



City of Lawton

City Council

MINUTES

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Council Chambers/Auditorium**

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**MAYOR PRO TEM WARREN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH INVOCATION
BY REV. ALLAN HAMPTON, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

- Mary Ann Hankins, Ward 1
- Kelly Harris, Ward 2
- Linda Chapman, Ward 3
- George Gill, Ward 4
- Allan Hampton, Ward 5
- Onreka Johnson, Ward 7
- Randy Warren, Ward 8/ Mayor Pro Tem

ABSENT:

- Bob Weger, Ward 6

ALSO PRESENT:

- John Ratliff, City Manager
- Tim Wilson, Interim City Attorney
- Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk

PRESENTATION:

Arts for All Summer Arts Institute for the Under-served Report- Report provided by Ronda Norell, Arts for All. This presentation is available in the City Clerk's Office.

Lawton Municipal Airport Report- Report provided by Barbara McNally, Lawton Municipal Airport. This presentation is available in the City Clerk's Office.

PROCLAMATION:

December Citizens of the Month: Marsha Thomas and Martha McCartney

REPORTS: MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL

Hampton spoke about the Farmer's Market.

Warren also spoke positively about the diversity of the Farmer's Market.

Gill stated Lawton Association of Motorcyclists did a toy run that he was able to participate in.

Chapman asked citizens to slow down and drive safely.

Hankins spoke about the end of mowing season.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Anyone having an item of business to present to the City Council that does not appear on the agenda please come forward at this time.

Edna Guzman, 2126 NW Bell Avenue, spoke about a waterline break near her grandson's house at 1805 NW Elm Avenue. She stated this caused raw sewage to flow to the front yard, back yard, and under her grandson's house. She claimed the sewage caused damage to her grandson's personal property and the home. Her grandson is special needs and requires assistance. His damage claim was denied, and Guzman is asking City Council to assist.

Wilson stated it is his understanding that this claim will be on the agenda at the next Council meeting. Council can discuss this claim at that time.

Cliff Walley, secretary for Lawton Coalition of Motorcycles (LCOM), thanked Blazek-Scherler, Chief Smith, Chief Williams, and Councilman Gill for their assistance with LCOM's annual toy drive. He stated donations can be made to BancFirst.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consider approving a damage claim (recommended for approval) and a resolution authorizing payment for Shaun Cochran in the amount of \$1,692.74.

Attachments: [Cochran, Shaun-Memorandum](#)
[Cochran, Shaun-Resolution and Warrant of Atty.](#)

2. Consider and take action approving the plans, specifications and authorize advertisement for construction of PU2309 Map 11 Phase I Waterline Rehabilitation Project.
3. Consider and take action awarding a contract in the current amount of \$2,440,772.28 to M&T Septic & Backhoe Service, INC, for construction of the Industrial Water Main Extension Phase 1 Project PU2306. The Project extends the water line to the Southwest Industrial Park area to make way for the development of the new refinery for Westwin

Elements, Inc.

Attachments: [Recommendation of Award v1](#)
[Bid Tab Industrial Water Main full](#)
[Contract - M&T signed](#)

4. Consider awarding contract (CL24-008) Heavy Equipment Service and Parts to C.L. Boyd Co. Inc. of Oklahoma City, Ok.

Attachments: [SKM_C300i23111708330](#)
[Abstract.docx](#)
[CL24-008 Bid Results](#)

5. Consider extending contract RFPCL22-021 Fire Service Cost Recovery Billing and Collection to Fire Recovery USA.

Attachments: [Fire Recovery USA Ext. Form Year 3](#)
[Dept Memo](#)

6. Consider approving a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oklahoma and North Texas Fire Zone (Wichita Mountains WR), authorizing the Lawton Fire Department to provide mutual aid assistance during the suppression of wildfires, emergency incident response, hazardous fuel reduction projects, prescribed fire, fire prevention, training, and related fire management activities.

Attachments: [City of Lawton FWS MOU](#)

7. Consider approving an agreement between the City of Lawton and Strategic Government Resources “SGR” for the purpose of Executive Recruitment Services for the Lawton City Attorney position.

Attachments: [SGR - City Attorney](#)

8. Consider ratifying the agreement between the City of Lawton and Strategic Government Resources “SGR” for the purpose of Executive Recruitment Services for the Lawton City Manager position.

Attachments: [SGR - City Manager](#)

9. Consider accepting the 2023 Funding Sustainability Grant of \$13,202.00 from the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority for the purchase of handheld/mobile radios and authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract.

Attachments: [Project-Version-0-SLA_Lawton-2023-FSG_F1103234S35-238553-46998](#)

10. Consider accepting a temporary easement and permanent sewer line easement from Brentwood Development, Inc, for the South Wolf Creek #5 sanitary sewer main installation, Project No. PU1801 SSES, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute documents and authorize payments for the same.

Attachments: [Signed Easements from Brentwood Dev](#)
[Signed Acquisition and Condition Form](#)

11. Per the recommendation of the Streets & Bridges Council Committee, consider approving a

list of eighteen street repair candidates for milling and overlaying to be included in the “Ten Wins for the Citizens, On Target On Time” project, including any floor amendments, and take action as deemed necessary.

Attachments: [Priority List #3](#)
[10 Wins Full List of 40](#)

Gill stated this will put forty-one approved streets on the Mayor Booker’s “10 Wins for the Citizens, On Target On Time” initiative. The program has already started, and the first phase is under construction. The first ten streets will be completed in a ninety-day period. After the completion of the first phase, we will be ready to bid the next set of streets for milling and overlaying.

Motion by GILL, Second by HARRIS, to approve Priority List #3, which includes eighteen street repairs candidates for milling and overlaying, to be included in the “Ten Wins for the Citizens, On Target On Time” project. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

Gill stated he would like to take the opportunity to address some questions that have been raised. This program is based on IMS, which is the engineering consultant that evaluated all the streets in Lawton about two years ago. Based on input from the IMS Report, EST Engineering, and the City of Lawton’s Engineering Department, a list of streets was presented to the Streets and Bridges Committee to be considered for milling and overlaying. The Committee has tried to be equal to all wards when selecting projects to recommend.

Warren asked if it is fair to say we will touch fifty streets this year if this project and the ad valorem projects are combined.

Gill stated he believes so, but he isn’t certain. He noted that some of the larger projects, like Goodyear Blvd, are ad valorem projects that currently being bid and will begin construction next year. He also stated that the existing maintenance program hasn’t kept up with the wear and tear on the streets, so Mayor Booker came up with this very aggressive plan. This program is in addition to CIP road projects and ad valorem projects.

12. Consider authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a disclaimer for the property located at 2101 SW McKinley Avenue which was deeded to the city without city council’s acceptance or approval.

Attachments: [Recorded Deed to COL](#)
[Disclaimer Form](#)

13. Consider setting the date of January 9, 2024, to hold a public hearing to close a public access easement for the Elmer Thomas Connector bike route crossing Lawton Public Schools property located approximately at 753 NW Fort Sill Blvd.

Attachments: [Easement Location Map](#)
[EXISTING BIKE ROUTE MAP](#)
[LHS-Shoemaker-CMS Proposed Route A](#)
[LHS-Shoemaker-CMS Proposed Route B Ferris](#)
[Proposed Temporary Detour Bike Route](#)
[Easement B7061 P108 Not Closing](#)

[Easement B7061 P111](#)
[Easement B7061 P114](#)
[Easement B7061 P117](#)
[Street Mill and Overlay Priority List 2](#)

14. Consider approving the Second Amendment to a lease between the City of Lawton and Comanche Lumber Co for the property located within the abandoned railroad right-of-way adjacent to Railroad Street between B Avenue and D Avenue, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amendment.

Attachments: [Draft Second Amendment First Amendment](#)

15. Consider approving the proposed Annual Meeting Notice for calendar year 2024.

Attachments: [2024 CC ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE](#)

Motion by WARREN, Second by CHAPMAN, to approve the consent agenda with the exception of pulling item eleven. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None.
Motion Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

16. Consider approving an ordinance pertaining to Animals, amending Section 5-1-101, 5-1-104, 5-1-106, 5-1-111, 5-1-117, 5-1-118, 5-1-120, Article 5-1, Chapter 5, Lawton City Code 2015 and amending Section 5-5-508, Article 5-5, Chapter 5, Lawton City Code 2015, by defining redemption period and service animal; establishing City Manager approval for euthanizations within the redemption period; clarifying that large animals may be unlawful; allowing for redemption periods to be extended; expanding on service animal allowances; increasing the percentage of revenue collected available for Animal Welfare use; correcting grammatical errors; renumbering as needed; providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

Attachments: [UPDATED AW ORD Miniature Horses ADA](#)

Roy Roderick, Animal Welfare, stated these were brought to Council previously, but the heading was not reflective of what the code changes were.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by HAMPTON, to approve Ordinance 23-48, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

City Attorney read the title:

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ANIMALS, AMENDING SECTION 5-1-104, 5-1-106, 5-1-117, 5-1-118, 5-1-120, ARTICLE 5-1, CHAPTER 5, AND AMENDING SECTION 5-5-508, Article 5-5, CHAPTER 5, LAWTON CITY CODE 2015, BY DEFINING REDEMPTION PERIOD AND SERVICE ANIMAL; ;REQUIRING CITY MANAGER APPROVAL FOR EUTHANIZATIONS WITHIN THE REDEMPTION PERIOD; CLARIFYING THAT LARGE REPTILES MAY BE UNLAWFUL; ALLOWING FOR REDEMPTION PERIODS TO BE EXTENDED; EXPANDING ON SERVICE ANIMAL ALLOWANCES; INCREASING THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE COLLECTED AVAILABLE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE USE; CORRECTING GRAMMATICAL ERRORS; RENUMBERING AS NEEDED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None.
Motion Passed.

17. Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution declaring the structures located at 1006 SW 6th Street, 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.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Pictures](#)

Jonathan Jernigan, Neighborhood Services, stated staff recommends no action be taken on this item.

Ratliff asked the reason for the recommendation.

Jernigan stated the owner came in on November 9th to apply for a permit.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

18. Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution declaring the structures located at 10 SW 51st Street, 1213 NW Taylor Avenue, 1215 NW Taylor Avenue, 1303 NW Laird Avenue, 1505 SW Monroe Avenue, 1627 NW 25th Street, 1706 NW Arlington Avenue, 1708 SW 12th Street, 1716 SW 13th Street, 1753 SW 13th Street, 1762 SW 13th Street, 2304 NW 47th Street, 2401 SW I Avenue, 2612 SW I Avenue, 2805 NW 22nd Street, 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.

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Pictures](#)

10 SW 51st Street

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Sheila Jesse stated she is an attorney representing the mortgage company on this property. She just received notice of today's hearing on Friday and has been trying to get in touch with the property owner to find out if insurance money is available for the necessary repairs. There is an active mortgage that is up-to-date, but she has been unable to contact the owner. She is requesting additional time to contact the owner.

Wilson stated it will ultimately be up to the Council if the property is declared a public nuisance. If it is declared a public nuisance, the structure will not be torn down immediately; the owner will be given thirty business days to pull either a remodel or demolition permit.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by CHAPMAN, Second by GILL, to approve a resolution declaring the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution.

Gill noted that as long as the owner pulls a permit and is showing progress, the permit can be renewed every thirty days until completion.

Harris asked if the property having a mortgage causes any issues.

Wilson stated not necessarily. It is not uncommon to declare a property dilapidated even when there is a mortgage on the property. One of the requirements is notifying everyone that has an interest in the property, and we have done that.

AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1213 NW Taylor Avenue

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2018.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by CHAPMAN, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution.

AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1215 NW Taylor Avenue

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by GILL, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE:

Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1303 NW Laird Avenue

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2022. There is also a fire date of 02/17/2023.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Don Timberlake, attorney for US Bank- first mortgage holder on the property, stated the property is in active foreclosure. There is a motion pending for a final determination on December 18th. He anticipates that the defendant will default, and we will have judgement and execution issued for the Sheriff's Sale in late January. The dilemma of his client is a \$150,000.00 loan, and the mortgage can't make any repairs to the property. They have secured the property on multiple occasions, but their recourse is limited until they get it in title, which should be in late January or early February. Because it is an FHA loan, we would have to bring it up to FHA standards at that point. Given the large financial incentive of the mortgage holder to get it cleaned up, Timberlake requested the Council defer the declaration of dilapidation until the court proceedings are finalized, which would be in late January.

Wilson stated this is similar to the previous property that also had a mortgage holder. The difference is that this property has an active foreclosure. It is the pleasure of the Council on how to proceed, but tabling the item for sixty days would be an allowable decision.

Harris asked if the mortgage company has been in contact with the owner.

Timberlake stated he has been served, but he has been non-communicative in the context of loan servicing and the foreclosure.

Harris stated he has been in the property. The inside has been destroyed, but it is structurally sound.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by GILL, to continue the public hearing for 1303 NW Laird Avenue until the first meeting in February.

Harris stated he implores the mortgage company to secure the property. Someone hotwired the electrical box and the fire department had to get involved to get it fixed.

Warren asked if it is possible for Council to approve the resolution with a date certain so the process doesn't have to be restarted.

Wilson stated you would essentially pass the resolution with a floor amendment to allow for 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, etc. A concern is that there may be a change in ownership. His recommendation is to table for 90 days to see if there is a change in ownership.

Gill stated he agrees with the current motion because it is better for the City to have the property fixed up. This will allow time for the court proceedings, and the property will be required to be brought up to FHA standards.

Harris question if Wilson believes 90 days is better than 60 days.

Wilson stated he meant 60 days. The first meeting in February is fine.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1505 SW Monroe Avenue

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Stevey Burris, 1616 SW Jefferson, stated this is his grandparents' property. They are requesting additional time because they intend to tear it down over the weekend. He will apply for the demolition permit tomorrow.

Warren stated the Council will more than likely declare the property dilapidated, but the owner will have thirty business days to pull a permit.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by GILL, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1627 NW 25th Street

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HANKINS, Second by HARRIS, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1706 NW Arlington Avenue

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by GILL, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1708 SW 12th Street

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.
No one appeared to speak.
PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by GILL, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1716 SW 13th Street

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2012. There is also a fire date of 07/11/2023.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.
No one appeared to speak.
PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by GILL, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1753 SW 13th Street

Jonathan 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. No water account was found.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.
Dornitha Wilson, 1755 SW 13th Street, stated she is currently using the property for storage. She does not believe the property is detrimental to the community. She plans to start clearing her property out of the structure in the Spring and will tear down the house after.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by GILL, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1762 SW 13th Street

Jonathan 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. No water account was found.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.
Barbara Mueller, Broker Associate for Remax Professionals, stated this house is currently under contract for sale. It will take a few weeks to get the deed transferred as the new owner lives out of state, but he is a contractor and intends to repair the house.

Wilson stated there is a pending Council policy that will state Council will take no action on properties pending sale. He recommends tabling this for a period of time that is the Council's pleasure. He asked Mueller if she knows a closing date.

Mueller stated it should be the end of December.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by CHAPMAN, to continue this matter until the first meeting in February. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

2304 NW 47th Street

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2020. There is also a fire date of 09/07/2023.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Shannon Sherman, Majestic Oak Realty, stated there is an active contract on this property with a closing date of this Friday.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Hankins stated she received a call from a citizen. They expressed great appreciation to Ratliff and Jernigan for getting this property taken care of. Vacant structures are a fire danger to the neighborhood, especially during the winter months. We are also anxious to have affordable housing in Lawton. Hankins asked if the new owner can pull permits for remodel soon.

Sherman stated yes, the buyer is prepared to do that as soon as the property closes.

Hankins stated she believes the correct action is to declare the property dilapidated. The owner will have thirty business days to pull permits. Once something is started, we're good. We want to see the property brought back up to code.

Sherman asked if there are additional fees if it is declared dilapidated.

Hankins stated no, and Neighborhood Services will work with you to help in any way.

Sherman stated the fire just occurred on September 7th. There was an investigation, and the property could not be touched during that investigation. As soon as it was done, they secured the property. She feels as though everything that could be done to prevent the property from being declared dilapidated was done.

Hankins stated she wishes the new owner well. Ward One needs good properties to live in.

Motion by HANKINS, Second by HARRIS, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution.

Edward Sherman, 6803 SW Majestic Oak, asked what the difference is between this property and the property Council just approved continuing until February. Both properties are under contract.

Wilson stated previously, Council discussed a policy regarding properties under contract. That policy is not in effect, but he believes Council expressed a desire to not declare any properties that are under contract. It is the pleasure of the Council whether or not to declare a property dilapidated.

Charlotte Brown, Planning Director, stated the draft policy states if the current owner brings in a signed contract with a closing date, the Council can decide not to declare the property dilapidated.

Wilson stated it is still a permissive at that point. The policy wouldn't be that they won't put a property on this list. You are also supposed to have a document with the closing date on it.

Brown stated that's correct; it puts it back to the Council to decide what they want to do. The policy just sets a precedent for when a closing date is set. If Council does not declare it staff will just keep an eye on the property to see if it remains in a dilapidated status.

Warren stated it does not have to be the current owner to pull the permit, anyway. The contractor can pull the permit.

Brown stated the contractor can act as the owner's agent.

Sherman stated the owner is going to change.

Brown stated the contractor is the agent for the new owner.

Sherman stated he is just seeking clarification since both properties are under contract. He didn't understand why the previous property was given extra time and this one isn't.

Harris stated that each councilperson addresses the homes in their ward. In this case, the councilperson decided she wants to act on this right away.

Hankins stated she wants this to be successful, and Neighborhood Services can help with that. She wants to see habitable homes in Ward One.

Wilson stated if this passes, the new owner and the current owner need to be aware the thirty-day clock starts running to pull a permit. If that's not done, the City could take action.

AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

2401 SW I Avenue

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by HARRIS, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

2612 SW I Avenue

Jonathan 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. Inactive utilities since 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by GILL, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

2805 NW 22nd Street

Jonathan 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. No water account was found. There is also a fire date of 07/03/2023.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HANKINS, Second by HARRIS, to approve a resolution declaring the structure on the property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

19. Consider adopting a resolution approving the amended and restated redevelopment agreement by and among the City of Lawton, the Lawton Economic Development Authority, the Comanche County Industrial Development Authority, and Westwin Elements, Inc., and related supporting documents, for the development of a pilot facility and the prospective development of a large-scale refinery in the west side industrial park to refine cobalt, nickel, and other critical elements; approving indebtedness of the Lawton Economic Development Authority in the principal par amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 in obligations; waiving competitive bidding on the issuance of the notes issued in connection with obligations; and authorizing other matters relating thereto.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-18](#)

[Resolution No. 23-129](#)

[Council Res Approv Westwin Docs -LEDA Indebtedness-12.10.23F](#)

Beckey Lekey, PO Box 7078, expressed concerns over the environmental impacts of nickel carbonyl, how maintenance is handled, and perimeter monitoring of the facility.

Wilson stated the City's Legal team, outside counsel, and Westwin attorneys have been working very hard to take care of this agreement, but there were some last-minute issues. LEDA, CCIDA, and City Council were all supposed to meet in order to vote on the proposed resolution; CCIDA chose to take no action, so it is his recommendation that Council also does not take any action. There are still some things that need to be worked out. Wilson stated he prefers to not get into the specifics, but he wants to ensure everyone that all involved parties are working diligently on this.

Harris stated he attended the town hall last night and had all of his questions answered. He is excited to move forward.

Gill stated he believes that "monitoring, monitoring, monitoring" was covered at the town hall. He felt like the meeting was very informative. There will be more meetings, and he encourages everyone to attend to hear the facts.

Ratliff stated it is also prudent to mention that the facility will undergo both random and regularly scheduled inspections by OSHA and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Qualities. Both bodies will routinely show up to ensure compliance with labor and environmental standards.

Hampton stated he believes this is being handled correctly. A pilot plant will help ease some concerns and there is a lot of opportunity for citizens to educate themselves.

Andrew Hayes stated he has cattle all around the area where the facility will be built. He asked Wilson what specifics does he not want to get into.

Wilson stated he is working with the City's outside economic development counsel and Westwin's counsel, so it is attorney to attorney communication. He is hesitant to get into the specifics until finalization. He will be very careful in how he says this. We are looking at materials that Westwin has given us to make sure it complies with the terms in the term sheet. It's things like insurance issues, work on the property, LEDA's lien being handled properly, and annexation; it's a wide range of topics. I won't get any more specific at this point. We are making sure our economic development attorney's questions are answered and she feels comfortable with the documents Westwin is providing.

Warren stated he would add that Westwin's attorneys are working hard because they have a huge investment in this. Our attorneys and our contracted attorneys are also working very hard because the citizens of Lawton also have a huge investment in this. We want to make sure that as things move forward, we don't have a problem that causes us to back up and regroup. We want to do this right and do it right the first time.

Gill asked Wilson if it is safe to assume that he is working on administrative issues and not safety issues.

Wilson stated yes, we are attorneys, not engineers, so we aren't looking at their process. We are looking at legal requirements.

Warren stated all that will be given out in the contract that gets signed. He went on to say he appreciated everyone that attended the Town Hall, and he looks forward to future town halls that are expected as the project progresses. He hopes to see town halls monthly or every other month.

Motion by GILL, Second by HARRIS, to direct staff to make the completion of all required paperwork our number one priority and assure the public and Westwin that the City Council supports the location of the Westwin Refinery in our city and are invested in making sure every effort is made to begin what will be a prosperous endeavor for Westwin and the citizens of Lawton, Comanche County, and for all of Southwest Oklahoma as quickly as possible.

Warren stated this has the ability to change the face of Southwest Oklahoma in a good and positive way. A lot of agencies will be keeping an eye to make sure nothing happens.

Chapman asked what the timeframe is to bring this back. She stated it's a delay.

Wilson expressed the all the attorneys are working very hard and have put in a lot of time for this. The documents were not finalized, and another board decided they did not want to take action on something that isn't finalized, which he understands. He cannot put a firm deadline on completion, but he understands that it needs to be done as soon as possible.

Chapman stated let's put this on the front burner, please. She also stated the town hall was very informational and wishes that would have been done sooner.

Hankins stated Mr. Hayes is a constituent of hers. She listened to most of the town hall and also found it very informational. She assured Mr. Hayes that everyone involved in the decision-making process is taking this very seriously. Nobody wants anybody to be hurt, but on the other end, there is a certain risk in all manufacturing facilities. She advised Mr. Hayes to attend the next town hall meeting to ask his questions.

Ratliff stated the agenda item is very specific to approving a resolution and a restated redevelopment agreement. He requested that no action be taken on the agenda item because the motion that was stated does not comport with what was stated on the agenda.

Wilson stated he agrees with that, but he understands what is being asked by Council.

20. Discuss the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional management services of the City of Lawton Municipal Jail to include establishing timeframes, consider approving the draft RFP including any floor amendments, and direct staff to move forward with the RFP process.

Attachments: [Draft RFP 11.13.23 \(002\)](#)

Warren stated this was his idea because he wants to know what is most efficient. We can either adopt one of the RFP's or keep things the way they are.

James Smith, Police Chief, stated he would like to go out for an RFP for someone to come in and run the jail. Staff is doing a good job, but we can have a more professional organization to oversee the jail. A draft RFP has been put together for Council to consider.

Harris asked if someone else is running the jail for us, would it enhance cooperation with Comanche County Detention Center.

Chief Smith stated that is our desire. We currently have a good working relationship with Comanche County, but this could enhance that relationship. We would like to have on jail system; right now, we house misdemeanors and Comanche County Detention Center houses felons. He believes it would be beneficial to the community for the City and the County to work together on one jail system.

Ratliff stated he believes the County has a trust that runs their jail, so there are actually three entities involved.

Warren stated he wants to do the RFP to decide what system works best, including how to meld with the County to form one jail. He doesn't want to put a jail trust in place until we have a better idea of what works best for us.

Harris asked the current capacity of the jail.

Smith stated 112, both male and female.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by GILL, to issue the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional management services of the City of Lawton Municipal Jail.

Warren asked if the draft RFP addresses looking at setting up a trust.

Whittington, LPD, stated there are a lot of steps to go through before we get there. They will review the RFP before putting it out to make sure everything is included.

Warren asked if the RFP is ready to go out, or if staff prefers to make changes and bring it back.

Smith stated they need to make changes and bring it back.

Substitute Motion by HARRIS, Second by GILL, to table this item until the first meeting in February.

AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

- 21.** Consider approving "A community of choice for families to thrive" as the official vision statement for the City of Lawton and add this vision statement to the "True North Culture Statement".

Attachments: [True North Culture Statement- FINAL](#)

Hampton asked that a floor amendment be considered to change the wording to “A Community Where Families Thrive”.

Ratliff stated the agenda item does not specifically allow for floor amendments, but there is a section in the heading of the agenda that may cover this floor amendment. He asked Wilson’s opinion.

Wilson stated he generally does not like to change the title of an agenda item, but the proposed floor amendment is not substantial, so he is okay with it.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by, to approve the vision statement and to add it to the True North Culture Statement with a floor amendment to modify the Vision Statement to say, “A Community of Choice Where Families Thrive”. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Warren. NAY: None.
Motion Passed.

22. Subject to Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority (LETA) approving an amended budget and amended limited services agreement, consider approving the First Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Agreement for Limited Services between LETA and the City of Lawton to allocate an additional \$250,000.00 for the extension of the Elmer Thomas Park Playground and to allocate \$10,000.00 for use by the LETA Cultural Preservation Committee.

Attachments: [LETA Amendment with Amended Budget 2](#)

Charlotte Brown, Planning, stated LETA has approved the amended budget and amended limited services agreement. The amendment adds \$250,000.00 for Children United all-inclusive playground in Elmer Thomas Park and \$10,000.00 for the Cultural Preservation Committee, which is a subcommittee of LETA, for the storage and preservation of some of the historical artifacts located in City Hall. The additional funding for the park would be used to apply for another grant through the McMahon Foundation. The money and grant would be used to install the rubberized surface. Once the surface is installed, the equipment can go in, and the park can be opened.

Hampton stated he served on LETA before he was on Council, and they were working on the playground even back then. He is excited to see it come to fruition. He also noted that LETA assisted the Cultural Preservation Committee with crating some of the historical artifacts in City Hall, but more needs to be done. It is important to protect the integrity of these artifacts.

Warren asked if there is a breakdown of how the \$10,000.00 will be used.

Ratliff stated Jason Poudrier with Arts and Humanities indicated that that amount would be for artifact

preservation, wrapping, and cleaning certain artifacts that have been left out and exposed to elements.

Brown stated the purchases would have to go back through LETA for approval.

Hampton stated the Cultural Preservation Committee meets once a month, and the meeting is open for anyone who wants to attend. Expenditures are discussed during that meeting, and minutes and documentation are kept.

Warren stated he completely understands, but wanted to make sure the information was available to the public. He remembers when paintings were found shoved in the corner of an HVAC unit.

Hampton stated those pictures were cleaned up and are now on display.

Brown stated another thing that was mentioned was restoring and displaying the Miss Lawton pictures that once hung in Wayne Gilley City Hall. The display would also include a QR code that provides information on the Miss Lawtons.

Hankins stated for the first time, the paintings will be documented and stored properly. She believes Poudrier is the right person to make this happen.

Johnson stated she wants to make sure the citizens understand that there are controls in place to monitor the money.

Brown explained that any expenditures go through LETA. The Cultural Presentation Committee has to provide quotes for materials or services they want to spend money on, and LETA must approve the quotes.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by, to approve the First Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Agreement for Limited Services between LETA and the City of Lawton to allocate an additional \$250,000.00 for the extension of the Elmer Thomas Park Playground and to allocate \$10,000.00 for use by the LETA Cultural Preservation Committee. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

- 23.** Discuss a plan to address issues regarding the homeless population in all areas of the City of Lawton and take action as deemed necessary.

Hampton stated in our community, we recognize the multifaceted issue of homelessness. We also recognize the urgent need for compassionate support along side the responsibility of and enforcement of

societal rules. Hampton went on to explain homeless issues in his ward, especially those affecting business owners. He stated he believes the culture of the homeless has evolved into its own society; there is a very dark side that includes crime, women getting accosted, and drugs. There are also some individuals getting assistance, so there is also a separate economy. He also believes that some individuals do not have a desire to leave the homeless culture. Hampton stated he has some ideas on what can be done, but would like for the City Manager to have some staff speak on the issue.

Ratliff offered to the floor to Neighborhood Services, Police Department, and Fire Marshal's Office to provide information.

Fire Marshal Heath Want stated in 2022, we started keeping track of fires in vacant structures. It is difficult to determine the cause of those fires, but they do see evidence of the unhoused entering and exiting these structures. It is also difficult because arson requires malicious intent, and there is no one to talk to in order to determine malicious intent. Most of the structures that we go in do show evidence of previously unlawful habitation by utilizing materials for warmth, light, and/or cooking. Because of the lack of active utilities, there is no way for them to extinguish the fire when it gets out of hand. The fire department takes a proactive approach by identifying the target structures and notifying the proper people to make sure they do not become a fire hazard for the community. Want went on to provide statistics of fires over the past year.

Brent Baggett, Assistant Fire Marshal, noted that the number of vacant structure fires are going up. He also stated the Fire Marshal's Office works closely with Neighborhood Services to address vacant structures prior to them be a fire danger.

SGT Matt Demmitt, LPD, stated Hungry Hearts is feeding roughly 200 people a week. The MIGHT Center is reporting that roughly 1,000 to 1,200 people are homeless in Lawton. Demmitt explained that homeless can be classified in the following categories: those who wish to stay in the homeless population and disregard societal rules, those who's circumstances led them to being homeless and are there short-term, those that have a drug or alcohol dependencies, and those that are mentally ill. The homeless are both committing crimes and are victims of crime. The police department would like to work the Council to figure this issue.

Jonathan Jernigan, Neighborhood Services, stated they work with both the fire marshal's office and police department to identify vacant structures and to issue letters to property owners to notify them of their right to trespass an individual from their property.

Demmitt stated the homeless shelter has informed him that the farthest location a homeless person has been bussed to Lawton from is Tulsa. We also see many individuals from the Oklahoma City area. The reason they want to be here is because there isn't as much competition for resources. They get more money panhandling here than they do in other places, and the word is out that Lawton is the place to go.

Harris asked if any studies have been done on the increase of homelessness since marijuana was

legalized.

Demmitt stated not on the legalization part, but they are expecting an increase of about 300 during the next count.

Hankins noted the feedings that her church does and the effects of addiction on homelessness and the difficulty they have seeking treatment.

Johnson asked if the City departments are working with the Homeless Task Force that meets once a month.

Demmitt stated he wasn't aware of the meetings, but City staff would like to attend if they are invited.

Gill asked who is paying for the bus ticket for them to get here.

Demmitt stated he is not certain at this time, but he is working to meet with large groups of homeless to ask questions just like that.

Warren stated the number of homeless decreased when Greyhound bus stopped running here, and increased when they came back. He also stated the mentally ill that are homeless are because of a failure of the state. Facilities have been closed across the state and people are surprised that those individuals are now homeless. Warren stated he would like to task Mayor Booker with finding a solution and getting the right people together.

Hampton stated the compassion needs to be there, but he would like to deal with businesses who are moving out because of issues with the homeless. He would like for a group of educated individuals within the City to look at policies and ordinances to see how we can help to stop losing businesses due to issues caused by the homeless. He then stated he would like some educational material put out to the businesses so they don't feel helpless. Education is empowerment, and our businesses don't know what they can do.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by GILL, to direct the City Manager to put together a working group of city staff to review policies and ordinances to empower businesses with knowledge on dealing with the homeless.

Johnson offered a friendly amendment to include that the Homeless Task Force also be involved.

Hampton and Gill both accepted the friendly amendment.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Hankins, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

STAFF REPORTS:

24. Provide City Council with an update on the 2023 summer youth programs that were funded through the CIP.

Attachments: [Summer Youth Programs VER 2a](#)

Christine James, Internal Auditor, gave a presentation of summer youth programs funded through the CIP. This presentation is available in the City Clerk's Office.

Johnson asked when the pending applications approved by YFAC would be presented to Council.

James stated she just gathered the information on the programs. That question would need to be directed to the City Clerk's Office or the Youth and Family Affairs Committee.

Rick Lowe, Chairman of the Youth and Family Affairs Committee, stated the applications were approved by YFAC during the summer months. Once the committee approves them, he loses touch and assumes that the applications are presented to Council. Apparently, that hasn't happened. He received an email from Mr. Wilson a few months ago that the committee needed to submit our annual report. We lost our part time administrator in the Spring, so that duty has fallen on to me.

Johnson stated she had put together some materials when she was on the committee to help track the funding that she forwarded on to staff when she left the committee. She will make sure that everyone that needs those materials receives them.

Lowe stated when Council receives the report, it will include a recommendation from the committee to hire a part time program administrator. To be honest, citizens volunteering to review the applications is the easy part; the hard part is keeping track of the grants, following up to make sure the money is being spent within its intended purposes, and evaluating outcomes.

Wilson stated if the report has been provided to the Council, it needs to be put on the agenda so Council can formally accept it.

Hankins stated she has a meeting with the Mayor to discuss some of the ongoing issues with the committee. The process is taking too long, and things have to change. The committee also struggles with meeting a quorum, so some members that don't attend may need to be dismissed.

Ratliff stated he believes the Mayor was good with a written report, so there may not be a need to formally put that on the agenda.

Wilson stated he will have to look at what the ordinance says.

James stated she and Joe Don Dunham have come up with some recommendations while researching the committee. It is her desire to make a positive turn.

Warren stated it should be possible to have something on the next agenda for the pending applications.

Joe Don Dunham, Finance Director, stated there are some issues with getting the funding. The pending applications approved by the committee total \$371,000.00, but there is only \$111,000.00 left in the budget for this year. There is some work that needs to take place that can't happen before the next meeting.

Blazek-Scherler stated at this point, Dunham has been asked to find funding for the applications that have already been approved by the committee along with programs for the upcoming summer. The agreements for the programs that have already been approved and are queued up for when the funding is resolved.

Wilson stated the ordinance states that a written report is to be submitted to the City Council.

Ratliff stated yes, that's what we said.

Blazek-Scherler stated she has access to that report and will send it out to all Council members.

Ratliff stated he thinks we will also need an amendment to require identifying the funding upfront. We need to improve internal processes. Anytime something is brought before Council that includes money being spent, we need to require that the funding source be identified upfront.

Warren stated it used to be part of the agenda item. It would include the account, the previous balance, and the balance remaining if the item was approved.

Hankins asked if the report James gave is similar to the report that Lowe put together. She stated it was an excellent report with great information.

Lowe stated there is some overlap. His report will also include program outcomes, and his report is given from the perspective of the committee. He stated James' report included \$89,000.00 for Skills for Life Academy that the program turned down. They requested more that we did not approve.

James stated one of the suggestions she would like to make is that YFAC has a Limited Services Agreement with the Council. Without the agreement, the committee does not have an approved budget, so that can lead to a misunderstanding about how much funding is available each year.

Johnson stated the materials she provided should answer questions regarding progress. She also stated the committee was told they had approximately \$400,000.00 a year to spend. Another complication is that committee receives applications all year round. There needs to be a set application period. The materials she will be sending out includes a section that says who does what. It helps keep everyone in the loop on what is going on.

25. Provide City Council with an update on the FY 2022 and FY 2023 Audit Process.

Joe Don Dunham, Finance Director, stated we have wrapped up our portion of the 2022 audit. It has been sent to the outside parties that need it. The auditors have indicated they will be completed around the middle of January. Staff has started working on the FY 23 audit. He expects that to be presented in June of this year. This is still late, but it is more on track with how it was done in the past. The FY 24 audit should be completed by the December 31 deadline.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Motion by GILL, Seconded by HAMPTON, to adjourn into executive session. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None.

City Council remained in executive session from 5:49PM to 6:25PM. No action was taken in executive session.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by CHAPMAN, to return from executive session. AYE: Hankins, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

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

Motion by JOHNSON, Second by CHAPMAN, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton and the International Association of Firefighters, Local 1882, modifying the enforcement of the "Me Too" provision for Fiscal year 23-24; and further modifying the Public Safety Sales Tax Incentive provision for FY 24-25, providing these modifications set out: 1. Provide for a 4% pay increase for the Fire Department's Bargaining Unit Members. 2. Waive all claims to the retroactive portion of the 5% "Me Too" pay increase from September 17, 2023, due to the Fire Department's Bargaining Unit Members. 3. Provide for a pay increase beginning July 8, 2024, in the amount of \$1.00/hour for all shift personnel and \$1.40/hour for all staff personnel within the Fire Department's Bargaining Unit Members. 4. Remove the Public Safety Sales Tax Incentive provision located in Section

13.10(F) of the Fiscal year 24-25. 5. Replace language in Section 13.10(F) for Fiscal Year 24-25 which shall read, “The Fire Department’s portion of the annual \$2,684,000.00 Public Safety Sales Tax Funds have been rolled into base wages and otherwise fully allocated in accordance with Council Resolution 21-64 as it pertains specifically to the funding costs associated with hiring and equipping new Fire personnel as well as for providing for pay increases for Fire personnel”. AYE: Hankins, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Johnson, Weger. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

27. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss an action relating to litigation against Settling Defendants and other defendants, which actions are currently pending in the multi-district litigation styled, In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873 (D.S.C.) (the “MDL”) and Case No. 2:23-cv-03230, to resolve claims relating to PFAS contamination of Public Water Systems, and if necessary, take action in open session.

Motion by GILL, Second by HANKINS, to ratify outside counsels’ actions of opting the City of Lawton out of the proposed settlement with DuPont, and further authorize outside counsel to opt out of the proposed settlement with 3M and to take whatever action necessary to effectuate the same. AYE: Hankins, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by GILL, Second by Hampton, to adjourn the meeting of December 5, 2023. AYE: Hankins, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:29PM.

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