MINUTES
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 23, 2023 – 2:00 P.M.
LAWTON CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

Stan Booker, Mayor

Also Present:
John Ratliff, Acting City Manager
Tim Wilson, Acting City Attorney
Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk
COL James H.B. Peay, IV, Fort Sill Liaison

Mayor Booker called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law. Invocation was given by Allan Hampton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Mary Ann Hankins, Ward One
	Kelly Harris, Ward Two
	Linda Chapman, Ward Three
	George Gill, Ward Four
	Allan Hampton, Ward Five
	Bob Weger, Ward Six
	Randy Warren, Ward Eight
ABSENT:	Onreka Johnson, Ward Seven

PRESENTATION:

City Manager Recognition to Karl Veldhuizen, Public Utilities Department
Ratliff recognized Karl Veldhuizen for his outstanding service.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Citizen of the Month- Kat Funaki
Mayor Booker presented a Certificate of Commendation from the Mayor’s Office to Kat Funaki

Garver’s STEM Education Month
Mayor Booker proclaimed the month of June as STEM Education Month. He presented the proclamation to Mary Elizabeth Mach, Garver Engineering.

National Public Works Week
Mayor Booker proclaimed June as National Public Works Week. He presented the proclamation to public works employees.

REPORTS: MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL:

Harris stated the employee appreciation picnic is scheduled for June 3rd and Freedom Fest is scheduled for June 30th – July 1st.

Chapman reported that a representative from LEDC attended the Meadowbrook Heinz Neighborhood Watch meeting last night to explain the process of what it takes to get economic development in town.

Hampton encouraged everyone to visit the farmer’s market.

COL Peay stated it was a pleasure to participate in the LPS graduations this past week. He stated there were many positive comments regarding the Armed Forces Day parade.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Amy Sims, 6201 SE Woodlawn, stated she is the lease holder for Fisherman’s Cove campground. She requested the council honor her option for a five-year extension for Fisherman’s Cove.

Tanya Cates, 6101 SE Woodlawn, also the lease holder for Fisherman’s Cove campground, reported the improvements they have made at Fisherman’s Cove. She requested the council honor their option for a five-year extension for Fisherman’s Cove.

Lee Bayless, Apache Casino, 2315 E. Gore, invited citizens to attend the July 4th festivities. He requested the Council consider a sponsorship in the event.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Booker stated items #20 and #21 will be considered separately.

<u>MOVED by Warren SECOND by Hampton</u> to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items #20 and #21. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

1. Consider ratifying the actions of the Lawton Water Authority by extending contract RFPCL18-028 Lake Recreation Landing Operations with Lawton Boat Club for a certain lakeside area at Lake Lawtonka as designated in the lease agreement for an additional twelve (12) months and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the required documents.

2. Consider Approving a Service Agreement with Arts for All, Inc., subject to approval by Arts for All, Inc., and allocating an amount up to $35,000.00 from the PROPEL CIP under section A.4.B (2019 CIP Summer Youth Program Funding) to fund the Summer Arts Institute for the Underserved hosted by Arts for All in conjunction with Lawton Public Schools.

3. Consider authorizing staff to utilize $33,974.00 from the Fire Cost Recovery fund for the purchase of 2 sets of heavy rescue, high-pressure lifting bags and 4 rescue saws.

4. Consider approving a Resolution to create a petty cash account for Neighborhood Services in the amount of $300. **Resolution 23-79**

5. Consider approving the renewal of the annual agreement between the City of Lawton and the Lawton CrimeStoppers, Inc., establishing a partnership and providing guidelines for a reward system for information leading to the criminal prosecution of crimes committed in the City of Lawton community and surrounding area.

6. Consider approving a memorandum of understanding with the Board of County Commissioners of Comanche County, Oklahoma, authorizing the Lawton Police Department to assist with the transportation of Comanche County Regional Juvenile Detention Center residents in the event an emergency renders the detention center unable to sustain operations and necessitates the relocation of its base of operations.

7. Consider approving the annual Children's Emergency Resource Center agreement between the City of Lawton and the Marie Detty Youth and Family Services Center, Inc. for the continued establishment and operation of a program for juvenile misdemeanor offenders.

8. Consider approving the renewal of an annual agreement between the City of Lawton and Comanche County - County Commissioners for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the County to assist with maintaining and operating the Comanche County Regional Juvenile Detention Center.

9. Consider setting the date of June 27, 2023, to hold a public hearing to close the alley that runs between Lots 1-7 and 16-22, Block 6, Beal Addition, Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma, located behind Lincoln Elementary School addressed as 601 SW Park Avenue.

10. Consider setting the date of June 27, 2023, to hold a public hearing to close approximately 3.8 feet by 45.3 feet of platted right-of-way north of Lot 7, Block 6, of Turnpike Industrial Park Part 6, located south of SE F Avenue between SE Simpson Street and SE Wallock Street.

11. Consider setting the date of June 27, 2023, to hold a public hearing to close approximately 16 feet by 124 feet portion of alley that runs between Lots 12-16, Block 111 and Lots 1-5, Block 112, Lawton View Addition, located near 1408 SW Texas Ave Lawton, OK 73501.

12. Consider releasing the performance bond for unfinished items for the offsite infrastructure that was part of Rolling Hills Part 5A.

13. Consider accepting 687 linear feet of eight (8) inch sanitary sewer line and maintenance bond to serve Lawton Marketplace Phase II.

14. Consider accepting a public access easement for the sidewalk constructed along NW Sheridan Road, adjacent to the Tidal Wave Auto Spa, located at 1302 NW Sheridan Road.

15. Consider approving the record plat, accepting the permanent utility easements, and accepting the access easements for the Retail Addition.

16. Consider waiving section 7-12-2-1250 of Lawton City Code allowing a temporary construction trailer to be located within two hundred (200) feet of an existing one-or two-family residence.

17. Consider awarding RFPCL23-023 City of Lawton Security Contract to Triangle Security Services, LLC of Lawton, Oklahoma for purposes of providing security personnel at City Hall and other city facilities as needed.

18. Consider extending contract RFPCL21-027 Property Insurance to North American Insurance Agency of Lawton, LLC, dba INSURICA of Lawton, for an additional year.

19. Consider and take action on approving a contract (CL23-025) Rock Hauling to G & R Enterprises, LLC of Lawton, OK as primary vendor and Spence Transportation of Elgin, OK as secondary vendor.

20. Consider extending contract RFPCL22-026 City Wide Hardware Software Contract to The Jasper Group International of Delray Beach, Florida for an additional year.

Hampton questioned if this had to do with the website.

Judy Franco, IT Director, stated no, this is in-house hardware. She stated Granicus is the vendor for the website.

<u>MOVED by Hampton SECOND by Gill</u> to extend contract RFPCL22-026 City Wide Hardware Software Contract to The Jasper Group International of Delray Beach, Florida for an additional year. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

21. Consider extending contract RFPCL22-003 Utility Billing & Invoice Services to DataProse, LLC. of Coppell, TX, for an additional year.

Warren questioned if this contract has anything to do with the problems we have had with our billing system.

Joe Don Dunham, Finance Director, stated no, this is just the service we use when we get the bills processed. We email them to this company and they mail them out. He stated they have had no issues with this company.

Gill questioned if they did any collections.

Dunham stated no, we have a separate contract for collection services.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Hankins to extend contract RFPCL22-003 Utility Billing & Invoice Services to DataProse, LLC. of Coppell, TX, for an additional year. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEM:

22. Hold a public hearing to consider a change of zoning from the R-4 High-Density Apartment District to C-1 Local Commercial District zoning classification and a change to the 2030 Land Use Plan from Residential/Low-Density to Commercial for the property located at 1212 NW Arlington Avenue, and if desired approve: (1) an ordinance changing the zoning and a resolution changing the 2030 Land Use Plan or (2) approve the Use Permitted on Review.

Kameron Good, Senior Planner, presented information on the request. He stated the City Planning Commission recommended to deny the rezoning and bring this back as a Use Permitted on Review.

Ratliff stated the agenda item is written so that the council can approve the Use Permitted on Review.

Wilson stated the public hearing was held at the May 9th meeting.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Gill to approve the Use Permitted on Review. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Mayor Booker stated they will address item #26 next.

26. Consider approving a resolution declaring the intent of the City of Lawton to consider a proposed amendment to the amended Downtown Economic Development Project Plan and take action as deemed necessary.

Mayor Booker stated they have talked about redevelopment on the west side of 2nd street to 5th street that could involve some neighborhood redevelopment. There have been some discussions about other redevelopment and potential developer incentives to redevelop some other areas in the places we are putting a lot of houses on the D&D list instead of just leaving them there and mowing them every year. Coming up with incentives take some specified experience and that is where economic development law comes in. This is just an approval for the Mayor and City Manager to go ahead and start working with the Center for Economic Development Law to do the calculations and come up with some possible developer incentives for those areas and other areas.

MOVED by Gill SECOND by Hampton to approve **Resolution 23-88** declaring the intent of the City of Lawton to consider a proposed amendment to the amended Downtown Economic Development Project Plan and take action as deemed necessary. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Booker stated they are striking 209 SW I Avenue, 211 SW I Avenue and 213 SW I Avenue from item #23.

23. Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution declaring the structures located at 209 SW I Avenue **(Stricken)**, 211 SW I Avenue **(Stricken)**, 213 SW I Avenue **(Stricken)**, 215 NW Arlington Avenue, 301 SW I Avenue, 810 SW 4th Street, 908 NW 41st Street, 1915 SW Douglas Avenue, 2109 NW Baltimore Avenue, 2603 SW B 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.

215 NW Arlington Avenue

Jon Jernigan, Neighborhood Services Supervisor reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. Jernigan presented photographs of the property. Utilities have been inactive since 2019.

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

MOVED by Hampton SECOND by Chapman, to approve **Resolution 23-80** declaring the structure/s on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. ABSENT: Gill. MOTION CARRIED.

301 SW I Avenue

Jernigan reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. Jernigan presented photographs of the property. Utilities have been inactive since 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Ms. Garcia, stated her daughter is the owner and she requested an extension.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

MOVED by Hampton SECOND by Weger, to approve **Resolution 23-81** declaring the structure/s 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, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

810 SW 4th Street

Jernigan reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. Jernigan presented photographs of the property. Utilities have been inactive since 2010.

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

MOVED by Hampton SECOND by Weger, to approve **Resolution 23-82** declaring the structure/s 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, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

908 NW 41st Street

Jernigan reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. Jernigan presented photographs of the property. Utilities have been inactive since 8/5/22.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Debra Butcher, 3106 NW Liberty, stated she is the best friend of the owner. She stated they are reclaiming items from the home and they are asking for an extension of 4-6 months before they have the home demolished.

Chapman stated she gets so many complaints about people coming in and out of this property. She encouraged them to pull the demolition permit.

Ms. Butcher stated they hope to get this all done in the next 60 days and then demolish the property.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

MOVED by Chapman SECOND by Hankins, to approve **Resolution 23-83** declaring the structure/s 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, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

1915 SW Douglas Avenue

Jernigan reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. Jernigan presented photographs of the property. Utilities have been inactive since 2016.

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

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Weger, to approve **Resolution 23-84** declaring the structure/s 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, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

2109 NW Baltimore Avenue

Jernigan reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. Jernigan presented photographs of the property. Utilities have been inactive since 1/13/23.

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

MOVED by Hankins SECOND by Harris, to approve **Resolution 23-85** declaring the structure/s 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, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Booker questioned how many homes the council has placed on the D&D list and how many are currently under contract to be demolished.

Jernigan stated he would get that information.

2603 SW B Avenue

Jernigan reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. Jernigan presented photographs of the property. Utilities have been inactive since 2018.

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

MOVED by Chapman SECOND by Harris, to approve **Resolution 23-86** declaring the structure/s 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, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Hampton stated he understood that the three houses that were stricken were going to be purchased by FEMA. He questioned when and how that will work.

Cynthia Williams, Deputy Public Works Director, stated it is a voluntary property acquisition program through FEMA and the City of Lawton has applied for the grant and it is under review with FEMA. She stated as soon as they receive the money they will tear these three homes down.

24. Hold a public hearing to consider a change of zoning from the R-1 Single-Family Dwelling District to C-1 Local Commercial District zoning classification and a change to the 2030 Land Use Plan from Residential/Low-Density to Commercial for the property located at 2122 & 2124 NW Arlington Avenue, Lawton, OK 73507, and if desired approve an ordinance changing the zoning and a resolution amending the land use plan.

Good presented information on the request for rezoning. The City Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 13, 2023, and made the recommendation to approve the request 5 to 1.

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

<u>MOVED by Hampton SECOND by Warren</u> to adopt **Ordinance 22-20**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney) Ordinance 22-20

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE EXISTING CLASSIFICATION OF R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO C-1 LOCAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ZONING CLASSIFICATION ON THE TRACT OF LAND WHICH IS HEREINAFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE (1) HEREOF; AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO BE MADE UPON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

<u>MOVED by Hampton SECOND by Harris</u> to adopt **Resolution 23-87** amending the land use plan. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

25. Receive a presentation from IMS Infrastructure Management Services, L.L.C on the outcomes and recommendations on the Lawton Pavement Management Project, Project No. EN2103.

Kurt Keifer, President of IMS Infrastructure Management Services, presented the findings of the Lawton Pavement Management Project. (Presentation is on file in the City Clerk's office)

Mayor Booker stated we are spending $17 million. He questioned how that compares to other cities in Oklahoma.

Mr. Keifer stated he could do some research and provide that information to the council.

Harris questioned if they take into account the roads we are already working on.

Mr. Keifer stated yes, what is already planned is included.

Warren requested that in researching other communities, would he also include where they get the money, is it ad valorem or sales tax.

Gill questioned if there was an account figured in for deterioration or is this for optimum conditions.

Mr. Keifer stated the fix-all budget is off the existing conditions. He stated they do forecast the deterioration of all those rehabilitated roadways.

Gill questioned what grade we would use to consider crack sealing.

Mr. Keifer stated about 60.

Gill stated you could expect to get an additional seven or eight years out of a road if we crack seal it.

Mr. Keifer stated if it is repeated on a routine basis, it can be between five and eight years.

Hampton questioned if they developed a preventative maintenance plan.

Mr. Keifer stated they would need to have more data. He stated what they are talking about today is the funding level needed to increase the score or to keep the back log static.

Hampton questioned if they work on preventive maintenance plans for other cities.

Mr. Keifer stated yes.

Mayor Booker stated there are funds available to accelerate the preventive maintenance program. He questioned if we were behind.

Mr. Keifer stated he cannot say how far we are behind, but he can look at the numbers and get an assessment of how much preventive maintenance needs to be done.

No action was taken.

Council took a break from 3:48 p.m. to 3:57 p.m.

27. Consider approving Change Order No. 5 for the Gore Blvd. Waterline and Sewerline Reconstruction (82nd ST to 67th ST) Project, Project No. EN1208.

Shivani Rani, Engineering, presented information on Change Order No. 5. She stated this will give additional time to the contractor so that he can complete the work. This will increase the contract by $11,120.

<u>MOVED by Warren SECOND by Weger</u> to approving Change Order No. 5 for the Gore Blvd. Waterline and Sewerline Reconstruction (82nd ST to 67th ST) Project, Project No. EN1208. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

28. Discuss the future of Central Fire Station and the Ad Valorem CIP funds currently dedicated toward the renovation of the station and direct the City Manager to have staff prepare an agenda item to facilitate the Council's desire to be presented at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Warren questioned how many offices they plan on moving to Central Fire Station.

Brent Baggett, Deputy Fire Chief, stated currently they have all the administrative facilities to include the chiefs and two administrative assistants. They are looking at bringing the Fire Marshal's office to the station. They would move those offices to the dorm areas. A council item was approved in April approving a contract with Guernsey to build a plan. He stated they are also storing some special operation items. He stated admin offices and storage are the plans they have right now for the space.

Warren stated at one point the idea was to put all the offices in City Hall so there is one stop shopping. The Fire Marshal would be in close proximity to License and Permits. He does not see us saving any money in doing this and he is concerned about the cost overruns we will see. If the space is available in City Hall, he would much rather put everything in one place. The spending of the money is up to the council and the citizens.

Harris stated they will be moving the Fire Marshall's office out of 17th and Lee, so we will be saving some money. He stated this building is on the historic registry.

Baggett stated when station #1 moved to the public safety facility, they did have some room for admin offices, but that was cut and they were allotted the funds they have now to remodel the building.

Gill stated he thought there was room on the second floor of the new public safety center to house all the fire department and the police department.

Baggett stated the third floor is where all the admin for the police department is housed and the fire department had a spot on that floor, but because of overruns and budget constraints, that part was cut out. The second floor houses the dorms and training areas. He does not know of any area that can be repurposed.

Gill stated if we have so much surplus equipment they may need to look at that. He had the vision to sell central fire station to someone to use as office space.

Baggett invited council members to come and see what they have and what they are potentially planning to do.

Hampton stated the Cultural Preservation Committee, of which he is a member, is assigned to make sure that they maintain those buildings that are historical in nature. He stated there are things in that building that are outdated.

Baggett stated they are looking at updating the bathroom and putting in office space.

Hampton stated he is not sure the building is structurally sound and the committee was happy that some money was going to be put into that building so that it can be used.

Warren stated that building needs to be preserved and he does not oppose using some or all of that money to make sure that building is sound. He just has an issue with the footprint and trying to get everyone together in one place so we can provide one stop shopping. He would like to see the building given to someone who will take care of it historically, like the McMahon Authority.

Gill stated it would be easy to change plumbing and electrical in that building. It is a great building with a lot of flexibility.

Mayor Booker stated it was his understanding that the Fire Marshall was moving into city hall. He questioned if they are fully utilizing city hall when it is done.

Dewayne Burk, Assistant City Manager, briefed the council on the history of this project.

Mayor Booker questioned when this building was placed on the national registry.

Baggett stated between 2015 and 2017.

Mayor Booker stated in 2012 we voted to expand that building at the same time we were applying for national registry.

Burk stated no, the application for the national registry came after it was decided to make it into the fire admin building.

Mayor Booker stated he has always been told that with ad valorem you must do exactly what is in the deal, and it says expand.

Burk stated that the federal government says that expansion can be services as well, so they can expand the services out of that facility. He stated this has been approved by our bond attorney.

Mayor Booker stated he is concerned that we are pushing the limit and he is not sure how the citizens will look at this.

Warren stated we need to look at making ADA concessions when we do remodel and we need to get a legal opinion as to what “expansion” means. What we have done is reduce services out of that station because we do not run fire out of that station anymore. He does not believe you can consider that an expansion of services. He stated council needs to look at whether they want to worry about a legal explanation or not. When we go to the citizens and ask for more money for streets or construction of buildings, we need to be able to say that we did what we said we would do. We need to be as open and clear as we can possibly be.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Gill to direct staff to bring back more information regarding 1) available office space in city hall and how empty office space has been designated (2) answer to ADA, (3) legal opinion about the word "expansion" (4) confirmation from bond council and (5) is there any additional cost because of historic overlay designation. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Hampton stated because of the historic overlay, there are tools available that could help defray costs.

29. Contingent upon: (1) the City and the Chamber of Commerce approving an amended FY-22-23 support agreement on or before June 13, 2023, and (2) the City, if necessary, amending its Hotel/Motel Tax Allocation Resolution, consider conditionally approving a request from the Juneteenth Committee to allocate $25,000.00 from the Chamber of Commerce/LEDC Hotel/Motel Fund for the 2023 Juneteenth Celebration, and take action as deemed necessary.

Wilson stated the intent of this item is to have the $25,000 allocated to the Juneteenth Committee, but they would need to create a support agreement with the committee which would be a reimbursement. Staff discussed this and suggested that if the chamber would be willing to take this function on, then we could amend the chamber's support agreement and then we could reimburse the chamber for the money spent on Juneteenth. He stated this would be the quickest and most efficient way to do this. To make this work the chamber would have to have a special meeting next week and the council could take action on June 6th at a special meeting.

Ratliff stated for us to legally give to a private organization, there has to be a support agreement, and that is why we are going through the chamber.

Bishop John Dunaway, Juneteenth Committee, reported on the timeline and activities of the event.

Hampton read a statement of support from Council Member Johnson.

Mayor Booker stated he feels they need to approve this, subject to whatever conditions the attorney deems necessary. He stated he feels they need to help Juneteenth become a bigger event. The tourism funds are for drawing people in, not just a party for us. Somewhere they need to limit the amount of money they put into things. He suggested they come up with a plan for hotel/motel funds where they help events become broader and they need to partner with Arts and Humanities and the chamber and move towards self-sufficiency. He stated the chamber has some keystone events and he can see this event becoming one of those events that gets the most money.

MOVED by Hampton SECOND by Harris to approve the allocation to the chamber subject to the requirements set forth in the agenda item. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS: None

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 4:41 p.m. and reconvened in regular, open session at 5:48 p.m. Roll call reflected all members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

30. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the pending damage claim of Ralph Hendrickson, Laura Bush-Hendrickson, and Hans Koepsel and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Wilson read the title of item #30. No action was taken.

31. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the pending damage claim of Chris Hartley and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Wilson read the title of item #31. No action was taken.

32. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss a pending claim/action for breach of contract by the City of Lawton against Alfred Espinoza d/b/a A.E Construction Co. ("AEC"), and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Wilson read the title of item #32. No action was taken.

33. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss pending claims of Dewberry Engineers Inc., and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Wilson read the title of item #33. No action was taken.

34. Pursuant to Section 307B.2, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss negotiations with International Union of Police Associations (IUPA), Local 24, and the City of Lawton, to include discussions concerning a possible amendment to the parties' Fiscal Year 2023-2024 collective bargaining agreement, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Wilson read the title of item #34. No action was taken.

35. Pursuant to Section 307B.2, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss negotiations with International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1882, and the City of Lawton, to include discussions concerning a possible amendment to the parties' Fiscal Year 2023-2024 collective bargaining agreement, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Wilson read the title of item #35 No action was taken.

36. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss a pending claim of School House Slough Inc., and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Wilson read the title of item #36. No action was taken.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. upon motion, Second and roll call vote.

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STAN BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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TRACI HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK