

MINUTES
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
NEW CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

Fred L. Fitch, Mayor
Presiding

Also Present:
Jerry Ihler, City Manager
Frank V. Jensen, City Attorney
Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law. Invocation was given by Pastor Gary Pratt, Lawton First Assembly, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bob Morford, Ward One
Keith Jackson, Ward Two
Rosemary Bellino-Hall, Ward Three (arrived @ 6:33 p.m.)
Jay Burk, Ward Four
Dwight Tanner, Jr., Ward Five
Cherry Phillips, Ward Six
Stanley Haywood, Ward Seven
Doug Wells, Ward Eight

ABSENT: None

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION TO THIERRY SCHROEDER –
WASTEWATER COLLECTION DIVISION

The City Manager and Mayor recognized Thierry Schroeder for his outstanding performance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Donna Durbin, 1811 NW Ozmon, stated she has had problems getting the City of Lawton to mow city property. She stated when Rogers Lane was built all the houses behind her were bought out by the city. Right behind her house is a fenced area that is owned by the city and she cannot get the city to take care of the property for the past 20 years. She called the state capitol and they came down and cleaned it out. After the cleanup she took care of the area for approximately 15 years. Then the City of Lawton wrote her up because they didn't like the location of her trash can. After that she said no more and she has been fighting with the city to come out and clean up the property. She has been to Neighborhood Services and the City Manager's office. The assistant called her back but that has been over ten days ago.

Burk stated he drove by there the other day and it is very high.

Carmen Frascht, 2824 NW Ozmun, stated we need to continue with stage 3 water restrictions because water is limited and we will have another drought. People need to take care of the water we have. She suggested we continue the water restrictions and educate people of the consequences.

Tanner stated Ms. Frascht has some valid points and he reminded the audience that the CIP ballot is out today and the purpose of this ballot is to acquire alternative water resources.

Ms. Frascht stated those resources will be empty because of our unlimited usage.

Tanner stated there are conservation measures in place once we get to a certain level of usage. He stated the water conservation committee has been working on this issue to promote water conservation in the community. He stated they are also looking at some software that can tell you the usage of your water.

Ms. Frascht questioned why we would want to wait that long, why don't we do restrictions right now.

Mayor Fitch stated there is a committee looking at this issue and they have talked about going back to some restriction.

Kwang Laboy, 509 NW Gore, stated she received a letter from the city asking her to cut a dead tree and she needs some help.

Tanner stated there are a couple of dead trees on about 6th and Gore and the trees are approximately two or three feet from the road. Ms. Laboy feels that these trees belong to the city and that we should be responsible for cutting these trees down. He has contacted the city attorney's office today to see if we are legally responsible.

Mayor Fitch stated he could not understand why those trees were not flagged and cut down during the clean up.

Tanner stated they are about to go and they are right there over Gore.

Burk stated he has a Lawton Enhancement meeting tomorrow and he will see what he can do.

Thomas Baker, 1700 block of SE 47th Street, stated he is concerned because he didn't see anything in the current CIP about the public safety facility or anything about pay raises for those employees.

Mayor Fitch stated that was in the sales tax extension last August. They are picking an architect for the public safety center right now and it will probably be 18 months before we can start construction. There are committees working on the salary structure issue with the unions and it is going to be done but he cannot discuss it publicly.

Jackson stated neither the City of Lawton or the unions are holding this up. It is just the general process of reaching an agreement on the structure and the dollar amount. At some point that agreement will be reached and the council will move on it at that time.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETINGS OF JULY 14 AND JULY 28, 2015.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by Tanner to approve the minutes of July 14 and July 28, 2015.
AYE: Morford, Jackson, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION
CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jackson request item #4 be considered separately.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Morford to approve the consent agenda with the exception of
item #4. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

1. Consider the following damage claims recommended for denial: Margot and Michael Bibbs in the amount of \$3,000.00 and James Floyd in the amount of \$139.95. Exhibits: Legal Opinions/Recommendations.
2. 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 Paul Caldwell in the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims, Case No. 2013-08658K. Exhibits: **Resolution 15-69**.
3. Consider approving a First Amendment to the Sublease Agreement between the City of Lawton Water Authority and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and a Memorandum of Lease and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amendment and memorandum. Exhibits: First Amendment to Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Lease is on file in the City Clerk's Office.
4. Consider executing a Quit Claim Deed to Great Plains Improvement Foundation, Inc. to remove a reversionary clause from a 1988 Warranty Deed for the property located at 914 SW 3rd Street. Exhibits: Quit Claim Deed is on file in City Clerk's Office.

Jackson questioned why we would want to remove the reversionary clause because it is an important part of a group home situation and if five or ten years down the road they decide it is not going to be a group home an he believes it should have a reversionary clause and revert back to the city.

Richard Rogalski, Community Services Director, stated this is just a request that was made. There was a vacant lot that was deeded to Great Plains Improvement Foundation (GPIF) and they built a home and operated there for 27 years. They now want to sell the property and they

have requested to get this removed. He stated the clause has been on there for 27 years and the community has gotten their value out of the property.

Jack Mackey, attorney for Great Plains Improvement Foundation, stated when this property was purchased it was purchased for value in the amount of \$76,000 and money had changed hands. The property has been used this entire time as a group home and the idea is to sell it to the current operator of the group home and, with all indications, it will continue to be a group home.

Jackson stated he was unaware of the length of time the group home had been in existence.

Wells questioned if GPIF had paid the city for the property.

Mr. Mackey stated his research shows that it was actually a cash transaction. It was \$76,000 for the purchase of the property.

Virginia Spencer, Executive Director of GPIF, stated the city did deed the property to GPIF to build a group home. They paid \$76,000 to build the house and they have used it all these years. The reason they are trying to sell it is because they are losing money on the operation of the home and they are going into debt which is damaging their other programs. There is a service company that wanted to buy the group home and when they started looking at the deed they discovered the clause and the lender would not let her buy the property with that clause. The buyer has no intention of selling the property. She has several other homes and she does a fantastic job of taking care of the developmentally disabled clients.

Jackson stated he did not want to make a big issue of this. He just wanted to make sure the council protected the interest of the taxpayers.

Morford questioned if the \$76,000 was for the land and improvements.

Ms. Spencer stated that was for the house and the furnishings.

Morford stated the lot was not part of the \$76,000.

Ms. Spencer stated the lot was donated and it was valued at \$14,000.

MOVED by Jackson SECOND by Tanner to execute a Quit Claim Deed to Great Plains Improvement Foundation, Inc. to remove a reversionary clause from a 1988 Warranty Deed for the property located at 914 SW 3rd Street. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Consider approving an agreement between the City of Lawton and Kellogg & Sovereign Consulting, LLC for E-rate management services on behalf of the Lawton Public Library and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the documents needed to allow Kellogg & Sovereign to perform the services. Exhibits: Kellogg & Sovereign Letter of Agency, Fee Schedule, and Scope of Services.

6. Consider accepting a warranty deed and a temporary easement from Jo Ann Miles, a single person for right of way needed for the SE 45th Street Reconstruction (Between Lee & Gore) Project #2006-12, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the documents and authorizing payment for the same. Exhibits: Location Map. Documents are on file in the City Clerk's office.
7. Consider awarding contract for Corrosion Inhibitor Program to Thornton Musso and Bellemine of Zachary, LA. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Abstract of Bids, Price Sheet.
8. Consider awarding contract (CL15-053) Rental of Portable Restrooms to ARA Equipment Rentals of Lawton, OK. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Abstract of Bids, Price Sheet
9. Consider approving appointments to boards and commissions. Exhibits: None.

Citizens' Committee On Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Vince Cambron
701 NW Columbia
Lawton, Oklahoma 73507
09/10/16

Enhancement Trust Authority

Mary Ann Hankins
3602 NW Julie Street
Lawton, Oklahoma 73505
09/11/18

Mayor's Commission On The Status Of Women

Vera Oldham
Ward 5
615 NW Bell Avenue
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501
09/10/2017

Toni Capra
Western District
125 Forrest Drive
Medicine Park, Oklahoma 73557
9/10/17

Irma Newburn
At Large City Limits
7220 NW Crestwood Drive
Lawton, Oklahoma 73505
9/10/17

Stephanie Boss
At Large City or County
123 Melodie Lane
Medicine Park, Oklahoma 73557
9/10/17

Museum Of The Great Plains Trust Authority

Tresea Moses
Institute
101 NW Fort Sill Blvd.
Lawton, Oklahoma 73507
Unexpired Term 06/30/17

Parks & Recreation Commission

Sherene Williams
401 SW Rolling Hills Drive
Lawton, Oklahoma 73505
Unexpired Term 01/01/17

10. Consider approval of payroll for the periods of July 20 – August 2, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

11. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation from iHealth Labs of four hundred (400) fitness trackers and transferring said devices to the City of Lawton's Employee Wellness Committee for distribution to City employees having registered to receive a device. Exhibits: Resolution 15-__ and Donation Letter from iHealth Labs.

Chase Massie, Human Resources Director, stated several months ago the Employee Wellness Committee contacted iHealth Labs in an effort to solicit raffle prizes for the health wellness challenges throughout the year. Initially it was just to solicit one Edge Fitness Trackers, but after discussion iHealth has generously offered to donate 400 devices for the City of Lawton employees.

Molly Ortiz, Associate Product Marketing Manager with iHealth Labs, stated all of their devices sink to a mobile app enabling users to take a more active role in managing their health. You can measure, track and show your results from your smart phone or tablet. They are excited to partner with the City of Lawton's Wellness Committee to provide 400 Edge Fitness Trackers. They hope that these fitness trackers will encourage an environment and culture in which city employees are motivated to be active and healthy. The iHealth Edge measures steps, calories burned, sleep and checks your progress and lets you know when you have met your daily goals.

Morford questioned where the data goes.

Ms. Ortiz stated it sinks to the iHealth cloud so you can access the information from a smart phone, tablet or computer.

Phillips questioned if they have opened up the registration.

Massie stated yes, they have approximately 400 employees signed up for these trackers. The plan is to distribute them at the annual health fair.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by Haywood to adopt **Resolution 15-70** accepting a donation from iHealth Labs of 400 fitness trackers and transferring said devices to the City of Lawton's Employee Wellness Committee. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Consider an ordinance pertaining to utilities amending Section 22-2-1-215, Division 22-2-1, Article 22-2, Chapter 22, Lawton City Code, 2005, by adding a provision authorizing the Finance Director and City Manager to make adjustments to customer utility accounts in cases where an underground water leak is discovered in the service line provided certain conditions are met, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date.
Exhibits: Ordinance 15-__.

Brooks Mitchell, Finance Director, stated this item was brought forward by the Water Conservation Committee and it was felt that we should make some adjustments with the service lines that the customers have and when a leak occurs that they did not cause and could not have known about which created a very large water bill for them. This is something that is being done in other communities and something that has been done in the past and it is being brought back to the council.

Phillips questioned if this is something that has to be brought to our attention from the citizen or are we doing some tracking here.

Mitchell stated we have the ability to track water usage but we have a manpower problem and we cannot review the report every day. Typically these things come to their attention when a customer has received one or two high water bills and they perceive that their usage has changed.

Wells stated this is from the citizen who comes in and says they have a leak and they want an adjustment.

Bellino-Hall stated they are talking about from the meter to someone's house and if there is a leak there we are going to consider helping with the water bill. She questioned if that was correct.

Mitchell stated yes if the conditions are met.

Mayor Fitch stated there are criteria to be met by the customer.

Burk stated he has always been against this scenario because he feels like we are hurting the people we are trying to help the most which are the people who cannot afford to get the water line repaired. When he came on council we did this and there were large numbers of people coming to them wanting an adjustment with large amounts of money and water. They tried to help people who cannot afford a water leak in their home, but after he got here it was mainly for people who did not winterize their home and it flooded or it had to do with sprinkler systems. He stated Councilmember Tanner came to him and asked him to support this and he said he would if it was only from the meter in and it wasn't some huge amount that nobody paid attention to. Everybody pays for this, not just the person who has the water leak. Most of us fix a running toilet or leaky faucet.

Tanner stated this does not cover any of that. All of the criteria Councilmember Burk is talking about, the city administrators took into consideration. This is self limiting. If it is inside the house, leaky toilets, faucets, hot water heaters, all of that is exempt. If you have an irrigation

system or a swimming pool, you are not covered. This is designed to help people who have older properties and experience an undetected leak. He stated they also looked at a software system called Aquahawk that will send people a text message, email or phone call letting them know they have used 200 gallons of water in the last hour.

Morford stated this also takes a written statement from a plumber before they can even apply.

Tanner stated this had the input from all the committee members. We are not trying to let people fill up their ponds or swimming pools. You have to have a written statement from a plumber that the repair has been made from the meter to the house, the main service line. Staff talked with other cities around the state to see how they are doing things.

Bellino-Hall stated we as homeowners have some responsibility. Right now plumbers are at her house because she ignored a leak and that is her responsibility for letting it go on for several months. She stated if they pass this they are opening up a bag of worms. We don't have any software at the moment to handle this problem and suggested they reconsider this sometime down the line when we do have this software. How many people are willing to go on line and look at this. The rest of the citizens are going to take responsibility for that water leak and she does not feel they need to put that burden on them.

Tanner stated he receives two or three calls a year from people who have undetected leaks and he tells them that there is no way we can adjust this. He feels it is important to look out for folks that have the misfortune of having a breakage in their water line through no fault of their own. Staff is going to make sure that they meet the criteria.

Mayor Fitch stated that this applies from the meter to the house only.

Tanner stated from the meter underneath the house. Once it goes into the house nothing is covered. Sub-lines going to the irrigation system or swimming pool are not covered. If you are outside the city limits you are not covered. This is for the citizens of Lawton.

Mayor Fitch stated we have no computer program to monitor this.

Tanner stated no, this is for someone who receives a high water bill. He stated the committee is working on some way to prevent this from happening and the customer will not have to notify the city that they have a water leak, we will notify them.

Burk stated he feels they will end up hurting the people you think you are trying to help. If you are giving away \$50,000 a year you are hurting the people that cannot afford to see the water bills go up. Most people that cannot afford for that to happen watch their stuff and they are not going to have a leaky faucet or leaky toilet. They will make sure it is taken care of.

Tanner stated this is not for a leaky toilet or faucet, this is the main service line.

Burk stated you will have to prove that with a plumber and finding the cause is not so easy.

Tanner stated this ordinance does not specify that the city has to pay anything. The language says they “may” allow a leak adjustment. This is up to the administrator.

Burk stated these people are going to apply to someone first and then on to someone else and they are going to end up in front of the council.

Tanner stated the City Manager makes the final decision.

Burk stated the final decision is always the city council.

Tanner stated not according to this ordinance.

Wells stated Councilmember Burk is absolutely right about the past. They used to average three or four adjustments every council meeting and some were huge amounts of money. Most cases when it was a huge amount of money was a person who had a large piece of property and their water line runs a long way and water was running down a ditch for three months and their water bill was catastrophic and they were wanting an adjustment because it was on a line from the meter to the house.

Tanner stated this is self limiting, you are not going three months.

Wells stated if you have a large piece of property and it is out in the middle of nowhere, in two months you can get a lot of water running through that meter and it will cost a lot of money. When you start giving these adjustments, the amounts add up and you can get to \$25,000 or \$50,000 a year. Councilmember Burk is right, we may end up raising everyone’s water bill to compensate for the losses on those water bills, so you turn around and hurt those people. He stated we do have the ability to detect water leaks. You can go to revenue services and they can show you your water usage on a daily basis for the past three months, then it is a matter of reading this file every night and if there is a high consumption we can look at maybe that is a water leak.

Tanner stated the people he has been talking to say there is no way to flag large amounts immediately.

Wells stated he would disagree, they are reading those meters every day.

Tanner stated if a customer has an average monthly bill of \$100 and they have the misfortune of having a leak during one of these surcharge scenarios like in stage 4 or 5, now in one month they get a bill for \$1,200. Why should the city want to profit off of someone’s misfortune.

Wells stated he does not think that will happen to the people you are talking about who have small lots. They are going to see a leak come up somewhere in the ground within a few days. They need to be very careful because this could cost us a lot of money and he has said the one he is worried about is not the one that is \$50, \$75 or \$100, it is the one that is \$500, \$1,000 and those are not people who can’t afford it, it is people who can afford it but have just let it go and have not paid attention.

Phillips questioned if there is any monitoring going on in the water department now.

Jackson stated he was not involved in developing this ordinance and after listening to both sides he is starting to believe that the pursuit of the computer program to monitor this might be the better way than to start issuing refunds for excessive water leaks. He questioned where they were at in the development of this software.

Mitchell stated they have had a couple of presentations but they have not pursued anything due to budgetary reasons. They can pursue this issue if council would like them to.

Jackson questioned the cost of the software.

Wells stated originally it was \$20,000 and staff negotiated it down to \$10,000. He stated that Sensus, the company that also handles our meters, also has a similar software program.

Burk stated he agrees that we need to explore this software and see if we can monitor it and help people by getting those red flags raised.

Tanner stated he discussed this with all the committee members and he thought he addressed all the concerns.

Wells suggested they get a price on the software and maybe the council has enough concern about this issue to pay for it out of council contingency fund.

Jackson stated it sounds like this software will alert people pretty quickly. He suggested they table this item and direct staff to get more information on the software and put together some cost figures.

Tanner stated he would be opposed to tabling this item because it has nothing to do with this software program that is going to send these alerts. This is important now for someone that is going to potentially have the misfortune because of a line break and have to pay a high water bill. He has spent many months with the city administrators, Councilmembers Wells, Burk and Morford addressing concerns and putting this together and has waited a long time to present it to council. If the council decides that this is something they don't want to do now, that is fine, but he would like to make a motion to approve this.

MOVED by Tanner SECOND by Phillips to adopt **Ordinance 15-17**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and establishing an effective date.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Jackson SECOND by Morford to table this issue until after they receive cost data and input from the software companies.

Phillips stated she would like to get an answer to her question about if we are doing any monitoring now and is it based on citizen complaint or is it from daily monitoring.

Barbara Curren, Revenue Services Supervisor, stated they monitor as they get the readings in for each billing cycle. They get those readings 7-10 days prior to the bill. They get reports that show accounts in that cycle of billing that are using more than twice their average monthly consumption. Now that people are watering, that report is sometimes 20-30 pages long. If it shows someone is using water every hour they will contact that person by phone or they will send a service man out to put a tag on the house. If it is really high they may turn that valve off to the meter and leave a tag so the customer will contact them. She stated they are working with the Sensus company to get a workable report that will show them possible leaks. Even once they accomplish that they don't have the manpower to check all of them out. They are doing what they can to try to notify people as soon as they know that they possibly have a problem.

Bellino-Hall questioned the lag time on knowing there is a problem.

Curren stated when they get the report 7-10 days before the bill is produced, those reports are printed and the billing office has two people who immediately start working on those reports.

Burk stated they look at that report once a month.

Bellino-Hall stated it is a 30-day lag time.

Curren stated she has checked with other cities and most are similar to what we are doing.

Phillips questioned if Ms. Curren was familiar with the AquaHawk program.

Tanner stated it is totally different from what the city uses now but it can use its existing equipment. The customer can log in their name via computer and they can set the amount of usage and you will be sent a message via different avenues. No city employee has to sit in front of a computer screen monitoring this information, it is built in to the program. He feels it is a good program and the existing company we use now offers something similar. We can send this out for bid and get something that centers around water conservation.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Phillips, Haywood, Wells. NAY: Tanner. MOTION CARRIED.

Wells requested staff start looking at this software and come back to council with a price.

Ihler stated they will get some information from different companies and bring it back to the council.

Tanner questioned why he would ask the rest of the committee members to support this and go through all the effort to make them happy with this ordinance and then agended the item under the water conservation committee. He should have just agended the item under his name. If they weren't going to support it he would not have even brought it forward.

13. Consider an ordinance pertaining to City Contracts and Sales amending portions of Section 10-1-102 and Section 10-1-113, Article 10-1, Chapter 10, Lawton City Code, 2005, to reflect the increased contract amounts associated with the City's formal competitive bidding requirements previously adopted on April 22, 2014, providing for severability and establishing an effective date. Exhibits: Ordinance 15-__.

Mitchell stated this updates the rest of the sections in city code regarding the change to the purchasing policy approved last year by council.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Jackson to adopt **Ordinance 15-17**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and establishing an effective date of 30 days from today. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 15-17

An ordinance pertaining to city contracts and sales amending portions of section 10-1-102 and Section 10-1-113, Article 10-1, Chapter 10, Lawton City Code, 2005, to reflect the increased contract amounts associated with the city's formal competitive bidding requirements previously adopted on April 22, 2014, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date of thirty days from today.

14. Consider an ordinance pertaining to inattentive driving amending Section 23-5-545, Article 23-5, Chapter 23, Lawton City Code, 2005, to conform with state law and making it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle while texting, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date. Exhibits: Ordinance 15-__.

Jackson stated he was involved with the resolution process from this council to the state capitol in an effort to make texting and driving illegal. We were successful in that effort and the state legislature finally passed the law and now the city council needs to pass this ordinance in order to conform with state law.

MOVED by Jackson SECOND by Tanner to adopt **Ordinance 15-18**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and establishing an effective date of November 1, 2015. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 15-18

An ordinance creating Section 23-5-545a, Chapter 23, Lawton City Code, 2005, pertaining to inattentive driving to conform with state law making it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle while manually composing, sending or reading electronic text messages, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date November 1, 2015 when state law goes into effect.

REPORTS: MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER

Wells stated he had heard that the gates were leaking at the dam and he requested that in the future, staff let the council know when there is a problem.

Ihler stated the seals have actually been leaking for years and as a result of the May rains we did get additional damage to the seals.

Jackson questioned if we ever repaired the two gates that were damaged.

Ihler stated we have not repaired those yet but we have costs estimates. They have submitted claims to FEMA for reimbursement as part of the damages during the May storm. He stated the cost estimate is \$1.2 million for the two gates. They submitted claims of \$2.2 million overall to FEMA.

Afsaneh Jabbar, Director of Water/Wastewater, stated they have submitted data for two claims, the spillway at Lake Ellsworth, which has some cracks, and the two gates.

Jensen introduced Jason Perez who is the new City Prosecutor.

Phillips stated she attended the Lawton Rangers Rodeo parade and the City of Lawton Birthday Celebration. She stated CareerTech broke ground this morning for their business incubator which will bring a lot of business to this community.

Tanner stated the council received a letter regarding Soper Park, which is in his ward between 19th and Bell. When he first came on council someone had vandalized the equipment. He contacted the parks and recreation director and they decided the equipment was so old it would cost more to repair than to replace it. They placed the funding for the equipment in the budget last year and it still has not been accomplished. He apologized to his constituents who wrote the letter. They are working diligently to get the equipment installed.

Burk stated that tomorrow there will be an adoption event at Central Mall. Animal Welfare Division will be there from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$15. He stated the 2nd Annual Fresh Paint Days was held and he commended Tony Griffith and his crew who painted 35 homes in one day with soldiers who volunteered from Fort Sill. He stated their goal next year is to get to 50 homes. He thanked everyone in the community who supported this event.

Jackson thanked the Lawton Ranger for their efforts in the community.

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 7:34 p.m. and reconvened in regular, open session at 8:28 p.m. Roll call reflected all members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

15. Pursuant to Section 307B.1, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to review the employment of Nathan M. Johnson as Municipal Judge, and in open session take other action as necessary. Exhibits: None.

Mayor Fitch read the title of item #15. No action was taken.

16. Pursuant to Section 307B.2, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss negotiations for a Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY 2015-2016 between the Police Union, IUPA Local 24, and the City of Lawton, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session. Exhibits: None.

Jensen read the title of item #16. No action was taken.

Wells thanked the citizens of Lawton for approving the 2016 CIP ballot and now we will be able to take care of our water needs for the future.

Mayor Fitch stated they are thankful for all the hard work that has gone into informing the community about the 2016 CIP. The council will work diligently to explore other alternative water resources. All of the projects that are being brought over to the 2016 CIP will be completed and on time. He thanked the voters.

Wells stated that LATS will now continue to run with its full schedule because we will be able to buy new buses.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

FRED L. FITCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TRACI HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK