

MINUTES
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 29, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.
WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor John P. Purcell, Jr.
Presiding

Also Present:
Larry Mitchell, City Manager
Frank V. Jensen, City Attorney
Denise Ezell, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Purcell 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.

ROLL CALL

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PRESENT:

Bill Shoemate, Ward One
James Hanna, Ward Two
Janice Drewry, Ward Three
Jay Burk, Ward Four
Robert Shanklin, Ward Five
Richard Zarle, Ward Six
Stanley Haywood, Ward Seven
Doug Wells, Ward Eight

ABSENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Discuss and consider allocating additional funds from the Hotel/Motel Tax Tourism Fund. Exhibits: None.

MOVED by Drewry, SECOND by Wells, to approve \$60,000 to complete the plaza for the Buffalo Soldier memorial and \$80,000 to bring two of the ball fields up to standard at McMahon Park.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Haywood, to approve \$70,000 to complete the plaza for the Buffalo Soldier memorial, \$80,000 to bring two of the ball fields up to standard at McMahon Park and \$10,000 for water fountains to be located in parks. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: AYE: Hanna, Drewry, Burk, Shanklin, Zarle, Haywood, Wells, Shoemate. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Purcell stated there is \$170,500 that was unencumbered and they just encumbered \$140,000, so there is a total of \$30,500 that needs to be encumbered tonight.

Hanna stated he would support giving \$10,000 for the Spirit of Survival.

Lynne Musslewhite, Lawton Heritage Association, stated they operate the Mattie Beal Home. He stated in order for them to remain as one of Lawton's prime tourist attractions, they need the continued support from hotel/motel funding. He requested \$10,000.

Keith Jackson, 2603 NE Garden Lane, stated he is on the board of directors for the Mattie Beal Home. He stated it is pitiful that they operate on so little funding. He supported the \$10,000 funding.

Dan Mullins thanked the City Council for their support of the Buffalo Soldier memorial.

MOVED by Burk, SECOND by Drewry, to approve \$10,000 to Spirit of Survival, \$10,500 to Mattie Beal, \$10,000 to water fountains for parks.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Shoemate, SECOND by Hanna, to approve \$10,000 to Spirit of Survival, \$10,500 to Mattie Beal, \$10,000 to Lawton Rangers Rodeo.

Haywood stated he does not have a problem with giving to the Lawton Rangers Rodeo. He suggested they split the difference between the Lawton Rangers and the water fountains. He stated each water fountain costs approximately \$500.

Shoemate amended his substitute motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Shoemate, SECOND by Hanna, to approve \$10,000 to Spirit of Survival, \$10,500 to Mattie Beal, \$5,000 to Lawton Rangers Rodeo and \$5,000 for water fountains. AYE: Burk, Shanklin, Haywood, Wells, Shoemate, Hanna, Drewry. NAY: Zarle. MOTION CARRIED.

ADDENDUM:

1. Consider a revised MOU for the 2009 Department of Justice Edward Byrne Recovery Assistance Grant (JAG) between City of Lawton and Comanche County Sheriff's Office. Exhibits: Copy of new MOU.

Chief Ronnie Smith, Lawton Police Department, stated they just had a minor change in wording.

MOVED by Wells, SECOND by Haywood, to approve a revised MOU for the 2009 Department of Justice Edward Byrne Recovery Assistance Grant (JAG) between City of Lawton and Comanche County Sheriff's Office. AYE: Shanklin, Zarle, Haywood, Wells, Shoemate, Hanna, Drewry, Burk. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 6:23 p.m. and reconvened in regular, open session at 7:23 p.m. Roll call reflected all members present.

BUSINESS ITEMS: EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

2. Pursuant to Section 307B.1, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the employment of Michael Corrales as Municipal Judge and in open session take appropriate action as necessary. Exhibits: None.

Mayor Purcell read the title of item #2. No action was taken.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

/s/ John P. Purcell, Jr.
JOHN P. PURCELL, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Traci L. Hushbeck
TRACI HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK