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City Council
Agenda

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 **1:00 PM** **Lawton City Hall Council Chambers/Auditorium**

Mayor Booker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law. Invocation was given, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mary Ann Hankins, Ward One (arrived @ 1:56 p.m.)
Kelly Harris, Ward Two (arrived @ 1:18 p.m.)
Linda Chapman, Ward Three
George Gill, Ward Four
Allan Hampton, Ward Five
Bob Weger, Ward Six
Onreka Johnson, Ward Seven
Randy Warren, Ward Eight

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stan Booker, Mayor
John Ratliff, Acting City Manager
Tim Wilson, Acting City Attorney
Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Consider approving Amendment No. 3 to the Employee Leasing Agreement with Garver, LLC extending the agreement an additional year for providing additional professional services to the City of Lawton. **23-415**

Rusty Whisenhunt, Director of Public Utilities, stated that Garver, LLC continues to provide hydraulic modeling services for waterline sizing, supporting both private and commercial developments, as well as our internal hydraulic modeling needs. Their expertise allows us to size waterlines based on the flow characteristics of our system. Additionally, Garver, LLC offers operational support by reviewing engineering reports from industrial pretreatment companies, ensuring compliance with our industrial pretreatment permits. This agreement is structured on an hourly rate basis, consistent with the previous year's rates.

Mayor Booker inquired whether this contract is simply a renewal of the previous agreement.

Whisenhunt stated yes.

<u>MOVED by Warren SECOND by Hampton</u> to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Employee Leasing Agreement with Garver, LLC extending the agreement an additional year for providing additional professional services to the City of Lawton.

Hampton inquired whether the contract pertains to sewer services.

Whisenhunt explained that this contract encompasses a range of services provided by Garver, LLC. Their team includes experts who perform hydraulic modeling for our water system, PhD-level professionals who review industrial pretreatment discharges from our industrial customers, and specialists who handle other specialized design tasks. Additionally, they have an operational specialist who provides support as needed.

Gill asked whether this contract could be utilized for work in other areas or departments if needed.

Whisenhunt confirmed that the contract is flexible, allowing for use in other areas such as commercial plan reviews, which Garver, LLC has successfully performed for the City in the past.

AYE: Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

2. 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 Authority to file programmatic applications for financial assistance through loan programs of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; and authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of a promissory notes or notes in one or more series of the Authority to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in the total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $80 million for financial assistance through the Clean Water SRF Loan; ratifying and confirming a lease agreement, as amended pertaining to certain water, sanitary sewer, and refuse systems; and containing other provisions related thereto. **23-419**

*This item was addressed later in the meeting.

Whisenhunt stated that this action would be acknowledging what the Lawton Water Authority acted on earlier this afternoon. He also mentioned that Bond Counsel, Lynn Driver, was present for any questions.

Mayor Booker asked if Driver would like to make any comments.

Driver responded that she had no comments unless there were any questions for her.

Wilson mentioned that there would need to be two floor amendments. If a motion to approve is made, it should include the floor amendment that changes any reference from "regular session" to "special session" and adjusts the time reference from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Harris to approve this item with the floor amendment that changes any reference to "regular session" to "special session" and updates any reference to "2:00 p.m." to "1:00 p.m." AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED

3. 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 Authority to file programmatic applications with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality for financial assistance through loan programs of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; and authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of a promissory notes or notes in one or more series of the Authority to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in the total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $80 million for financial assistance through the Drinking Water SRF Loan; ratifying and confirming a lease agreement, as amended pertaining to certain water, sanitary sewer, and refuse systems; and containing other provisions related thereto. **23-420**

*This item was addressed later in the meeting.

Whisenhunt stated that, again, this is a follow-up on the action taken earlier by the Lawton Water Authority. This pertains to the drinking water side and will also require the two floor amendments.

Wilson reiterated that this will also require the two floor amendments.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Hampton to approve this item with the floor amendment that changes any reference to "regular session" to "special session" and updates any reference to "2:00 p.m." to "1:00 p.m." AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED

4. 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 Authority to file programmatic applications with Oklahoma Water Resources Board for financial assistance through Financing Assistant Program (FAP) loan programs of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; and authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of a promissory notes or notes in one or more series of the Authority to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in the total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $50 million for financial assistance through the Financing Assistant Program (FAP) Loan; ratifying and confirming a lease agreement, as amended pertaining to certain water, sanitary sewer, and refuse systems; and containing other provisions related thereto. **23-426**

*This item was addressed later in the meeting.

Whisenhunt stated that, again, this is a follow-up on the action taken earlier by the Lawton Water Authority. This pertains to the alternate water supply financing and will also require the two floor amendments.

Wilson stated just like Whisenhunt mentioned, if a motion to approve is made, it should include the floor amendment that changes any reference from "regular session" to "special session" and adjusts the time reference from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Gill to approve this item with the floor amendment that changes any reference to "regular session" to "special session" and updates any reference to "2:00 p.m." to "1:00 p.m." AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED

5. Consider receiving a presentation form Halff Associates on the proposed final draft of the Lake Lawtonka and Ellsworth Recreation Areas Master Plan, allowing for public input and discussion, and approving the plan including any floor amendments. **23-352**

Christine James, Director of Parks & Recreation, introduced James Hazzard from Halff Associates, who will be presenting on the Lakes Master Plan.

James Hazzard and Dean Runyon from Halff Associates presented the proposed final draft of the Lake Lawtonka and Ellsworth Recreation Areas Master Plan. (Presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office)

Mayor Booker inquired whether the budget of $505,717 for security is police coverage for both Lake Lawtonka and Lake Ellsworth and questioned whether these figures are current.

Runyon confirmed that the $505,717 budget covers police services for both Lake Lawtonka and Lake Ellsworth and stated that the figures are as current as they have. He also noted a request for significant security expenses at both lakes, especially during the summer and major events.

Mayor Booker inquired about the details of Phase 1, specifically asking for a description and the total cost of constructing this phase.

Hazzard responded that the presentation does not cover the specifics of Phase 1, but there is a report available that provides a more detailed breakdown.

Mayor Booker asked for clarification on the $21 million allocated for Robinson's Landing, specifically inquiring what the presented income represents and what is included in Phase 1.

Hazzard explained that Phase 1 includes the south part of Granite Cove, Robinson's Landing, and Schoolhouse Resort.

Mayor Booker sought clarification on whether the $21 million is allocated solely for Robinson's Landing.

Hazzard confirmed that the $21 million is indeed allocated just for Robinson's Landing but emphasized that it covers the cost of a complete build.

Mayor Booker clarified that the income referenced was for three areas, including Robinson's Landing.

Hazzard confirmed that is correct.

Mayor Booker, drawing on his background as a real estate investor, stated that with a $21.5 million investment, he would anticipate a return of $1.72 million to view it as a viable investment of taxpayer funds. He expressed concerns about not perceiving a sufficient return on investment for $21 million and asked for Runyon's assistance to better understand the situation.

Runyon, who also has a background in real estate investing, advised against applying typical investment criteria to this project. He emphasized that it is a public park and asset, not a private real estate development. He suggested evaluating it as an asset that should provide public value rather than a commercial return on investment.

Mayor Booker expressed his concerns about convincing citizens to invest millions of dollars in a project with no apparent return on investment.

Hazzard continued with the presentation.

Mayor Booker questioned whether the $39 million represents the total cost for Phase 1 or if it is specific to Schoolhouse Slough.

Hazzard confirmed that the $39 million covers the entirety of Phase 1. He also noted that while Schoolhouse Slough could be phased out if needed, they believed it was important to address the entire area together.

Harris inquired whether the total amount of $138 million for the three areas was accurate.

Hazzard mentioned that he did not have the exact number in front of him but indicated that $138 million for the three areas sounds approximately correct.

Harris inquired whether annual revenues of $1.67 million, when spread over 20 years, would result in an approximate annual deficit of $5.25 million. He also asked if there are any grants available that could help.

Hazzard confirmed that there are several grant opportunities available for building infrastructure, boat ramps, trails, and playgrounds.

Harris questioned whether the projected income for Lake Ellsworth was provided.

Hazzard confirmed that the projected income for Lake Ellsworth was not provided.

Harris expressed concern about the plan, noting that while he is enthusiastic about it, he is struggling to see how the numbers align and work out.

Harris asked if it would be possible to start with some of the projects that are closer to cash-flow positive and then revisit others later as demand increases, or if the approach must be all-or-nothing.

Hazzard explained that the initial investment for Phase 1 is scaled, and their approach is conservative. The master plan includes all desired program elements, though some adjustments may be necessary. Once the documents are detailed further, the total cost is expected to decrease. There is also a contingency built into the budget, beyond just the design costs.

Warren inquired about the mention of 660 feet early in the presentation, seeking clarification on what this figure referred to.

Hazzard explained that the 660 feet refers to a state law requiring development to be set back from the ordinary high-water mark of a lake. At this elevation, development must be positioned 660 feet back from the lake's edge. This regulation is enforced and overseen by local government municipalities.

Warren asked what portion of the plan falls within the 660-foot setback from the ordinary high-water mark.

Hazzard stated that, after evaluation of the proposed schematic master plan, only a few structures fall within the 660-foot setback area.

Warren questioned if the entire Chander Creek that was drawn was within the 660 feet.

Hazzard clarified that, based on the elevation provided by the Water Resource Board, the 660-foot setback from the ordinary high-water mark affects only a small portion, specifically areas such as the kayak launch and a few RV spaces fall within that setback.

Harris asked whether RV spaces are considered structures.

Hazzard stated that the definition provided by the law is quite vague, it includes any man-made element.

Warren noted that state law defines a structure as anything built or constructed by a human, clarifying the scope of what is considered a structure.

Hazzard stated that, after evaluating the development, very little of it falls within the 660-foot buffer zone. He noted that their design has the flexibility to accommodate this setback without conflict. However, he also acknowledged that existing structures at both lakes do fall within this buffer, which establishes a precedent for what is allowed under local municipal regulations.

Harris asked if existing structures within the buffer zone would be grandfathered in under the regulations.

Hazzard stated that, at this point, existing structures would be grandfathered in. He mentioned uncertainty about the creation date of the law and suggested that Warren might have more information on that.

Warren expressed frustration with the plan, noting that it relies on the Council to make the decisions and interpret what state statutes mean.

Hazzard clarified that there may have been a misunderstanding. He explained that at the master plan level, the details are schematic. As development progresses and individual areas are developed, they will examine these elements more closely to ensure they do not fall within the buffer zone. He acknowledged that there are still some elements that fall within the buffer, but there is flexibility within the master plan to make adjustments as necessary.

Warren stated that he thinks the plan is great and has no issues with it, but he feels they are moving forward without fully understanding what they are doing. He acknowledged that the plan can be adjusted but believes it could be adjusted more effectively if they were not limited by a finite amount of property. However, he expressed concern that reducing the available space could impact the overall numbers.

Hazzard emphasized the importance of regularly revisiting the master plan, suggesting that it be reviewed annually or at least every 5-10 years after each development phase is started and completed. He pointed out that any master plan is a living document, which is why their projections and analysis did not extend beyond Phases A, B, and C on Lake Lawtonka. This approach allows for adjustments based on the evolving needs of the community, as it is challenging to predict what will be needed far into the future. This focus ensures that the main development areas on Lake Lawtonka remain relevant and adaptable to current demands.

Mayor Booker expressed that he finds the situation challenging because, while the plan is excellent, it would be viewed differently if it were in town, where the investment could directly benefit the local economy and the citizens making the investment could capture the economic benefits.

Mayor Booker asked City Manager John Ratliff what the objective was for the current discussion on this item.

Ratliff stated that they are seeking approval of the plan. He suggested making a floor amendment to accept the plan, this would signify the council's recognition that the plan is complete and that no further action is required from the vendor.

Mayor Booker stated that he is open to suggestions if others believe his perspective is incorrect.

Hazzard stated that there are a few more slides in the presentation that he would like to go through, if permitted.

Council recessed at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened in at 3:18 p.m. with all members present.

Mayor Booker invited anyone who wished to speak about the Lakes Master Plan to come forward at that time. No one wished to speak.

Mayor Booker requested Acting City Attorney, Tim Wilson to provide his interpretation of the item.

Wilson stated that the agenda item allows for several options: the council can approve the plan, reject it, take no action, or table it, depending on their preference. Wilson's interpretation is that any floor amendments would be applied to the plan itself.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Chapman to acknowledge receipt of the Lake Lawtonka and Ellsworth Recreation Areas Master Plan.

SUSTITUE MOTION by Gill to reject the Lake Lawtonka and Ellsworth Recreation Areas Master Plan. (Motion died due to a lack of a second)

Harris asked for clarification on the implications of either acknowledging or rejecting the plan regarding the commitments of Halff Associates and the council's obligations.

Wilson stated that acknowledging the plan means that the council has received the plan but has not approved it.

Harris asked whether further work could still be done on the plan if it is accepted today. He inquired if accepting the plan would mean that Halff Associates' work is complete and that any additional modifications would incur extra costs.

Wilson stated that he is not an expert on the contractual requirements and referred the question to Parks & Recreation Director Christine James.

James clarified that this is a visioning plan, not a conceptual plan. She explained that any specific improvements would require going through an RFP process. Accepting or acknowledging the plan would simply finalize the task order that was given to Halff Associates when they were hired about a year ago.

Harris asked what would happen if the plan were rejected and whether it would still be possible to work with Halff Associates to refine it.

James stated that if the plan is rejected, Halff Associates would still need to be paid for the completed task order. Any additional modifications would require obtaining a quote from them for those changes.

Harris asked if rejecting the plan would still result in additional costs later.

Gill asked for clarification on the rejection process, questioning if rejecting the plan means it is final and why there would be additional costs later.

James stated that if the plan is rejected, the money paid to Halff Associates would not result in any tangible outcome or deliverable.

Gill stated that he does not oppose Warren's motion, but he feels the plan is not feasible, particularly from an economic standpoint.
Ratliff asked Hazzard to review the Chandler Creek area to ensure that the recommendations made are not within the 660-foot setback.

Hazzard stated that they could provide a formal response regarding whether the recommendations for the Chandler Creek area fall within the 660-foot setback.

Hankins commented on Warren's motion, stating that if we reject the plan, our collaboration with Halff Associates will come to an end. However, if we were able to secure the necessary funding, would it be possible to revisit and modify the plan.

Wilson clarified the motions that are currently under consideration.

<u>MOVED by Harris SECOND by Gill</u> to table the Lake Lawtonka and Ellsworth Recreation Areas Master Plan indefinitely.

Hampton inquired whether tabling the plan now would prevent us from using any part of it in the future.

Wilson stated that, regardless of whether the plan is acknowledged or tabled, it can be brought back for discussion at any time.

Hampton asked for clarification on the difference between the two options.

Wilson explained that the two options are similar, but tabling the item would be less formal than acknowledging receipt of the plan.

Ratliff stated that tabling the plan would allow the vendor an opportunity to go back and reverify the questions we had. However, acknowledging receipt of the plan would not provide the vendor with this opportunity.

Warren asked if acknowledging receipt of the plan would prevent us from revisiting the item for another six months.

Ratliff confirmed that’s correct but noted that the Council could override that restriction with a two-thirds majority.

Gill asked if, in the event the plan is rejected, it would still be ours since we have paid for it. He also inquired whether the Council could revisit the plan in the future, even if it was rejected.

Wilson confirmed that’s correct.

Chapman questioned why we couldn’t bring the plan back for discussion at any time with either of the motions.

Wilson stated that with either motion, this plan could be brought back at any time.

AMMENDED MOTION by Harris to table it indefinitely to allow Halff to verify the laws and their application to the plan to ensure its accuracy.

Mayor Booker asked if Gill was accepting this amendment.

Gill stated that he doesn't understand the amendment.

MOVED by Harris SECOND by Gill to table the Lake Lawtonka and Ellsworth Recreation Areas Master Plan indefinitely.

Hampton wanted to ensure that the vendor would review the laws if the plan is tabled. He asked whether this review would be part of the process if the plan is tabled.

Wilson stated that reviewing the laws is not part of the motion. The motion was to table the plan indefinitely.

Mayor Booker mentioned that we can only have one substitute motion, so we will be voting on the motion to table.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Weger, Johnson, Warren. NAY: Hampton. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Booker noted that we will now return to items 2, 3, and 4 while Bond Counsel is present. He also mentioned that, given the ongoing budget discussions, he is not inclined to spend another hour on presentations. Therefore, while we discuss the other three items, he advised Halff Associates to estimate the presentation time. Based on that, we will decide whether to address the presentation today or reschedule it.

Hazzard mentioned that the presentation with the aquatics consultant should take approximately 30 minutes, and there is also another presentation for the Elmer Thomas Park Master Plan.

Mayor Booker stated that we are now moving on to item number 2.

6. Consider receiving a presentation from Halff Associates on the proposed final draft of the Lawton Aquatics Master Plan, allowing for public input and discussion, and approving the plan including any floor amendments. **23-356**

James introduced Robbie Hazelbaker from WTI, who will be presenting the Lawton Aquatics Master Plan.

Hazelbaker presented the proposed final draft of the Lawton Aquatics Master Plan. (Presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office)

Mayor Booker questioned the estimated cost to build the pool that was presented.

Hazelbaker stated that the pool itself costs about $3.1 million, but when including all the amenities, buildings, bathhouses, pool decks, and sidewalks….

Hazzard jumped in and stated that he would cover this during the Elmer Thomas Master Plan presentation, but with all the supporting elements and amenities, the total cost of the pool would be about $10 million. This includes parking, bathrooms, a pump house, retaining walls, and other features.

Harris asked if that estimate includes the basketball courts and all other amenities.

Hazzard stated that it does not include the basketball courts or other amenities; the estimate is solely related to the pool and its immediate features.

Warren asked about the laned pools that were mentioned, noting it was stated that there are enough laned pools. He inquired about how the swim teams are currently being accommodated.

Hazelbaker stated that Cameron University and the Lawton YMCA already has plenty of lap lanes, so they feel there is no need for additional lap lanes taking up space at the pool. However, they could easily add more if needed.

Warren indicated that he was under the impression that Cameron was not willing to offer the service to any swim teams that might require it. Additionally, he noted that there is no available space for spectators at the YMCA.

Ratliff noted that while there are a few bleachers at the YMCA, spectators generally have to stand around due to limited seating. Cameron does have additional capacity and is currently accommodating the Bison swim team along with the three high school swim teams. However, these teams have been using the pool on post because the pool heater at the YMCA is currently out of service.

Harris inquired about the possibility of incorporating the existing splash pad at Elmer Thomas Park into the plan.

Hazelbaker stated that the splash pad is free of charge, opens earlier, and remains open later. As a result, it is anticipated that users will be able to operate it independently.

Hampton reminded the Council that the wading pools and the municipal pool are currently under review by SHPO, which has assessed them for potential inclusion on the preservation list. If they are added to this list, they will be eligible for restoration with external funding.

MOTION by Gill to accept the Lawton Aquatics Master Plan as an overview document, without specifying the prioritization or funding of individual projects, without further approval from the Council.

Mayor Booker stated that public input must be addressed before a motion can be made and then opened the floor for public comments. No one wished to speak. Public input was closed.

MOVED by Gill SECOND by Harris to accept the Lawton Aquatics Master Plan as an overview document, without specifying the prioritization or funding of individual projects, without further approval from the Council.

Mayor Booker asked Gill and Harris if they would accept a friendly amendment to bring this item back in June for prioritization.

Gill and Harris accepted the amendment.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consider receiving a presentation from Halff Associates on the proposed final draft of the Elmer Thomas Park Conceptual Plan, allowing for public input and discussion, and approving the plan including any floor amendments. **23-347**

James reintroduced Halff Associates to present the Elmer Thomas Park Conceptual Plan. She clarified that this is a conceptual plan, not a master plan, and it is derived from the parks master plan approved in March 2021. If this conceptual plan is approved, the next step would be to proceed with the development of construction documents.

Hazzard from Halff Associates presented the proposed final draft of the Elmer Thomas Park Conceptual Plan. (Presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office)

Mayor Booker expressed that he personally appreciates many aspects of the plan but also has some reservations about certain elements, acknowledging that it is a conceptual plan. He specifically noted his concern about relocating Miracle Field, citing the $1.3 million already invested in it, which makes the idea of moving it difficult for him to support.

MOTION by Gill to approve the Elmer Thomas Park Conceptual Plan as a general overview without specifying priorities or funding, and to have it brought back to the Council at the first meeting in June.

Mayor Booker opened the floor for public input.

Walter Smith, 2303 SW 39th St, spoke on behalf of the skateboarding community, urging the Council to be aware that the skate park is over 20 years old. He requested that careful consideration be given to the planning and improvements for the skate park.

Mayor Booker inquired whether there are specific funds allocated for a skate park and requested Warren to confirm this.

Warren indicated that he is unsure of the exact amount but believes that there are indeed funds allocated for a skate park.

Smith mentioned that, to his knowledge, there were plans for the skate park and some funds might have been donated prior to COVID. However, he noted that these plans seemed to have been abandoned following the pandemic.

Mayor Booker stated that the Council is more attentive to the skate park than in the past and does not believe it will be overlooked. He encouraged Mr. Smith to hold the Council accountable for ensuring the skate park's needs are addressed.

Hampton mentioned that a design concept exists, as he recalls some key details from it.

Smith announced that there will be an event at the current skate park on 38th Street this Saturday and invited anyone interested to attend and meet some of the local skateboarders.

As no one else wished to come forward and speak, Mayor Booker closed the public input session.

Gill made an amendment to have this brought back to Council during the second meeting in June.

<u>MOVED by Gill SECOND by Harris</u> to approve the Elmer Thomas Park Conceptual Plan as a general overview without specifying priorities or funding, and to have it brought back to the Council at the second meeting in June. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Council recessed at 4:35 p.m. and reconvened in at 3:44 p.m. with all members present.

Mayor Booker announced that the meeting would proceed by skipping item number 8, moving into executive session, and then returning to address motions for Executive Session items 9 and 10. The meeting will be continued to Thursday, May 18th, at 2:00 p.m.

8. Consider the FY 2024 City of Lawton proposed capital improvement and outlay budget and presentation and take appropriate action, if necessary, to include making amendments to the capital improvement and outlay budget to be incorporated in the final budget and budget book presentation that council considers. **STRICKEN (continued to Thursday, May 18th @ 2:00 p.m.)** **23-444**

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 4:46 p.m. and reconvened in regular, open session at 5:46 p.m. Roll call reflected all members present excluding Johnson who left during executive session at 5:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

9. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the pending claim from the Department of **23-438**

Housing and Urban Development regarding the City's HUD policies and procedures and potential reimbursement of HUD funds and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Wilson read the title of item #9.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Harris, concerning the findings in two HUD Monitoring Reports related to the City's Home Program, direct staff to transfer $32,431.79 from the city's general fund to the participating jurisdiction's local account. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss a pending claim of School House Slough Inc., and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session. **23-421**

Wilson read the title of item #10.

MOVED by Warren SECOND by Hampton, with an effort to move forward in attempting to resolve the pending claim, direct staff to prepare RFPs to submit for Council approval for the operation of School House Slough. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Chapman SECOND by Hampton to continue this meeting to Thursday, May 18th at 2:00 p.m. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 5:50 p.m.