MINUTES
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
LAWTON CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

Mayor Fred L. Fitch
Presiding

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

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law. Invocation was given by Charles Barnett, 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
Sean Fortenbaugh, Ward Six
Onreka Johnson, Ward Seven
Randy Warren, Ward Eight

ABSENT: None

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Hold a public hearing and consider a resolution amending the Land Use Plan from Industrial to Public Facilities, an ordinance changing the zoning from I-3 Light Industrial District and I-4 Heavy Industrial District to P-F Public Facilities District, and an amendment to the setback for property located at #1 South Railroad Street. Exhibits: Resolution 18-__, Ordinance 18-__, Location Map and Site Plan.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Tanner to adopt **Resolution 18-07** amending the Land Use Plan from Industrial to Public Facilities. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Davis, Burk, Tanner, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Davis to adopt **Ordinance 18-04**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Davis, Burk, Tanner, Fortenbaugh, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney) Ordinance 18-04

An ordinance changing the zoning classification from the existing classification of I-3 Light Industrial District and I-4 Heavy Industrial District to P-F Public Facilities District zoning classification on the tract of land which is hereinafter more particularly described in sections one (1) and two (2) hereof; authorizing changes to be made upon the official zoning map in accordance with this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

2. Receive and take action on the recommendations of the Council Committee, and appoint a negotiating team with a lead negotiator to negotiate a proposed change order as appropriate for the Public Safety Facility as recommended by the committee and take any other associated actions deemed necessary. Exhibits: None.

Davis stated as the chairman of the committee he will give the recommendation shortly but first he wanted to thank Council Members Fortenbaugh, Warren and Burk. They had several meetings that lasted at least two hours each meeting and had several hours of work in between and he appreciated all of them being there at every meeting. It was hard work and a lot of time commitment and he appreciated that. He thanked all of those who spoke to the committee. They took in a lot of information in a short period of time. He especially appreciated Billy Trammell's work as the project manager and he has come to greatly respect his work, he is a top notch guy and he is glad he is working for the City. He stated the purpose of the committee was to try to bring this public safety facility back into budget. It was passed at almost $5 million over budget and other projects were deferred in the sales tax ballot to fund this facility. The committee's purpose was to 1) look at going back to what the ballot stated and that was "acquire land/structures for the expansion of fire station #1 and improve and remodel fire station #1, so the idea of remodeling the existing fire station was not anyone's notion on the committee, the idea was to try to go back to what the ballot had stated there and 2) bring this facility into budget. They never considered not building a jail or just going to holding cells or a holding facility. That is a different legal definition, different construction and has many different guidelines by the state. They never considered not building the jail, but they considered downsizing the jail to try to save money. The recommendation of the committee is that due to the contract already being awarded at nearly $5 million over budget, that at this point significant and prudent cost saving measures were unlikely without jeopardizing the process of good faith negotiations. The committee also recognizes that a minimum of eight additional jailers must be hired to operate the new facility. The committee did not find a plausible source of funding to accommodate this additional cost. At this time it is unknown how those new positions will be funded, however the committee recommends, by split decision, to continue the construction of the public safety facility without alteration.

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 6:08 p.m. and reconvened in regular, open session at 6:35 p.m. Roll call reflected all members present excluding Jackson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

3. Pursuant to Section 307B.2, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss negotiations for a Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY 2017-2018 between the International Union of Police Associations (IUPA), Local 24, and the City of Lawton, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session. Exhibits: None.

Jensen read the title of item #3. No action was taken.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 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