

Tanner stated thanks to both of you for your service. Congratulations to Mayor elect Book and Councilwomen Hankins. Congratulations to Councilman Jackson. You have been here for half your life with 3 years until you are termed out.

Burk stated I knew the Mayor long time before he became Mayor. I was always impressed with the way you dealt with your business. You are an upstanding person. No matter where we went when we got off the plane people would say “Hello Fred”. That’s not heard of in local politics. Everyone knows and respects you and your opinions. You have always had Lawton’s interest at heart. Dr Morford you have been so huge in making Lawton a cleaner place to live. You believe in beautification. Thanks to both of you.

Jackson stated thanks to all of you and for everything you have done.

Morford stated thanks to everyone who sits here and puts Lawton first. That is important. We may disagree on how to get there but I believe each of you has the City of Lawton foremost in your hearts. I appreciate that. I will continue to help in any way I can.

Hadley stated echo to everything that has been said. From the City of Lawton staff, directors and our whole team you have been a pleasure to work with. We will miss both of you and look forward to working with the new administration.

Mayor Fitch stated I want to thank each and every one of you for being here, being supportive and having concerns about city government. When I had my company I spent so much time with those people they were like family. I have spent a lot of time with staff and Council and now I have another family within my life span. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you. I know you have it in your heart to do what is right for the City of Lawton and its citizens. Mayor Booker, I’m looking forward to seeing you perform and if there is anything I can do to help I’ll be glad to do so. Councilwomen Hankins, it will be an honor to have you sit here and these people are fortunate to get to work with you. Councilman Jackson, congratulations on your continue success and keep it going forward. Councilman Morford, I remember attending your Neighborhood Watch meetings and your constituents were so easy to talk with. I have known Ivalene all my life. She was my second grade teacher. I have enjoyed this and look forward to this City, Council and staff moving forward. We have a new City Manager and it will be fun to see all of you at work. At this time I would like to thank everyone for everything.

2. Declare Current Administration to Cease - Mayor Fred L. Fitch

Mayor Fitch stated at this time I want to declare the current administration to cease.

3. Administration of Constitutional and Statutory Oaths of Office - District Judge Irma Newburn and Municipal Court Judge Nathan Johnson

Mayor Fitch stated I would like to ask District Judge Irma Newburn and elected Mayor Booker to please come forward.

Newburn stated raise your right hand and repeat after me. (Newburn stated the Constitutional and Statutory Oath's of Office)

Constitutional Oath: I, Stanley Booker, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, and that I will not knowingly, receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, for the performance or nonperformance of any act or duty pertaining to my office, other than the compensation allowed by law; I further swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a Lawton City Council Member, and as a Trustee of the Lawton Urban Homesteading Agency, Lawton Parking Authority, Lawton City Transit Trust Authority, and the Lawton Water Authority to the best of my ability.

Statutory Oath: I, Stanley Booker, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and the Constitution and the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and that I will faithfully discharge, according to the best of my ability, the duties of my office or employment during such time as I am the Mayor for the City of Lawton.

Mayor Fitch stated now if we could have Municipal Court Judge, Nathan Johnson, Mary Ann Hankins and Keith Jackson please come forward.

Johnson stated raise your right hand and repeat after me. (Johnson stated the Constitutional and Statutory Oath's of Office)

Constitutional Oath: I, state your name, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, and that I will not knowingly, receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, for the performance or nonperformance of any act or duty pertaining to my office, other than the compensation allowed by law; I further swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a Lawton City Council Member, and as a Trustee of the Lawton Urban Homesteading Agency, Lawton Parking Authority, Lawton City Transit Trust Authority, and the Lawton Water Authority to the best of my ability.

Statutory Oath: I, state your name, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and the Constitution and the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and that I will faithfully discharge, according to the best of my ability, the duties of my office or employment during such time as I am the Mayor for the City of Lawton.

Johnson stated congratulations.

4. Declare New Administration to Begin - Mayor Stan Booker

Mayor Booker stated I declare the new administration to begin.

5. Roll Call - New Administration

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mary Ann Hankins, Ward One
Keith Jackson, Ward Two
Jay Burk, Ward Four
Dwight Tanner, Jr., Ward Five
Sean Fortenbaugh, Ward Six
Onreka Johnson, Ward Seven
Randy Warren, Ward Eight

ABSENT: Caleb Davis, Ward Three

6. Comments - New Administration

Mayor Booker stated I would like to thank Mayor Fitch and Councilman Morford for their many years of service. Let's give them a round of applause. Are there any comments from current administration?

Warren stated welcome to your new positions and I look forward working with you as we move forward to accomplish great things for the City of Lawton.

Johnson stated welcome and I look forward working with both of you.

Fortenbaugh stated welcome Mayor and Councilwomen Hankins and welcome back to Councilman Jackson. Looking forward to working with everyone.

Tanner stated Mayor Booker welcome aboard. Congratulations Councilwomen Hankins and Councilman Jackson.

Burk stated we have a lot of great things to accomplish so get ready. I wish you all the best.

Jackson stated thank you and welcome to everyone.

Hankins stated I'm honored to fill this chair after Dr. Morford. It's a big chair to fill. I'm excited and humble. I appreciate the residents of Ward 1 allowing me the honor to serve. Thank you.

Hadley stated from staff we are looking forward to working with each of you. If you don't know we have one of the best staffs that could have ever been put together. There is a lot of experience, knowledge and good people that want to serve the citizens of Lawton. You are fortunate to have them as am I.

Mayor Booker stated I would like to thank everyone for being there today to celebrate a successful administration and the beginning of a new one. I would like to make some introductions from the audience. First my high school sweetheart/wife Paula Book, my son

Brian and his wife Allison, the most important member of the family baby Julia, my mother Cleta Malone and step dad Bill Malone, and my sister and her husband Dorothy and Mike Underwood. Please help me welcome them. Thanks to my family for being so supportive. I have Preston Holsinger my campaign manager, Mike Scott, Jim and Yvonne Landmark and Ron Jarvis. I know there are others that help with the campaign so I apologize if I missed anyone. I couldn't have done it without each of you. Those that know me knows that I get up every morning and say "God what are you going to show me today" and I end by day with "God have I seen everything you wanted me to see". I can't image how I would be doing this if it wasn't for the miracle of Cochlear implants and I give God the glory for that. In 2014 I couldn't have carried on a good conservation and by May 2015 I could hear again. Without that this wouldn't be possible. I want to thank Mayor Fitch and Councilman Morford for all you have done. They have been serving this community their whole lives. They have both told me they will continue to be involved and are available for advice. I'm convinced that each of us has the best of intentions to take our City to the future. I appreciate the togetherness to taking our city to the future. I look forward to working with each of you individually and collectively. Shortly after I had announced I was going to run for Mayor Albert Johnson, Sr. reached out to me. He wanted to take me on a tour of Lawton to address some concerns. We drove around and he showed me a lot of thing and gave a lot of good advice. He stated once I was elected it would be good for me to take each Councilperson on a tour of their Ward and discuss their goals for their Ward. He made me promise I would do this. I look forward to taking that tour with each of you. I want to help you be successful at obtaining your goals for your Ward. I look forward to working with each and every one of you. I know we all have the best and future in mind. Since the future starts now I would like to entertain a motion to adjourn so we can get started.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Motion by Warren, **Second** by Burk, to adjourn. **Aye:** Jackson; Burk; Tanner; Fortenbaugh; Johnson; Warren; Hankins. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**