



# City of Lawton

## Lawton Water Authority

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

### Agenda

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Tuesday, May 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Lawton City Hall  
Wayne Gilley Auditorium

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**"Official action can be taken only on items which appear on the agenda. The Authority may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, or continue any agenda item. The Authority may also propose and enact floor amendments to any matter presented before them. When more information is needed to act on an item, the Authority may refer the matter to the City Manager or the City Attorney. The Authority 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

#### Business Items

1. Consider and take action with respect to Resolution 25-\_\_\_\_ of the Lawton Water Authority amending the water rate for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and adopting the amended fee schedule.

#### Adjournment

The City of Lawton encourages participation from all of its citizens. If participation at any public meeting is not possible due to a disability, notification to the City Clerk at (580) 581-3305 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting is encouraged to make the necessary accommodations. The City may waive the 48 hour rule if interpreters for the deaf (signing) is not the necessary accommodation."

**Item Title:**

Consider and take action with respect to Resolution 25-\_\_\_\_ of the Lawton Water Authority amending the water rate for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and adopting the amended fee schedule.

**Initiator:** Willie Whisenhunt, Director

**Information Source:** Willie Whisenhunt, Director

**Background:**

With price increases in the cost of chemicals, labor, and equipment to continue maintenance of Lawton's water sources to provide potable water to Lawton and surrounding areas, it is imperative, due to federal requirements to align all industrial rate users to the same water rate as the private contracts between these industrial users expire.

Having already adjusted rates for other industrial users, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company is the next step toward compliance of aligning the water rates across all industrial users. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company is currently at a rate of \$2.55 per 1000 gallons of water usage. The proposed rate changes take this rate to \$2.78 / 1000 gal on Jul 1, 2025, \$3.01 / 1000 gal on April 1, 2026, \$3.25 / 1000 gal on April 1, 2027, and \$3.50 / 1000 gal on April 1, 2028. The rate increase will generate in FY 25-26 approximately \$95,000..

Rate Schedule

In addition to the other terms, covenants and conditions contained in the Agreement, the following Rate Schedule shall apply:

New Rate Schedule for Goodyear Tire & Rubber	
Dates	Water Rate/1000 gal
1-Jul-25	\$ 2.78
1-Apr-26	\$ 3.01
1-Apr-27	\$ 3.25
1-Apr-28	\$ 3.50

**Correlation to the True North Statement:**

This rate adjustment provides greater transparency and trust for our citizens and local industries as put forth by the True North Culture Statement.

**Exhibit:**

Resolution No. 25-\_\_\_\_, Exhibit "A"

**Key Issues:**

Does the Lawton Water Authority wish to approve and adopt Resolution No. 25-\_\_\_\_ of the Lawton Water Authority amending the water rate for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and

adopting the amended fee schedule?

**Funding Source:**

n/a

**Staff Recommended Council Action:**

Adopt Resolution No. 25-\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. LWA Resolution No. 25-\_\_\_\_\_
2. Exhibit A Schedule of Fees and Charges

PURSUANT TO THE LEGAL NOTICE AS IS REQUIRED BY THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT INCLUDING THE POSTING OF NOTICE AND AGENDA AS IS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS THEREOF, THE LAWTON WATER AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA (THE "AUTHORITY") MET IN SPECIAL SESSION IN CITY HALL, IN LAWTON, OKLAHOMA, ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2025, AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

(OTHER PROCEEDINGS)

Thereupon, the following Resolution was introduced and read by title. Trustee member \_\_\_\_\_ moved passage of the Resolution and trustee member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. The motion carrying with it the approval of said Resolution was approved by the following vote:

AYE:

NAY:

The Resolution so approved is as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO.: 25-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWTON WATER AUTHORITY, LAWTON OKLAHOMA (THE "AUTHORITY") AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN WATER RATES FOR GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A" OF THIS RESOLUTION PROPOSED FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE CITY OF LAWTON IN APPENDIX A, SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Lawton Water Authority Trust Agreement, as amended, an Lease Agreement with the City of Lawton, as amended, provide that the Lawton Water Authority will establish utility rates; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1-2-205, Chapter 1, Lawton City Code 2015 provides changes in utility rates are implemented by amendment of Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Chapter 1, Lawton City Code 2015 upon passage of a resolution amending Appendix A by the City of Lawton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawton Water Authority has it is necessary to increase the water rates for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company due to increased costs in providing such utility service; and

**WHEREAS**, the specific increases set forth in exhibit "A" hereto to be submitted to the City of Lawton for implementation by amendment of Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Chapter A-22-Utilities, Article A-22-1 General Provisions, Section 22-114, Lawton City Code, 2015.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lawton Water Authority:

Section 1. The increases in water rates set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto are approved. Exhibit "A"

shall be submitted to the City of Lawton for implementation by incorporation into Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Chapter 1, Lawton City Code, 2015, by appropriate resolution.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this resolution shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2025. Rates will automatically increase on April 1, 2026, April 1, 2027, and April 1, 2028.

Section 3. The Chairman and Secretary of the City of Lawton are hereby authorized to sign and execute this Resolution.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the Lawton Water Authority, this 27th day of May, 2025.

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Stan Booker, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, SECRETARY

APPROVED as to form and legality this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025

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Tim Wilson, ACTING CITY ATTORNEY

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**Chapter A-22 - UTILITIES**

**Article A-22-1 General provisions.**

**WATER FEES AND CHARGES**

22-113	Minimum charge for multiunit users	No. of units × (times) \$23.00 base rate
22-114	Special contracts for large volume customers	Determined by negotiation between parties
22-114	Water rate for wholesale customer per 1,000 gallons or any part thereof	\$5.33
	Rate for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company	Rate per 1,000 gallons \$2.55 <u>July 1, 2025 \$2.78</u> <u>April 1, 2026 \$3.01</u> <u>April 1, 2027 \$3.25</u> <u>April 1, 2028 \$3.50</u>
22-115	Deposit for service, service reinstated, landfill charge account, or the water turned on	\$150.00 or surety bond in the minimum amount of \$3,000.00 or an amount to be determined by the City, whichever is greater
	(The city manager may waive the deposit for victims of a FEMA declared disaster.)	
22-115	Bookkeeping charge for discontinued service on open account, per month after the 12th of the month	\$1.15
22-115	Water changeout, split or modification 1½ inches and larger, cost of labor and materials plus 10%	
	Minimum	17.25
	Maximum	57.50
22-115	Establishment of new account or transfer	23.00
	(The city manager may waive this fee for victims of a FEMA declared disaster.)	
22-119	Raw Water rate per 1,000 gallons as provided in Section 22-119	1.60
22-120	Bac-T Analysis, Each	30.00