

MINUTES
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
LAWTON CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

Stan Booker, Mayor

Also Present:
Michael Cleghorn, City Manager
Frank Jensen, City Attorney
Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk
COL Don A. King, Fort Sill Liaison

Mayor Booker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law. Invocation was given by Pastor Zachary Pruitt, Faith Journey Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mary Ann Hankins, Ward One
Keith Jackson, Ward Two
Caleb Davis, Ward Three
Dwight Tanner, Jr., Ward Five
Sean Fortenbaugh, Ward Six
Onreka Johnson, Ward Seven
Randy Warren, Ward Eight

ABSENT: Jay Burk, Ward Four

PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF COMANCHE COUNTY TO LISA WILLIS (This presentation will be made at the May 14th council meeting)

PROCLAMATION FOR AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK

Mayor Booker proclaimed the week of April 29 – May 3, 2019 as Air Quality Awareness Week. He presented the proclamation to Jonathan Stone, Planning Department. Mr. Stone stated that some of the grant money will be used to upgrade the signal lights in the city.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

Mayor Booker recognized the Christian Motorcycle Association during their 2019 state rally in the Lawton Fort Sill area.

PROCLAMATION FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Booker proclaimed May 2019 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

PRESENTATION FROM LAWTON AREA TRANSIT

Ryan Landers, General Manager for LATS, reported on information concerning the Lawton Area Transit system. He stated this week is Try Transit Week where they help promote transit within the community.

PRESENTATION FROM CAMERON UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL LEADERS AND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS MEMBERS.

Dr. Sylvia M. Burgess, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cameron University, introduced the PLUS SCHOLARS in attendance. The members presented their ideas for improving the city of Lawton.

Mayor Booker suggested the members meet with the City Manager to discuss their proposal.

REPORTS: MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Booker stated the number one thing that people say to him when he is out in the community is about Lee Boulevard and the roller coaster effect. When the weather was freezing he had several calls about water leaks all over town and he received a two page list of the most problematic water lines that are causing all of our water leaks. He stated we also have a 54 inch sewer main that is past the end of its useful life and is having repeat failures. He feels that it is time to start thinking about how we are going to fix this. If they start talking about this now and get a CIP together and vote on it, it will be eight months to a year, then it is two years of engineering, so we are three years away from starting work on any of this. He feels it is important to start thinking about a CIP and the things that need to be in that CIP. We have a CIP that ends in 2025, we don't have to raise taxes, we can extend it to 2030 or whenever they need to take care of these very important projects.

Johnson stated she will be having a meeting on Thursday, April 25th at 5:30 p.m. at the Patterson Center. They will be talking about some Ward 7 specific items, but it is open to all citizens.

Fortenbaugh reminded everyone that the Ware on C event will be held on May 2nd.

Tanner expressed his condolences to the family of Roy Rainwater, who was a former city employee.

Davis stated he is currently looking at bringing to council an agenda item to repurpose the money that they put towards the realignment project and put that on Lee Boulevard between Sheridan and 52nd Street. They have gotten a lot of complaints about the trucking route to the industrial park. That project seems like a much greater priority than the realignment project. He stated he holds meetings the Monday night before every council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the fire union building, 1116 SW C Avenue.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Brenda Ragland Spencer, Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce, stated on May 9th, former Mayor of Perry will be coming to talk about how they approached some support for small businesses. She stated their annual report is due to be presented to the City and the proposed budget has been approved by the chamber board and they will work to get that on the council agenda.

Emily Archer Ozmet, stated she lives in the Greer Addition, between 38th and Sheridan between Cache and Gore. She has been having an issue with dogs out in the neighborhood. She stated the time she called the police the dogs were returned back to the owner. The police have been called about five times regarding these particular animals. She actually got bit by one of the dogs. She stated in our code the dog can either be impounded or they can be returned, per the officer's discretion. There is no fine or consequences, other than the dog being taken. She requested that the council look at something in between where they don't just take the dogs away or we give them back with no consequences. She suggested there be a fine if your dogs are out roaming the neighborhood.

Hankins stated this is in her ward, and the last Greer neighborhood watch meeting she attended this problem came up in discussion. She stated she will try to intervene and help with this issue.

Tanner stated the City has zero tolerance for aggressive and dangerous animals. If the animal harms someone or harms their property and the judge deems the animal dangerous, the owner then has to take special precautions to keep it contained and to get liability insurance. If an animal is running loose and has done no harm, then the policy is to try and reunite that animal with its owner. If the animal habitually gets loose, then it is up to the discretion of animal welfare to write a ticket or impound the animal. We have a pretty strict ordinance in dealing with animals, but we do want to maintain a user friendly policy.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Bookers stated he has citizens requesting to speak on items #1 and #2. Johnson stated she would like item #14 to be considered separately.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Fortenbaugh to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items #1, #2 and #14. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Davis, Tanner, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

1. Consider the following damage claims recommended for approval: Sheila Reinicke in the reduced amount of \$9,264.27, Oscar Ortiz Diaz in the amount of \$889.95 and Michael Cornish in the reduced amount of \$1,225.00. Exhibits: Legal Opinions/Recommendations, Res. 19-____, Res. 19-____ and Res. 19-____.

Mayor Booker stated Mike Cornish would like to speak regarding his claim.

Mike Cornish, claimant, stated there is a sewer line that runs from 27th Street all the way to 24th Street. The City says it is his private line but it is not. The City does not maintain it, but he has had to. They recently did some work on 24th on the sewer rehab and stopped up this “private” line. He was contacted by Andy’s Plumbing who was trying to fix Sonics’ sewer. He spent all day fixing manholes and they finally found the City’s problem on 24th Street. The City has an ordinance that they cannot touch a private line, so he hired a flush truck to flush that portion of the line. He has basically been maintaining this line for 40 years and he is tired of it and he would like the city to maintain it. The City awarded building permits to tie to a private line which is his. The City collect revenue from this private line but the City does not maintain it. He questioned if they can get that issue fixed tonight.

Jensen stated the item for action tonight is on a damage claim in the amount of \$2,500.

Mr. Cornish stated they are talking about this line.

Tanner stated that Mr. Cornish came before the council a few months ago and he thought they directed staff to look into running a new line. He suggested Mr. Cornish get with the City Manager to see where we are at on this issue.

Mr. Cornish stated if it stops up again he needs to know if he should call the City, fix it, or should he start charging revenue from the other people who are on the line.

Tanner stated he knows the council directed staff to look into the cost of putting in a new line that would be owned by the City. He stated he will get with the City Manager tomorrow and give Mr. Cornish an update.

Mr. Cornish stated he did file a claim for \$2,500 but staff does not think his time and effort in maintaining the City’s line is worth anything so they have cut it into \$1,225. He just wanted to speak his peace about the treatment given to the citizens of this community.

Kelea Fisher, Deputy City Attorney, stated their recommendation is to approve the damage claim in the amount of \$1,225 and those were the damages they were able to substantiate with the invoice from Andy’s Plumbing.

Davis stated this damage claim is for the private line that Mr. Cornish is speaking about. He requested that Ms. Fisher talk about this issue.

Fisher stated she was told by staff that this is a private line and that we were performing the work and that his line extends from 2402 SW Lee to 2616 SW Lee Boulevard. There is no record of this line ever being dedicated to the City and it is her understanding that Mr. Cornish maintains the line. Because of the work the City was performing in the area that caused that private line to back up and we had notice because we were out there a number of times trying to flush the main. That is the basis on the recommendation to approve the claim. The private line issue is not what she is addressing with regards to this tort claim.

Davis questioned why she is recommending the reduction in the claim.

Fisher stated Mr. Cornish filed the claim in the amount of \$2,500 and they contacted him and asked him to substantiate those damages in the form of a cancelled check or some type of invoice from the plumbing service that cleared his line. They contacted Andy's Plumbing and they stated that the original cost they quoted to Mr. Cornish was \$2,500, but due to his complaints they actually reduced it to \$1,225, so the only damages staff was able to substantiate was for \$1,225.

Davis stated that we are not giving him any money for his time and labor.

Fisher stated the claimant has to substantiate those damages. The only claim was for the cost of his invoice to have his line flushed. Staff does not try to read into a claim or add to it, they only go by what the claimant provides and what he is able to substantiate.

Mayor Booker questioned if we did give someone a permit to tie into this line.

Fisher stated she does not know the answer to that question.

MOVED by Tanner SECOND by Warren to approve the damage claim of Michael Cornish in the reduced amount of \$1,225.00 (**Res. 19-32**). AYE: Hankins, Tanner, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: Davis, Jackson. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Booker stated he would like to know if the City issued a building permit to go onto this private line. They need to get some history and see if they can come up with a solution.

Mr. Cornish stated that line was put in the 1940's.

Mayor Booker stated he is also interested in how Mr. Cornish became the responsible party for this line.

Tanner stated the reason the City will not accept it is because of where it is run, it is on private property. We would have to run a new line inside the City easement and staff is looking at the cost. That direction has been given to staff.

Jensen stated a vote needs to be taken to approve the other claims.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Fortenbaugh to approve damage claims of Sheila Reinicke in the reduced amount of \$9,264.27 and Oscar Ortiz Diaz in the amount of \$889.95. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Davis, Tanner, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Consider the following damage claims recommended for denial: Anthony and Christy Downs in the amount of \$1,413.82 and Carolyn Glasco in the amount of \$345.00.
Exhibits: Legal Opinions/Recommendations.

Mayor Booker stated he has a request to speak from Carolyn Glasco.

Fisher stated Ms. Glasco has filed a claim seeking \$345 to replace her glasses. She alleges that on January 18, 2019 she was walking across the sidewalk at 12 noon in the parking lot of the HC King Community Center when her shoe got caught on the edge of a metal plate and she fell and broke her glasses. According the parks and recreation staff their office was immediately notified of Ms. Glasco's injury and two building maintenance employees repaired the metal plate that same day. This was the first complaint the City received regarding this defect in the sidewalk. She has recommended denial because the City did not have any prior notice of any report of anyone tripping over this area and the under Oklahoma Law, the City does have the duty to keep its sidewalks in reasonable repair, it does not have the duty to keep it in perfect repair. The Oklahoma Supreme Court has held that municipalities will not be liable for what are classified as trivial or slight defects in its walkways or roadways. She has to make the recommendation that this be considered a trivial defect and the City is not liable.

Carolyn Glasco, 14 NW 25th Street, stated when she was walking the plate flipped up on the other end and she caught her other foot on it. The people maintaining that area should have noticed the rusty screws and they should have fixed it a long time ago. She is asking that the City pay for her glasses because it could have been worse.

Johnson stated that she was sorry for the unfortunate mishap and she questioned if there were any other accidents prior to Ms. Glasco's.

Fisher stated the parks and recreation staff has received no other calls or notice of anyone else falling in that area. Staff did repair the area immediately following the report.

Johnson recommended that they pay a portion of the claim. She questioned if Ms. Glasco's insurance paid any portion of her glasses.

Ms. Glasco stated her insurance does not pay for glasses.

Johnson questioned if they could pay a portion.

Jensen stated they could do so but the primary basis for the recommendation for denial is that there are trivial defects in every part of every walkway and street. There is no doubt that the claimant fell, but we cannot address all of those situations all over town. That is why there is an exception that if it is a slight or trivial defect there is no liability. From a legal standpoint they can't recommend approval of a claim that they view as caused by a trivial defect.

Mr. Glasco stated his wife paid for her glasses out of her pocket and if need be, he will sell his property for a dollar and move somewhere where somebody cares.

Tanner stated there is trivial things that need to be done all over town and when things like this happen it is unfortunate, but they need to remember that they are spending the citizens money. He stated he is going to vote to deny this claim, but he is willing to give Ms. Glasco \$100 of his money to help her.

Ms. Glasco stated that HC King is a senior citizen center and they have the obligation to keep up that place. The maintenance people should have seen that before and should have attended to it.

Tanner stated he will get with staff about doing a better job around the senior centers.

Johnson stated they will follow the precedence of state law, but she will speak with Ms. Glasco about some resources in the community that can help with getting her glasses replaced. She will go over to the Patterson Center and make sure there isn't anything else they need to be aware of.

MOVED by Tanner SECOND by Warren to deny the damage claims of Anthony and Christy Downs in the amount of \$1,413.82 and Carolyn Glasco in the amount of \$345.00. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Davis, Tanner, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Consider adopting a resolution ratifying the action of the City Attorney and the City Manager in making payment on the judgment in the Workers' Compensation case of Matthew Brent Baggett in the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission, Case No. CM-2015-06556A. Exhibit: **Resolution 19-33**.
4. Consider adopting a resolution ratifying the action of the City Attorney and the City Manager in making payment on the judgment in the Workers' Compensation case of Christopher Wayne Devine in the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission, Case No. CM-2018-05082X. Exhibit: **Resolution 19-34**.
5. Consider adopting a resolution ratifying the action of the City Attorney and the City Manager in making payment on the judgment in the Workers' Compensation case of John Paul (Wickliffe) Watson in the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission, Case No. CM-2018-00064F. Exhibit: **Resolution 19-35**.
6. Consider approving a resolution authorizing and calling for an election in the City of Lawton, State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of setting the dates for the 2019 primary and general municipal elections for designated City Council seats and authorizing the Mayor to issue an election proclamation. Exhibits: **Resolution 19-36** and Election Proclamation.
7. Consider adopting a Resolution granting permission to Apache Casino Hotel use of the Official City of Lawton Seal in promotional materials for the 2019 Apache Balloon Festival, a free community event, in recognition of in-kind services provided by the City of Lawton. Exhibits: Cost Analysis and **Resolution 19-37**.
8. Consider extending the professional services agreement with Dr. Robert William Worden, D.O., to work as the Physician Medical Director for the Lawton Fire Department and for the City of Lawton/Comanche County E-911 Dispatch Center, and make the extension retroactive to July 1, 2012. Exhibits: Physician Medical Director Agreement, Service Agreement Extension Form.

9. Consider approving an agreement between Lawton Public Schools (LPS) and the City of Lawton for the joint use of Grandview Sports Complex for the benefit of each entity and the citizens of Lawton, and make the agreement retroactive to February 25, 2017 to account for the mutual performance of both parties that has occurred since that time. Exhibits: Joint Use Agreement.
10. Consider renewing a twenty-five (25) year lease agreement with the Lawton Community Theatre, Inc. for the City-owned property located at 1316 NW Bell Avenue and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement. Exhibits: The proposed Lease Agreement is on file in the City Clerk's office.
11. Consider acknowledging receipt of Tier I permit from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality for the construction of 575 linear feet of 8-inch PVC sanitary sewer line and all appurtenances to serve Lots 11-18, Block 3, of Lee Addition, located on the east side of Sheridan Road, between NW Lake Ave and NW Arlington Ave, in the SW/4 of Section 25, T2N, R12W, Comanche County, Oklahoma. Exhibits: Permit to Construct is on file in the City Clerk's Office.
12. Consider acknowledging receipt of a Tier I permit from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality for the construction of 1,216 linear feet of 8-inch PVC sanitary sewer line, 914 linear feet of 12-inch PVC sanitary sewer line, 24 linear feet of 6-inch PVC waterline, 1,359 linear feet of 8-inch PVC waterline, 355 linear feet of 10-inch PVC waterline, and all appurtenances to serve Eastlake Addition, Part 3C, located north of NE Cache Road and west of NE 45th Street, in the SE/4 of Section 22, T2N, R11W, I.M., Comanche County, Oklahoma. Exhibits: Permit to Construct is on file in the City Clerk's Office.
13. Consider extending contract (RFPCL18-029) Bulk Fuel Delivery to Glenn Oil Company, LLC of Lawton OK (Primary Contractor) and Carey Johnson Oil Company of Lawton, OK (Secondary Contractor & Lakes locations) for an additional year. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Contract Extension Forms, Price Sheets.
14. Consider Extending contract (RFPCL18-030) McMahon Park Concession Lease and the associated Lease and Non Exclusive Concession Operation Agreement, to LaSill Optimist Club of Lawton, OK, for an additional year. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Contract Extension Form, Price Sheet. Lease and Non Exclusive Concession Operation Agreement is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Johnson stated she is a member of the LaSill Optimist Club and she would like to abstain from the vote.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Jackson to extend contract (RFPCL18-030) McMahon Park Concession Lease and the associated Lease and Non Exclusive Concession Operation Agreement, to LaSill Optimist Club of Lawton, OK, for an additional year. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Davis, Tanner, Fortenbaugh, Warren. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Johnson. MOTION CARRIED.

15. Consider extending the contract (CL18-032) Heavy Wrecker Service to Checker Wrecker Services of Lawton, OK for an additional year. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Contract Extension Form, Price Sheet.
16. Consider awarding contract (RFPCL19-022) City-Wide Hardware / Software Support to The Jasper Group International, Inc. of Delray Beach, FL. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Abstract of Bids, Price Sheet.
17. Consider awarding contract (CL19-020) Asphalt Crack Filler to McConnell & Associates Corporation of Wichita, KS. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Abstract of Bids, Price Sheet.
18. Consider awarding contract (CL19-023) Mowing & Litter Area Two to Adult & Teen Challenge of Oklahoma of Cache, OK. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Abstract of Bids, Price Sheet.
19. Consider awarding contract (CL19-024) Mowing & Litter Areas B, D, and E to Adult & Teen Challenge of Oklahoma of Cache, OK. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Abstract of Bids, Price Sheet.
20. Consider awarding contract (CL19-025) Cationic Polymer to Chameleon Industries, Inc. of Mesquite, TX. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Abstract of Bids, Price Sheet.
21. Consider approval of payroll for the periods of April 8 - 21, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

22. Consider the following damage claim recommended for denial: Willie Stallworth in the amount of \$8,188.69. Exhibits: Legal Opinion/Recommendation.

Fisher stated this claim is regarding a sewer backup that occurred at Mr. Stallworth's residence on February 26, 2108. At the last meeting she recommended denial of this claim because the City did not have notice of a defective condition in its main and there was no evidence of any negligence on the part of the City. The City received a call at around 8:40 a.m. from Mr. Stallworth's neighbor and the City flushed the main at 11 a.m. and then Mr. Stallworth called to report damages to his workshop at approximately 7 p.m. The question raised by Council Member Tanner at the last meeting was when Mr. Stallworth first noticed the damages in his workshop. The implication being that if Mr. Stallworth was out in his workshop after 11 a.m., then it is possible that the damage occurred after that time and then the City would have notice because we were out there earlier that day. After the meeting she sent Mr. Stallworth a letter asking him some questions regarding that issue. He responded in writing and she provided a copy of her letter and his response to the council. She reviewed the timeline of events (on file in City Clerk's office). She stated that in his response, Mr. Stallworth indicated that neither he nor his wife went out to report any issue at 11 a.m. She stated it doesn't make any sense for the workers to fabricate that issue or to randomly place a notice on Mr. Stallworth's door other than for the fact that someone reported to those workers that they too were experiencing an issue. Mr. Stallworth called, for the first time, at 7 p.m. to report damages in his workshop. A crew responded, flushed the main again, and at that time no blockage was found. Based on this

information her recommendation is to deny the claim. It is believed that the backup to Mr. Stallworth's workshop occurred sometime between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. when they were out clearing the main the first time and he simply did not find or report the damages until 7 p.m.

Willie Stallworth, claimant, stated he received a letter from the city attorney and it was obvious that the context of that letter clearly explains to anyone that has basic knowledge of law that there was an inability on the part of this office to make a clear differentiation about what happened at 1605 NW 34th Street and 1609 NW 34th Street. He does not live at 1605. He asked the lawyer what happened to the tape that the city worker made. He questioned how anyone could say that he did not sustain damages at his residence. Anytime anything is less than the truth, it is a lie. The city attorney has misrepresented the truth. It is obvious that this individual is incompetent and lacks the ability to

Mayor Booker warned Mr. Stallworth not to attack individuals personally.

Mr. Stallworth stated that the council does not have all the facts. No one knocked on their door and told them they were going to be flushing. There is a problem here and there is an inability to communicate between a branch of the city government to give the council cold hard facts. When that happens, it has a tremendous affect on the residents in this city. He just wants the council to be fair to them.

Tanner stated that Ms. Fisher is a very good attorney and she is not denying that there was damage. She is basing her recommendation on stated precedence that if the city has not had prior notice that we have had problems in the sewer main before then we are not obligated to pay that claim. City workers came and cleared the damage out at 11 a.m., so the city would have been notified that there was a problem with this sewer main and if the backup would have occurred in Mr. Stallworth's property after 11 a.m. then there would have been a basis to approve that claim. This damage to Mr. Stallworth's property happened before 11 a.m. He stated a citizen name Ms. Kirby called him and claims that there have been issues with that sewer main backing up in the field. He stated that maybe they need to postpone this decision once again and talk to another eye witness because sometimes things just do not get documented. He feels they need to look into this a little deeper.

MOVED by Tanner to table. (Motion dies due to a lack of a second)

Davis stated that Ms. Fisher has not advised council that Mr. Stallworth does not have a claim. The council as well as staff recognizes that there was damage. He stated they just denied another claim on the same legal basis. It is not that they are denying that the sewer backed up and damaged the property, it is that there is no record that we have been notified of any problems on that line in the last three years. There is no proof that anyone called the City of Lawton and let them know there was damage to that line. If the City does not have prior notice, then we are basically acting as an insurance company with the citizens money and it is not right to spend their money because they may have more compassion for one person over another. Because there is no record of prior damage, there is no legal basis for the council to approve the claim.

Mrs. Stallworth stated that the residents at 1605 called the City at least five times since they have lived there. It is obvious that there is a problem with the sewer and the City had been notified. She questioned how they could have reported it if they wouldn't have been home until 7 p.m.

Hankins requested that the Stallworths contact her if they have any future problems.

MOVED by Hankins SECOND by Warren to deny the damage claim of Willie Stallworth in the amount of \$8,188.69. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Davis, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: Tanner. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

23. Hold a public hearing to receive citizen comments, discuss recommendations from the City Planning Commission, and consider approving the Annual Action Plan for FFY 2019 by adopting a resolution, authorizing staff to make a pro rata adjustment to the plan based on the final CDBG and HOME program funding amounts allocated by HUD, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the resolution and all other documents necessary to implement the plan. Exhibits: Draft Annual Action Plan for FFY 2019 (On file at City Clerk's Office). Public Service Organizations Workbook (On file at City Clerk's Office). HOME Grant Summary, CDBG Grant Summary, PSO Scoring Summary and Resolution 19-__.

Christine James, Supervisor of Housing and Community Development, reported on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs' activities and accomplishments during the previous program year. A briefing was presented by James (on file in City Clerk's office).

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

MOVED by Tanner SECOND by Hankins to adopt **Resolution 19-38** approving the Annual Action Plan for FFY 2019, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the resolution and all other documents necessary to implement the plan. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Davis, Tanner, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

24. Consider authorizing staff through the City Manager to move forward in implementing a Lawton Youth Council, a City co-sponsored initiative for high school students that will teach the inner-workings of local government and representation. Exhibits: None.

Johnson stated one of the things she wanted to do when she was elected to council was to start a youth council because we have to get our young people involved in every facet of government. The youth council will be comprised of juniors and seniors in all schools, to include private schools and home schooled students. These students will have mock city council meetings and go through some of the same agenda items as the council. They will have three mock meetings, meeting with council members, a tour of the city, volunteer activities, visiting the chamber, LEDC, Comanche County officials, Fort Sill officials, lunch with non profits and then they will be recognized at the city council meeting next May. This will give them an overview and some interaction of how everything works.

MOVED by Johnson SECOND by Davis to authorize staff through the City Manager to move forward in implementing a Lawton Youth Council. AYE: Hankins, Jackson, Davis, Tanner, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS: CITY MANAGER/STAFF

Cleghorn stated applications are being taken for the Citizens Academy which will begin in July. He stated they are moving forward with the citizens engagement portal. They have set on the name “I Help Lawton”. This portal will allow citizens to report things such as nuisances, high weeds, pot holes, etc. They hope to have this out in the next 30 days. He stated the first budget workshop is scheduled for Friday.

Diane Branstetter, Finance Director, presented revenue and expenditure highlights for the period ending March 31, 2019. (On file in the City Clerk’s office).

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened in regular, open session at 8:22 p.m. Roll call reflected all members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

25. Pursuant to Section 307B.2, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss negotiations regarding for a Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY 2019-2020 between the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 1882, and the City of Lawton, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session. Exhibits: None.

Jensen read the title of item #25. No action was taken.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

STAN BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TRACI HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK