

MINUTES  
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.  
LAWTON CITY HALL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

Doug Wells, Mayor Pro Tem  
Presiding

Also Present:  
Jerry Ihler, City Manager  
Frank Jensen, City Attorney  
Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk  
COL Samuel Curtis, Fort Sill Liaison

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law. Invocation was given by Pastor Terry Marsh, Carriage Hills Christian Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Bob Morford, Ward One  
Keith Jackson, Ward Two  
Caleb Davis, Ward Three  
Jay Burk, Ward Four  
Dwight Tanner, Jr., Ward Five  
Cherry Phillips, Ward Six  
V. Gay McGahee, Ward Seven  
Doug Wells, Ward Eight

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF COMANCHE COUNTY TO MARCIA FRAZIER

Mayor Pro Tem Wells presented a Certificate of Commendation from the Mayor's Office to Marcia Frazier.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Tom Leon, 2307 NW Redwood Lane, stated he called the solid waste department and he was told it takes 55 hours to get a trash can fixed. He stated they could bring him a new trash can in that amount of time. He just wants the trash can fixed or a new can.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated the city manager will look into this issue.

Brenda Loggins, 8314 Castlestone, stated on September 13, 2107 she wrote a letter to her councilmember Cherry Phillips, to the City Planning Commission, the City Manager and her state representatives. The subject was no trespassing. She requested that Ms. Phillips respond

to her within 7 days and she did not. She sent another letter requesting 10 days and she did respond on September 27<sup>th</sup>. She asked her to come to her home and tour her property which she did on September 28<sup>th</sup>. She stated that Ms. Phillips told her she was not concerned about the issues which she has been trying to address but that she was concerned about her family's safety due to the location of the utility elements in her backyard. She has left messages but has not had any updates on this matter. She wrote a letter of complaint to the city manager who promptly responded and she will be calling his office. She stated her councilmember should have taken the initiative to insure that her family's lives will be taken care of and do the right thing. She is requesting that Ms. Phillips respond to her letters and do what she told her she would do. She told her she would resolve these issues before she left office.

Ihler stated Councilmember Phillips has been in his office and they have been gathering information with regards to maps to determine where the easements and fences are located. When he meets with Ms. Loggins he will go over that information.

Phillips stated she did not have access to her emails because of the system going down. She just got it back last week and that is why she did not hear from her and she apologizes.

Dr. Cornell Pewewardy, 3031 NE Stratford Circle, stated he is a citizen of the Comanche Nation and is also half Kiowa. He recently moved back to Lawton and a month ago he presented a draft resolution to the City Manager to adopt Indigenous Peoples Day on October 9<sup>th</sup>. He was contacted by Mr. Ihler who told him that the City Council did not want to act on the resolution. He is here tonight to represent that resolution to the public hoping that there will be some interest from the community. By adopting Indigenous Peoples Day together they can use this day as a tool to help all our people navigate spaces of healing through education.

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2017.

MOVED by Phillips SECOND by Tanner to approve the minutes of the Lawton City Council regular meeting of October 10, 2017. AYE: Phillips, McGahee, Wells, Morford, Jackson, Davis, Burk, Tanner. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED by Jackson SECOND by McGahee to approve the consent agenda. AYE: McGahee, Wells, Morford, Jackson, Davis, Burk, Tanner, Phillips. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

1. Consider the following damage claims recommended for approval Sheila Fountain in the amount of \$125.00, Randolph and Chong Prothro in the amount of \$1,431.00 (**Res. 17-113**), Glenda Brown in the amount of \$1,235.00 (**Res. 17-114**), and Shwana Underwood in the amount of \$2,920.48 (**Res. 17-115**). Exhibits: Legal Opinions/Recommendations, Res. 17-\_\_\_\_, Res. 17-\_\_\_\_, and Res. 17-\_\_\_\_.

2. Consider adopting a resolution approving the joint petition settlement and making payment in the workers' compensation claim of Peter Martin. Exhibits: **Resolution No. 2017-116**.
3. Consider approving a professional services agreement with Anthony Brancazio, DBA Wentworth Bradam, for professional consultation services related to locating expert witnesses for pending and anticipated litigation, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement. Exhibits: Proposed Agreement for Professional Services on file in City Clerk's Office.
4. Consider adopting a resolution approving an interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing by and between the Houston-Galveston Area Council (a/k/a "H-GAC") and the City of Lawton, and authorize the execution of the resolution and contract. Exhibits: **Resolution No. 17-117** and Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing.
5. Consider accepting a grant of \$ 90,650.00 and entering into a grant agreement with the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office (OHSO) to target and reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes and fatality accidents within the City of Lawton. Exhibits: A copy of the grant agreement summary is on file in the City Clerk's office.
6. Consider accepting dive gear from the Ft. Sill Police Department. Exhibits: A copy of the inventoried items is on file in the City Clerk's Office.
7. Consider and take action with respect to a Resolution of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma (the "City") approving action taken by the Lawton Water Authority (the "Authority") authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City an amendment to the agreement with the Waurika Lake Master Conservancy District (The "District") related to refinancing the 2010 indebtedness of the District as it pertains to acquisition of the Additional Storage Capacity of Lake Waurika. This amendment to the agreement will serve as a part of the security for the loan to the District from Oklahoma Water Resources Board. Exhibits: **Resolution No. 17-118** and Original OWRB Loan for Additional Storage Capacity Repayment Schedule.
8. Consider approving the renewal of the annual lease agreement between the City of Lawton and the Crossroads Youth and Family Services Center, Inc. Exhibits: Lease Agreement.
9. Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the installation and/or removal of traffic control measures on SW Chisholm Trail Blvd, NW Lawton Ave, SE Jarman Ave. and SE Indiana Ave. at Fullbright Lane. Exhibits: **Resolution No. 17-119**, Traffic Commission Minutes and Traffic Issue Requests.
10. Consider accepting a permanent easement from Micor Commercial Rentals, LLC, for right of way located near SW Lee Blvd and SW 26<sup>th</sup> street needed for the Accessibility Project Priority #1, Project #15-5SSES, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the document. Exhibits: Location Map- Attached as Exhibit A. Document is on file in the City Clerk's office.

11. Consider accepting a temporary easement from Sooner Square, LLC, an Oklahoma Limited Liability Corporation, for right of way located at 5108 W Gore Blvd needed for the SW 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Project# 2012-4, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the document. Exhibits: Location Map- Attached as Exhibit A. Document is on file in the City Clerk's office.
12. Consider extending contract for (CL15-055) Fluorocilicic Acid to Pennco Inc., of San Felipe, TX for an additional year. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Contract Extension Form, Price Sheet.
13. Consider extending contract for (RFPCL17-004) Maintenance of Public Grounds to Bedrock Nursery, Inc. of Lawton, OK for an additional year. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Contract Extension Form, Price Sheet.
14. Consider approving the purchase of five automated CNG Side Load and one Front Load with Curotto-Can Sanitation trucks from United Engines under statewide contract SW-197, and approving the associated lease/purchase agreement financing from Arvest bank at a rate of 2.199% for same. Exhibits: Quote for above mentioned equipment, Department Recommendation, Schedule of Payments and Financing Costs.
15. Consider approval of payroll for the period of October 9 - 22, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

16. Consider approving appointments to boards and commissions. Exhibits: None.

**Airport Authority**

Rob Kern  
3108 NE Heritage Drive  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73507  
New Member  
Unexpired Term 12/31/18

**Arts & Humanities Council**

D'esirae Schneider  
1135 NW Elm Avenue  
Lawton Oklahoma 73507  
New Member  
Unexpired Term 06/30/19

**Citizens' Committee On Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

Hosseini Moini  
3313 NE Heritage Drive  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73507  
Existing Member  
10/11/20

Jessie Cross  
Mayor's Appointment  
6302 SW Oakmont  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73505  
Existing Member  
10/11/20

**Enhancement Trust Authority**

Dr. Robert Morford  
City Council  
1622 NW 36th  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73505  
Existing Member  
09/23/20

**Historical Preservation Commission**

Paige Michener  
102 Ft. Sill Blvd.  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73507  
Existing Member  
10/11/19

Kent Jester  
1125 NW Elm Avenue  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73507  
Existing Member  
09/10/19

**Pension Trust Commission**

Terri Bayones  
212 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lawton Oklahoma 73501  
Existing Member  
09/28/22

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated this was tabled by Councilmember Davis because there was a question about showing the wards that were represented and if these appointments were ward appointees or mayoral appointees.

Hushbeck stated there are no ward appointments in this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells questioned if staff will contact the councilmember on ward appointments.

Hushbeck stated the Deputy City Clerk does note on the appointment if they are ward appointed, but staff will be contacting the council if there is a renewal of a ward appointment.

MOVED by Davis SECOND by Morford to approve appointments to boards and commissions.  
AYE: Wells, Morford, Jackson, Davis, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee. NAY: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

17. Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution declaring the structure located at 520 SW Sheridan Road to be dilapidated and a public nuisance, 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. Exhibits: Resolution 17-\_\_\_\_ and Resolution and exhibits for the property.

Joshua Leach, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, stated they contacted the owner on October 13<sup>th</sup> to schedule an appointment to do a formal inspection and this did not occur. The owner came in to

city hall on the October 13<sup>th</sup> and got paperwork for a permit but did not file the paperwork for any type of remodel or demolition. Leach presented photographs of the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated they had a lengthy discussion about this property at the last meeting and he questioned if anyone had any further questions.

Tanner stated Ms. Davis could not be here today and she had a representative contact him to let him know she wanted to put this property on the market. He stated Johnny Owens is going to put a sign in front of the property tomorrow. She already has had an offer made on the property. They are requesting that this item be postponed for approximately 30 days to see if this offer is going to go through.

MOVED by Tanner SECOND by Phillips, to table for 30 days.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated this property has been discussed for about five years and they have all heard the story. He would recommend that they allow the demolition of this property.

Tanner stated this is her only major asset and according to an agent with Johnny Owens, he thinks he can get \$45,000 for this property. She has had this property for 18 years and she fully intended to rehab it and use it for business enterprises but she did not have the money to do so and she was advised to put this building on the market and sell it. We have carried it this long and if she can't do anything within 30 days he will personally make the motion to put this property on the D&D list.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated the next person will have to get a permit and they don't do that and then we are back to square one.

Tanner stated hopefully someone who buys this will have a little more capital.

Jackson stated once that property is cleared it will be more valuable.

Tanner stated that is also his opinion, but the agent advised her to not demolish the property.

McGahee questioned if she could go ahead and sell it if it is placed on the D&D list.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated they could still put the sign up tomorrow.

Burk stated they still get their 30 days and if it is really under contract then it will sell. He stated that building is not worth \$45,000, it is about to fall down. He stated they are at a point where they have asked over and over for her to do something with this property and he feels they have gone above and beyond and you have to remember those property owners that live around there because it hurts their property values.

Tanner stated we have carried this so long and he is just asking for 30 more days.  
Phillips questioned what it will cost to demolish this property.

Leach stated he won't know until it actually goes out for bid, but the average cost to take down a building is \$2,750.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Wells SECOND by Morford, to adopt **Resolution 17-120** declaring the structure located at 520 SW Sheridan Road to be a dilapidated public nuisance. AYE: Jackson, Burk, McGahee, Wells, Morford. NAY: Davis, Tanner, Phillips. MOTION CARRIED.

18. Consider providing direction to prepare a memorandum of understanding between the City of Lawton and the Lawton Chapter of the NAACP to promote quality policing, communication and accountability between Lawton Police Department and the citizens of Lawton. Exhibits: NAACP Information Paper.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated that Dr. Luckey with the NAACP is here and has a film that he would like to show. He stated the council committee has met three times on this issue.

Ihler stated the committee has met three times, twice with just committee members and once with Dr. Luckey, Bishop Dunaway, Will Scott and Mr. Rafael. After watching the video and the committee meeting with Chief Smith and staff, the recommendation of the committee to the remainder of the council is to continue on with the community policing program that Chief Smith has put in place over the last few years and continue to foster partnerships with all community groups. The relationships they have put into place continue to strengthen the community ties and build community trust by participating in several outreach programs. With their partners they have participated in more than 50 community relation programs such as the Citizens Police Academy, Cops and Kids picnic, Coffee with the Cops, Moonlight Walk Against Drugs, educational speaking at several of the schools, churches and organizations, walk the kids to school days, Crimestoppers, Drug Busters, etc. The committee felt that Chief Smith has done a very good job with the community policing program and they would like to continue and not necessarily enter into a memorandum of understanding with any groups, but to continue that open community relationship with all the groups within this community. If anyone has any concerns they can meet with the Chief, their council members or come to the City Manager's office.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated they also talked about the committee continuing to meet and try to set up a group that would have a proactive approach to the community and try to make sure we have good relationships among all groups within the city and the police department.

Bishop John Dunaway, 802 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, stated he was asked to speak tonight on behalf of President Luckey and the NAACP and the various other groups that have been a part of formulating this initiative. They recognize everything that has been mentioned by the City Manager and that has and is being done by the police department. He personally is a part of some of these programs and he is one of the crisis chaplains with our police department and he has been through the citizen's police academy. He stated they are concerned that with this proposal certain words have been taken out of context and certain words have been used to throw a bad light on what the full intent of this is. He stated the council has been provided with an information sheet that explains the branch's objectives. He stated with this proposal of a

citizens committee they are looking to bring some citizens and put them into place where they can be trained to assist our police department and do some things in our city that will continue to enhance the quality of life rather than wait until there is a need. He requested that they take a thorough look at this and come together with dialogue so that they can have something great for our city along with what the department is presently doing. He stated Oklahoma City has an advisory board and they worked for three years to get the language and the intent in everything that goes with what they are doing today. They worked that long to get it right. He stated their members are concerned that the council will make a hasty decision and throw it out.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells recommended they take no action tonight and he will call a meeting of the committee and other community leaders and they can start working on a program that is proactive in the community to ensure that we have a system in place if something was to happen in the city so that we have the resources to handle it appropriately.

Dr. Clarence Luckey, President of Lawton NAACP Branch #6131, stated that is agreeable and they can work through this situation and come to a mutual agreement. He stated he had a conversation with Councilmember Davis and a he needs to address the issue right now. About three or four weeks ago he was interviewed by KSWO about the kneeling of the NFL players and the protests and he thinks he was misunderstood and he can't emphasize this enough and he thinks Councilmember Davis brought it to his attention that the answer should have been one of a local response as opposed to a national response when he said that cops were murdering young African Americans and in no way did he intend for that to indicate that the Lawton Police Department had murdered any young African American males. If anybody besides Councilmember Davis understood that to mean such he wanted to correct that and apologize to those who understood him to be accusing the Lawton Police Department of murdering young African American males.

(A short film from the Department of Justice website was played for the council).

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated the committee is talking about a proactive approach in the community and they will start meeting again with community leaders to work towards a proactive program within the community.

Morford recommended they take no action on this item and refer it back to the committee.

Tanner stated he is for this initiative and he would like to move forward and see if they can put something proactive in place in case something ever happens.

Davis stated the committee met three times including the Chief, Assistant Chief and the City Manager and quite a bit of time has been spent already on this. He knows what they are doing here is kicking the can down the road or trying to work on a better proposal. He did offer several different proposals to Dr. Luckey and one of those proposals was the committee acting in the sole capacity of the video they just watched from the CRS board. That is not the sole capacity in which they wish to operate and he said that would not satisfy his request with this review board.

Dr. Luckey stated what his understanding of what Councilmember Davis was conveying to him was that before they could review any investigation that they needed to obtain the permission of the Police Chief and that is when he said he was 1000% against that and they should not have to request permission from the Chief to review any requests from the public and that is what he disagreed with.

Davis stated the function of the review process would be having access to information that is not accessible to the general public through the open records act, in other words confidential information. That is what Dr. Luckey is referring to in the review process. He asked if they would be interested in a request review board from the Chief of Police where if we did find ourselves in a situation that brought a lot of national attention and there was unrest in the community, the chief could request their help to get the word out to the community about the facts. He stated Dr. Luckey is not interested in that at all and he said in the committee meeting that he does not need anybody telling him what he can review and what he can't. It is obvious that the council wants to push this on down the road, but remember they pay the Chief of Police a good salary and he is a very busy man and our City Manager is very busy and this issue has taken hours of time from the City Attorney, City Manager, Chief of Police and the committee has done due diligence looking into this and offering multiple solutions that would be acceptable to the committee and they were turned down. He thinks we are at an impasse and he would encourage everyone to bring this to a close because it is costing citizens money when the Chief, Assistant Chief, City Manager and the City Attorney sits in these committee meetings for hours over and over again and nothing is resolved. A lot of work has already gone into this and a lot of money has already been spent by the City to try and answer this request.

Morford questioned if they can legally give information that is not public knowledge to a committee like this or a review board.

Jensen stated it is going to depend on what the information is and that has been a big part of his role in these committee meetings. What they will be asking for at some point in time is information that is not otherwise available to the public under the open records act. Under the open records act there is information that we must provide to the citizens on police activities and there is information that we don't provide on their activities. He stated there could be situations where we might be able to but we can't because of an ongoing investigation or a pending litigation. They can't give up litigation files out of their office and they can't accommodate every request. If they are going to do an MOU he was going to strongly recommend that we have caveats that the ongoing investigations that could be jeopardized had to be exemptions. What they are willing to give up beyond that wasn't available to the public as long as it did not violate the collective bargaining agreement for the police union, it could be done, but they were also going to insist upon a confidentiality clause.

Morford questioned where they see this going in committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated he thought the committee had a consensus of looking at a proactive approach to a program. In the video there was nothing talked about a committee reviewing things, it was the pastors and others in that community working to make it a community that could help relationships between police and citizens in critical situations or just in normal times.

He thinks they need to take a community effort. They don't want to end up with the city in a riot situation because we don't have any way to handle a situation that could get out of hand. It doesn't do any harm to meet, talk and see if they can come up with solutions to problems beforehand.

Phillips stated the video shows that there is a way to handle this where the city and the NAACP can come together with a good positive agreement. He would like to give this another chance.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated the board everyone is talking about would also include Cameron University and other organizations. Let's try to come up with something that is beneficial to the citizens of Lawton, the police officers and the leadership in the community.

Tanner stated they have called this an oversight committee or review board, but to him it is more of an insight committee. It is where a group of citizens can get together and talk about both sides of a controversial issue. When it comes to reviewing or giving oversight to city employees, there is a city charter which is very clear. The only person that is able to give oversight and review to all city employees is the city manager or his designee, so that is not what this initiative is all about, this is an initiative that is proposed by the NAACP and according to their own language, the NAACP will not provide oversight of the proposed citizens review board or citizens insight committee or bear responsibility for member training, but will offer training recommendations. They are not even asking to be in charge of this group of concerned citizens, this is just an initiative they are bringing forward to put proactive measures in place. He sees no harm in getting back in the trenches and hashing out an agreement.

Davis stated that several members of the council have said that they would like to continue sitting down and talking and coming to an agreement, but they have talked for hours and there was a definite impasse at the last committee meeting with the proposal from the NAACP, which they wanted access to confidential information, and they were not willing to budge on that. There were several items they talked about and they tried to work a deal, but they were steadfast in what they wanted and the committee was not in agreement. We can spend more taxpayers money and more of staff's time to look at this again, but we are at an impasse.

Tanner stated the city manager gets paid exactly the same whether he shows up to these meetings or not. He is not opposed to scheduling these after 5 p.m.

Jackson stated no one would be opposed to a proactive approach, but he sees a problem with these subpoena powers and he would not be in favor of any special interest group or any group have subpoena powers.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated they will have committee meetings and invite other people and try to come up with a proactive program that will help the city of Lawton. What the end result will be he has no idea, but hopefully it will help all of us have a better community. The consensus of the council is to go back to the committee.

Tanner stated he did not read anything about subpoena power.

Jackson stated he was unable to be at the last committee meeting but Councilmember Davis did attend and his statement here has been that this is at an impasse where they wanted subpoena powers basically to have evidence and he cannot go for that.

Mayor Pro Tem Wells stated they do not need to focus on that at this point, they just need to get together and try to come up with a proactive program. He would hope it would be a program to bring the community together to solve any issues that might arise. He recommended they forget the MOU right now and just get together and talk among a lot of people.

#### NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

19. Consider adopting a resolution implementing a two percent (2%) cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all non-bargaining unit employees effective January 29, 2018. Exhibits: Resolution No. 17-\_\_.

Ihler stated in September the council approved a 2% COLA effective January 29, 2018 with the fire department employees as part of their 2-year agreement. In addition a similar offer was made to the police union. Several council members stated that if we are going to offer the fire department and the police department a 2% COLA, we should be offering the non bargaining employees the same 2%. This item provides a resolution for a 2%COLA to be incorporated into the proposed pay plan for all non bargaining union employees. The cost would be approximately \$220,000 for the remainder of this fiscal year and it will be funded from the savings from vacancies that we have been unable to fill and vacancies that are not filled immediately.

Burk stated this council has always felt that the general employees should always get what the other employees are getting and they want this to happen, he just wished it could be more. He thanked Ihler for listening to their recommendations and for making this happen.

Davis stated he supports this item, but he would like to see the exact positions where the funding is coming from and if he is planning on filling these positions next year or will that money be available next year from these vacant positions.

Ihler stated it is basically from those positions that they have been trying to fill now and they have not had suitable candidates apply or it has taken a longer period to apply. Right now we have approximately 30 vacancies. When we budget for the fiscal year we budget for the fact that all employees that are approved in the budget will be here every day of the working fiscal year. We receive savings when someone leaves the job and it takes 2-3 months to fill that position. He does plan on continuing to fund the positions that are approved in the budget and he feels we will see the savings through those vacancies we have had while we are trying to fill them.

Davis questioned if we will not be filling these certain vacancies for the remainder of the fiscal year in order to fund this COLA.

Ihler stated that is not what he is saying. People will leave their job and take another job and when they leave we advertise 2-3 weeks for that position and then we go through the interview process and it may be 2 months before we fill that position. For that 2 month period we will not

have paid anyone for that position and there will be two months of savings for that particular salary and that is what he is looking at to fill those positions.

Davis questioned if they were specific positions or are they an average over the fiscal year.

Ihler stated yes.

**MOVED** by Burk **SECOND** by Morford to approve **Resolution No. 17-121**. AYE: Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells, Morford, Jackson, Davis. NAY: None. **MOTION CARRIED**.

#### REPORTS: MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER

Ihler stated staff has distributed copies of the proposed sign ordinance that will be coming to the council on November 14<sup>th</sup>. He stated they wanted to give council time to look at the proposed changes.

McGahee stated she is excited that the council was able to approve a raise for the general employees and thanked the city manager for putting this together.

Phillips stated she attended the Southwest Medical Center 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and the open house for Cosmetic Specialty Labs.

Tanner stated the Open Streets event will be held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. He stated that Ambucs Pancake Days will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 7:32 p.m. and reconvened in regular, open session at 8:02 p.m. Roll call reflected all members present.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM:

20. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the pending case in Comanche County District Court of Jonathan and Kelly Crouse, et al. vs. City of Lawton, CJ-2017-695, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session. Exhibits: None.

Jensen read the title of item #20. No action was taken.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

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FRED L. FITCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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TRACI HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK