and led the successful execution of sit-ins to desegregate the Lawton/Fort Sill bus station with its "White Only" water fountains, sit-ins to desegregate the 5 and 10 Wolvers in downtown Lawton, and the desegregation in

Lawton High School and many other schools and families. For these compelling reasons, I respectfully request to be allowed a minimum of 90 days in order to pursue needed action in order to stabilize the property, bring it back to productive use, and solidify a final agreement for its disposition in a manner that honors the legacy of this kind man. It stands as a historic testimony of his service to Lawton View. Thank you for your consideration of this request. I am grateful for the kindness and assistance of the D&D staff as well as the office of the honorable Councilwoman Sherene L. Williams, Ward 7.”

Warren stated he would like to hear from the City Attorney on the best way to hold this item over if the Council decided that’s what they would like to do.

Wilson explained that there are two options. You can open the public hearing today to see if anyone would like to speak, then leave it open and table the item for 90 days. Another option, as seen with a different item earlier, is to hold the public hearing, close it, and table the item to a later date. White mentioned that some individuals want to speak but cannot attend today. For that earlier item, the public hearing was closed, but the Council tabled it to the second meeting in April. At that meeting, those individuals could still address the Council, though it would not be part of a public hearing and would instead be at the Council’s discretion. Wilson noted that either option would work.

Ratliff noted that if the public hearing is closed, we would have to re-notice.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by WEGER, to continue the public hearing to the first meeting in July.

AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1711 SW 12th Street

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by WEGER, to declare the structures on the property a dilapidated

public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1809 SW 7th Street

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. This is for the secondary structure behind the main structure. There is currently a permit for demolition on this property.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by WEGER, to declare the structures on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1816 SW Jefferson Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2020 and a fire date of March 10, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by CHAPMAN, to declare the structures on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

2004 SW Dr. Charles W. Whitlow Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2024.

Williams questioned what date the utilities were turned off.

White stated he was unsure of the date; he just knows it was earlier this year.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Claude Davis-Miggins, 1302 SW Texas St, stated he is the owner of the property and is in the process of selling his property. He would be interested in obtaining a permit to remodel.

Warren directed the citizen to speak with Neighborhood Services regarding a permit.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Williams asked how much time the owner has if the property is not declared dilapidated.

Wilson explained that declaring the property dilapidated is at the discretion of the Council. If it is not declared, the property carries forward as not being declared a dilapidated public nuisance.

Charlotte Brown, Community Services Director, stated if it is not declared dilapidated, it stays on a watch list for the next 6 to 8 months. If no progress is made and no permits are pulled, we would bring it back to Council for consideration.

Motion by WILLIAMS to deny the resolution. *The motion died for lack of a second.*

No other action was taken.

Warren stated we need to strike items 1, 34, and 35.

26. Discuss and consider the establishment of a dedicated City Council Veterans Affairs Committee within the City of Lawton to demonstrate our commitment to honoring and supporting our veterans, but also ensure that their unique needs are addressed comprehensively, and give direction as appropriate.

Ratliff stated there are several purposes behind this committee. There is a very large population of veterans in Comanche County. There is a need and desire to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the specific and unique needs of veterans. A committee, if established by Council, would be a good body to do resource coordination among the various agencies in town. It would also help in terms of advocacy and outreach, policy recommendations, and community engagement. With that, I would like to introduce Commander Erica Traxler, who is our state VFW President.

Traxler stated there are more veterans in Comanche County than any other county in the state of Oklahoma. There are approximately 337,000 veterans in the state. There are a lot of veterans in this county that we need to make sure they are being taken care of.

1:48:35

27. Consider approving Operating and Professional Services Agreement, providing a drone show for the 10th Annual Freedom Festival by Sky Elements in coordination with Limelight Productions and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract.

Attachments: [2024 Sky Elements Contract for Services](#)

28. Receive a briefing concerning the recent proposals submitted for the Management & Operations of Schoolhouse Slough Convenient Store and Gas Station and direct staff as necessary.

Attachments: [RFPCL24-010 Bid Results](#)
[Abstract SHS](#)

29. Receive briefing from staff concerning current city lake recreational area agreements located at Lake Lawtonka and Lake Ellsworth to include concessionaire agreements and take appropriate action as deemed necessary.

30. Consider approving an ordinance pertaining to Business, amending Section 7-32-1-3203 and Section 7-32-1-3204, Division 7-32-1, Article 7-32, Chapter 7 of Lawton City Code, 2015, by prohibiting certain scrap items from sale or purchase, unless by an exempted seller; removing the misdemeanor penalty; allowing for floor amendments; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

Attachments: [02-2024 Scrap Metal Ordinance Version 4](#)

31. Consider approving an Ordinance pertaining to alcoholic beverages by amending Section 4-1-1-106, Division 4-1-1, Article 4-1, Chapter 4, Lawton City Code, 2015, by replacing the language with an approved assembly or use permit with event permit issued by the City, providing for severability, establishing an effective date and allowing for floor amendments.

Attachments: [Ordinance 24-](#)

32. Consider approving an ordinance pertaining to businesses by amending Sections 7-12-2-1249, 7-12-2-1250, and 7-12-2-1251, Division 7-12-2, Article 7-12, Chapter 7, Lawton City Code, 2015; by adding language to define charitable organizations, adding an

exemption for permitting for charitable organizations, adding language regarding the required deposit, providing for severability, establishing an effective date, and allowing for floor amendments.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-](#)

33. Consider approving a Resolution amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Lawton City Code, 2015, pertaining to Chapter 7, Business, by amending Article A-7-12-2 Temporary structures and uses, and establishing an effective date.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-](#)

34. Consider an Ordinance, including any floor amendments, amending Personnel Policies and Procedures Section 17-1-6-162, Division 17-1-6, Article 17-1, Chapter 17, Lawton City Code, 2015, by granting employees holidays off based partially on the federal holiday schedule, plus the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve; modifying paragraph D of the Section dealing with flexible holidays; providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

Attachments: [HR - Holiday Leave March 2024 Ordinance](#)
[HR - Holiday Leave March 2024 Brief Gist](#)
[Holiday Peer 6 Compare](#)

35. Consider approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and among the City of Lawton, the Lawton Economic Development Authority, the Lawton/Fort Sill Economic Development Corporation, and Fisher59 Properties, LLC, for the development of a distribution center within the Airport Industrial Park.

Attachments: [Fisher59 Redevelopment Agreement Final](#)
[Fisher59 Project Sketch](#)

STAFF REPORTS:

36. Provide City Council with an update on the FY 2023 and FY 2024 Audit Process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

37. Pursuant to section 307B.1, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss particular candidates who have submitted applications for the position of city attorney, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.
38. Pursuant to Section 307B.1, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to review the employment of John Ratliff as City Manager, and in open session take other action as necessary.

ADJOURNMENT