



City of Lawton

City Council

MINUTES

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Tuesday, June 25, 2024

2:00 PM

**Lawton City Hall
Council Chambers/Auditorium**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR STAN BOOKER WITH INVOCATION BY
PASTOR CORVETTE TERRY MARSH, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

"Official action can be taken only on items which appear on the agenda. The Council may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, or continue any agenda item. The Council may also propose and enact floor amendments to any matter presented before them. When more information is needed to act on an item, the Council may refer the matter to the City Manager or the City Attorney. The Council may also refer items to standing committees of the Council or a board, commission, or authority for additional study. Under certain circumstances, items are deferred to a specific later date or stricken from the agenda entirely."

ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Ann Hankins, Ward 1
Kelly Harris, Ward 2
George Gill, Ward 4
Allan Hampton, Ward 5
Bob Weger, Ward 6
Sherene L. Williams, Ward 7
Randy Warren, Ward 8

Absent: Linda Chapman, Ward 3

Also Present: Stanley Booker, Mayor
John Ratliff, City Manager,
John Andrew, City Attorney
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk
COL Derek Baird, Fort Sill Liaison

PROCLAMATION:

Citizen of the Month- Patty Neuwirth

PRESENTATION:

Community Services Department Video

REPORTS: MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL

COL Baird spoke about Freedom Fest and Fort Sill's Salute to the Nation.

Williams said some volunteers will be working in Ward 7 to help with yardwork and painting houses. Volunteers are still being accepted. She also spoke about the Korean War Memorial Event at Elmer Thomas Park.

Hampton promoted the Farmer's Market. He also commended Neighborhood Services for their work in educating the public on bulk waste.

Gill provided an update on the "10 Wins for the Citizens" milling and overlaying project.

Harris mentioned Freedom Fest, including that it is a two-night event this year and the first year for a drone show.

Mayor Booker gave kudos to Councilwoman Hankins for presenting awards at Fort Sill and Councilwoman Williams for her speech at the Korean War Veterans' Event.

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. The Mayor and Council will receive comments from audience members. Council may recommend to the individual or group as to what action they should take, i.e., refer the situation to a particular department or person at the city offices. Each speaker will have a 3-minute time limit, each topic will have a 9-minute time limit, and Audience Participation will be limited to 30-minutes in total.

DeOndre Gaines, 1803 SW Driftwood Dr, presented the idea of a mobile STEM lab that can provide STEM to kids in their neighborhoods.

Michael Washington, 100 Park Place, Oklahoma City, OK, spoke about a civil issue regarding property for Sterling Bailey. He is requesting the police to conduct an investigation that he believes is larceny.

Kari Thomas, 6215 NW 36th Street, Bethany, OK, spoke against Westwin Elements and PROPEL 2040.

Rocco Bonacci, 3110 Shelter Creek Drive, spoke about the Council of the Blind.

Tara Brown, 1624 NW Leona Circle, talked about citizens being heard, her white cane, and paratransit.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consider and take appropriate action with respect to a resolution of the Lawton City Council, authorizing application for a State Designated ARPA Grant in the amount of \$2 million for the rehabilitation of Gondola Lake Dam and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the application documents.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 2024-](#)

2. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing Traffic Control Measures with the installation of two (2) Speed Tables at the locations of midblock on the 1100 block of NW 61st Street and midblock on the 900 block of 61st Street.

Attachments: [NW 61st Speed Table Potential Locations](#)
[Ward 8 Speed Table Resolution 06062024](#)

3. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing Traffic Control Measures with the installation of a DEAD END or NO OUTLET sign at the corner of NW Tomlin Circle and NW Homestead Drive.

Attachments: [Minutes Traffic Commission 06062024](#)
[Resolution No 24- Dead End or No Outlet Sign 06June2024](#)

4. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing Traffic Control Measures with the installation of a STOP AHEAD sign east of NW 40th street.

Attachments: [Minutes Traffic Commission 06062024](#)
[Resolution No 24- Stop Ahead Sign 06June2024](#)

5. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing Traffic Control Measures with the installation of an AUTISTIC CHILD sign at 2212 NW 26th St.

Attachments: [Minutes Traffic Commission 06062024](#)
[Resolution No 24- Autistic Child Sign 06June2024](#)

6. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing Traffic Control Measures with the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon(RRFB) Pedestrian Crosswalk signs at courthouse on 6th street.

Attachments: [Minutes Traffic Commission 06062024](#)
[Resolution No 24- 2\(RRFB\) Sign 06June2024](#)

7. Consider endorsing the Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program for the Lawton Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process.

Attachments: [FY2025 UPWP Final](#)

8. Consider approving the annual Children's Emergency Resource Center agreement between the City of Lawton and the Marie Detty Youth and Family Services Center, Inc. for the continued establishment and operation of a program for juvenile misdemeanor offenders.

Attachments: [Marie Detty Agreement 2024](#)

9. Consider approving annual agreement renewal between the City of Lawton and the Lawton CrimeStoppers, Inc.

Attachments: [CrimeStoppers Agreement 2024](#)

10. Consider approving a memorandum of understanding with the Board of County Commissioners of Comanche County, Oklahoma, authorizing the Lawton Police Department to assist with the transportation of Comanche County Regional Juvenile Detention Center residents in the event an emergency renders the detention center unable to sustain operations and necessitates the relocation of its base of operations.
Attachments: [Juvenile Detention Transportation MOU 2024](#)
11. Consider approving the renewal of an annual agreement between the City of Lawton and Comanche County - County Commissioners for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the County to assist with maintaining and operating the Comanche County Regional Juvenile Detention Center.
Attachments: [Juvenile Detention Agreement 2024](#)
12. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton and the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization for metropolitan transportation planning for Fiscal Year 2025.
Attachments: [FY25 PL MOU](#)
13. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton and the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality programs and projects during Fiscal Year 2025.
Attachments: [FY25 CMAQ MOU](#)
14. Consider authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the FY-2025 Memorandum Agreement between the City of Lawton, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and the U.S. Geological Survey and pay the city portion of cost.
Attachments: [Memorandum Agreement](#)
15. Consider approving the annual Cooperative Agreement and an Agreement for Limited Funding between the City of Lawton and the Transit Trust to provide funds for the operation of a public transit system and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same.
Attachments: [Cooperative Agreement FY 24-25](#)
[Funding Agreement fy 24-25](#)
16. Consider approving a Support Agreement with Harvest Plenty House of Prayer for their Chisholm Trail Summer Camp: Riding into STEM and allocate to Harvest Plenty House of Prayer \$19,860.00 from the 2019 PROPEL CIP in accordance with the intent of Resolution 23-75, Section C.5 to provide funding for youth programs, as recommended by the Youth and Family Affairs Committee.
Attachments: [Harvest of Plenty Support Agreement](#)
17. Consider approving a Limited Support Agreement with Marie Detty Youth and Family Services, subject to approval by Marie Detty Youth and Family Services, and allocating an amount up to \$100,000.00 from the 2019 PROPEL CIP under section A.4.B (2019 CIP Summer Youth Program Funding) to fund the Marie Detty Gang Intervention Program for

FY 2025.

Attachments: [Marie Detty Funding Agr FY 25](#)

18. Consider approving a Reimbursement Contract with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality for re-imbursement of up to \$30,000.00 for two household hazardous waste, pharmaceuticals, clothing and electronic waste collection events for FY25 and authorize the mayor to execute the documents.

Attachments: [Reimbursement Contract](#)
[Grant Application](#)
[Scope of Work & Budget](#)

19. Consider extending contract (CL23-025) Rock Hauling to G & R Enterprises, LLC of Lawton, OK as primary vendor and Spence Transportation of Elgin, OK as secondary vendor.

Attachments: [Spence Transportation - Extension Form Yr 2](#)
[Department Memo Yr 2](#)

20. Consider extending contract (RFPCL23-030) Tree Trimming and Tree Maintenance to Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC for an additional year.

Attachments: [Original Contract RFPCL23-030](#)
[Asplundh Extension Form Yr 2](#)

21. Consider extending contract CL22-044 Waterline Fittings and Valves to Core and Main of Owasso, OK for an additional year.

Attachments: [Core & Main Ext Form Yr 3](#)

22. Consider approving Amendment No. 1 & Change Order No. 1 for MTZ Construction, Inc. on Engineering Project EN1707P2B - 2017 Ad Valorem Streets and Roads Program (Residential).

23. Consider and take action approving the plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for construction of PU2403 Map 10, located north of Cache Road, south of Rogers Lane, between 38th Street and Sheridan Road, and PU2408 Map 39, located South of Gore Boulevard, North of Lee boulevard, Between 38th Street and 52nd Street, Waterline Rehabilitation Projects.

24. Consider and take action approving the plans, specifications and authorize advertisement for construction of PU2309 Map 11 Phase II Waterline Rehabilitation Project, located South of Lincoln Avenue, North of Cache Road, between Sheridan Road and Ft. Sill Boulevard, to rehabilitate high maintenance water lines.

25. Consider approving a revocable permit for the installation of a fence in the right-of-way along SW 52nd Street for Lawton Public Schools at 5202 W Gore Blvd, Lawton, OK 73505, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the permit.

Attachments: [Permit 5202 W Gore- Fence](#)
[A2.0 EHS-EMS New Fence Layout 2024-0513 v1 \(2\)](#)

26. Consider approving a revocable permit for the installation of a fence in the right-of-way along SW E Ave for Philip D. Kennedy and Anita Jo Kennedy at 1010 SW D Ave, Lawton, OK 73501, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the permit.

Attachments: [Permit 1010 SW D Ave- Fence Fence Plan v1 \(1\)](#)
[1010 sw D fence site plan v1 \(3\)](#)

27. Consider a request from Lawton Public Schools to waive permit fees for an LPS Staff & Family Fun Night on August 6, 2024 in Elmer Thomas Park.

Attachments: [LPS Event permit application](#)

28. Consider accepting the Dollar General Summer Reading grant of \$3,000.00 from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation for summer reading activities and authorizing the City Manager to sign any reporting paperwork required.

29. Consider approving appointments to boards and commissions.

Attachments: [Board Appointments- 06.25.24](#)

Motion by WARREN, Second by Williams, to approve the consent agenda as presented. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

30. Consider adopting a resolution declaring the structures located at 401 SW Summit Avenue, 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](#)
[Photos of Structure](#)

Josh White, Neighborhood Services, stated this property was originally presented to Council on April 23, 2024. It was table due to the property owner having a contract for sale. He reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2022.

Ratliff stated there is no contract for sale.

White stated the public hearing was closed last time.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

31. Receive a report on how the peer cities process the Small Cell Wireless Facilities in their towns and provide direction to staff as necessary.

Attachments: [Peer Comparison](#)

Charlotte Brown, Community Services Director, gave a presentation regarding Small Cell Wireless Facilities in the peer cities. This presentation is available in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Booker asked if Brown has any recommendations to improve our process after researching other cities.

Brown stated she believes our process is really good. We have a suggested code change and a fee change on today's agenda based on state statutes.

Weger asked if they are required to notify the city if they change the pole from wood to steel.

Brown stated notification is required, but a change like that is very minor and wouldn't affect the permit.

Hampton stated the poles should be more attractive than what he has seen around town. He said some places paint them instead of having a galvanized pole.

Brown stated they look very similar to our street light poles.

Gill suggested sending out an advanced notice to property owners within a certain distance when these towers are going to be installed.

Brown stated that is covered in the ordinance later on this agenda.

Mayor Booker suggested banning them from front yards and at a certain distance in the easement.

Ratliff stated he believes the issue with that some of those areas aren't utility right-of-ways, so they wouldn't have permission to put their pole there unless they obtain an easement from the property owner.

Mayor Booker stated he would like for cell companies to exhaust all other options before putting poles in front of a house.

Erin Waitz, US Cellular Network Zoning & Build Compliance Manager, stated she provide the language that Brown will be presenting regarding notices. She believes US Cellular has done extensive due diligence and complied with all City of Lawton ordinances. Moving the towers even a block away

highly affects the macro-units the towers are meant to unload. She continued on to say that US Cellular has worked extensively with the City of Lawton during the permitting process and that towers may be moved slightly from the original location do to unmarked underground utilities.

Mayor Booker explained that the duty of the Council is to represent the citizens, so they must ask questions and find solutions when there is an issue. He expressed that the City Council is not against small cell wireless in any way, but they have a duty to answer to the citizens.

Waitz stated if she is just trying to explain from a connectivity standpoint why the sites were selected.

Mayor Booker stated he believes there is some variance in where a pole is placed and wants to know what the distance variance is.

Waitz stated it is completely based on the terrain and looking at a map.

Mayor Booker continued to discuss the issue with Waitz at length.

Williams stated he was previously claimed that these facilities affect property value. She asked if that was accurate.

Waitz stated she can provide documentation from the Cellular Industries Trade Organization that states there has been no impact on property value; if anything is it positive to know that people can be connected.

Andrew stated he also did some research, and it depends on who the trad industry is. There are arguments for and against it de-valuing the property.

Gill stated the connectivity should be considered a positive.

Hampton spoke about the poles matching other poles in the area.

32. Consider revoking the Small Cell Wireless Facility Revocable Permit for the small cell wireless facility located adjacent to 6432 NW Arrowhead Drive and take action as necessary.

Attachments: [Aerial view](#)
[Pictures of the SCWF](#)
[Approved Plans](#)
[Filed Revocable Permit](#)

Charlotte Brown, Community Services gave a presentation over the location of the pole near 6432 NW Arrowhead Drive. She noted that the pole is located as close to the rear utility easement as possible. The pole was one foot away from the location in the plans. Both sites previously mentioned by Council were not feasible for US Cellular because of coverage issues. Utility easements would need to be obtained to place the pole in the park.

Waitz stated the code says we are supposed to be in the right-of-way, so we did not pursue this because there is no right-of-way.

Connie Wood 6432 NW Arrowhead Drive, spoke against the location of the pole located near her house. She stated the pole is out of regulation, it affects her property value, and there are no other poles in her neighborhood that are this size. She said she thought it was a great idea to move the pole to the back utility easement. It is directly in front of her neighbor's house and, what she considers, right in front of her house. She is all for 5G service, but not at the expense of her front yard. She went on to say that she was not notified that this pole was being installed.

Mayor Booker stated it looks like there is a power pole in her front yard.

Wood stated there is only a street sign there. There is a wooden power pole a block from her house on 67th Street.

Andrew asked what "not in regulations" means.

Wood stated the pole is not located where it was supposed to be. It has to be moved anyway because of that, so she doesn't understand why it can't be moved 150 feet away.

Andrew stated it does not have to be moved. It was placed where it is because the utility locates weren't exactly accurate.

Waitz stated everything was done in compliance with code.

Mayor Booker stated the pole is located where he thought it was, which is considered the side yard. That is exactly what he described when he said being as close as possible to what would be a utility easement if there was one in the center.

Whisenhunt pointed out a street light pole that is galvanized metal, which the US Cellular pole matches as required.

Mayor stated we can vote to accept staff's recommendation, we can vote to revoke the permit, or we can take no action

Weger stated he isn't satisfied. He would like to see something that shows that moving the tower will impact the signal.

Waitz stated that the 150 feet is not the right-of-way, so the code was followed.

Weger stated the plans say a wooden pole.

Brown stated the plans were approved as noted, and staff added to make it a galvanized pole. She was also just informed that the pole can't go in the public utility easement because it is against FCC Guidelines.

Waitz stated if you take away an area that the pole could be, it is considered a moratorium, which per the FCC, is illegal.

Waitz reiterated that she has tried very hard to work well with the City and a lot of work and planning went into the site selections.

Motion by GILL, Second by HANKINS, to deny revoking the Small Cell Wireless Facility Revocable Permit for the small cell wireless facility located adjacent to 6432 NW Arrowhead Drive. AYE: Gill, Hankins, NAY: Hampton, Weger, Williams. *Motion Failed.*

Brown stated there is a 90-day notice requirement to revoke the permit.

Mayor Booker stated a simple majority can revoke if someone wants to make that motion.

Motion by WEGER, Second by WILLIAMS, to approve revoking the Small Cell Wireless Facility Revocable Permit for the small cell wireless facility located adjacent to 6432 NW Arrowhead Drive.

Waitz asked what the grounds were for revoking.

Ratliff stated it is a revocable permit, so it is at Council's discretion.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: Hankins, Gill. *Motion Passed.*

Mayor Booker stated he still believes there is a problem with the rules. He requested that Andrew check Council Policy 1-6 to see if this automatically gets continued to the next meeting.

Ratliff stated the provision being referenced says that if the vote of the absent councilmembers would change the outcome, then it can be reconsidered at the next meeting. He isn't sure who the driver would be, but he assumes it would be up to one of the absent councilmembers.

Andrew stated because it is not an ordinance or a resolution, it is a strict majority, so the vote stands.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

33. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, in the sum of \$6,300,000 by the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, authorized at an election duly called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024; providing for registration thereof; approving the Official Statement pertaining to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024; providing for the levy of an annual tax for payment of principal and interest on the same; fixing other details of the issue; and declaring an emergency.

Attachments: [4. 14 Emergency Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of Bonds](#)

Chris Gander stated 4 bids were received with PNC Capital Markets being the lowest bidder. This is a two-step process. This first step is to approve the incurring of indebtedness.

Motion by GILL, Second by WARREN, to approve Ordinance 24- 044, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

The City Attorney Read the Title:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE SUM OF SIX MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,300,000) BY THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZED AT AN ELECTION DULY CALLED AND HELD FOR SUCH PURPOSE; PRESCRIBING FORM OF BONDS; PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION THEREOF; APPROVING THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT PERTAINING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE SAME; FIXING OTHER DETAILS OF THE ISSUE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion by HARRIS, Second by GILL, to declare an emergency. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

34. Receive bids for the sale of the City's \$6,300,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, and award the sale of the \$6,300,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, to the lowest bidder.

Chris Gander stated this is the second part. The lowest bidder was PNC Capital Markets.

Motion by WARREN, Second by HAMPTON, to approve awarding the sale of the \$6,300,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, to PNC Capital Markets, the lowest bidder. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

35. Consider approving a resolution that would increase the amount of assistance in Development Financing included in the Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Lawton, the Lawton Economic Development Authority, the Lawton Fort Sill Economic Development Corporation, and Fisher59 Properties, LLC, with said increase to be based on updated cost estimates for Public Improvements associated with the project.

Attachments: [Fisher59 CAP RESOLUTION 24](#)

Richard Rogalski, LEDC, stated the Council approved an agreement with Fisher59 in April. It would be a brand-new manufacturing facility that would great new jobs and is located in a TIF Districts. The community's investment in this project could be repaid by TIF earnings. The original estimate for the public improvements were estimated too low. An estimate has been received from a contractor, so the recommendation is to set a new adjusted cap at \$2.9 million, which includes \$2.6 million of the estimated construction cost and another \$300,000.00 for the soft costs, such as design and bond funding. They asked for a \$300,000.00 contingency, but we are recommending you don't include that since this is still based on an estimate.

Mayor Booker asked if this was for off site public improvements only and if any other incentives were given to Fisher59.

Rogalski confirmed that was correct; no other incentives were given. The entire investment will be paid back with the TIF district, and these improvements increase the value of the entire airport industrial park.

Motion by GILL, Second by WILLIAMS, to approve a resolution that would increase the amount of assistance in Development Financing included in the Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Lawton, the Lawton Economic Development Authority, the Lawton Fort Sill Economic Development Corporation, and Fisher59 Properties, LLC, with said increase to be based on updated cost estimates for Public Improvements associated with the project. AYE: Hankins, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

36. Consider approving an Agreement for Funding and Limited Support between the Fires Innovation Science and Technology Accelerator (FISTA) Development Trust Authority and the City of Lawton to fund the operation, management, administration, maintenance and equipping of FISTA facilities during the 2024-2025 fiscal year to encourage economic/industrial development in the City of Lawton and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Attachments: [FISTA 24.25](#)

Dr. Krista Ratliff, President and CEO of FISTA, provided an update on FISTA progress. This

presentation is available in the City Clerk's Office.

Motion by WARREN, Second by WILLIAMS, to approve an Agreement for Funding and Limited Support between the Fires Innovation Science and Technology Accelerator (FISTA) Development Trust Authority and the City of Lawton to fund the operation, management, administration, maintenance and equipping of FISTA facilities during the 2024-2025 fiscal year to encourage economic/industrial development in the City of Lawton and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

37. Receive a request for the Lawton/Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce regarding the allocation of the City's FY 2025 Hotel/Motel Tax Fund and take action as deemed necessary.

STRICKEN.

38. Receive and discuss funding recommendations concerning the City's Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, and receive direction to adopt, modify or revise said recommendations concerning City Manager's FY 2025 hotel/motel tax recommended expenditure list.

Attachments: [Copy of Hotel Motel Allocation FY25 - RR Changes](#)

STRICKEN.

39. Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution(s) declaring the structures located at 306 NW 15th Street, 507 SW 26th Street, 508 NW 12th Street aka 506 NW 12th Street, 621 SW 26th Street, 916 SW D Avenue aka 404 SW 10th Street, 1407 SW 8th Street, 1507 NW Dearborn Avenue, 1611 NW Lawton Avenue, 1612 SW E Avenue, 1813 SW McKinley Avenue, 2025 NW 24th Street, 2409 SW C Avenue, 2609 SW E Avenue, 4628 SW G Avenue, 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: [Resolutions](#)
[Exhibit A's](#)
[Photos of Structures](#)

306 NW 15th Street

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2010.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Samali Cruz stated he is in the owner and plans to either tear this structure down or fix it up in the next six month.

Mayor Booker explained the process of both remodeling and demolition.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

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

507 SW 26th Street

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Mike Moon, 810 SE Cortez, stated he is in the process of fixing the property up. He stated there are not vagrants in the property, but his son lives there. He is unsure how his son has water without an active water account.

White stated someone has broken into the water meter and rigged it so that the property has water access without an account.

Cortez said the people in the front house were supposed to get it turned on in their name. He didn't know it was turned on illegally.

Andrew stated it would be appropriate to issue a citation for theft of utilities.

Ratliff stated meter services has been out a few times to turn this off.

White stated there are also extension cords running from another property to this one.

Mayor Booker stated citations are an administrative issue and explained the D&D process.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

Ratliff stated he wanted to provide some general information regarding County tax sales as they relate to dilapidated properties. Delinquent Tax Sales happen every June in every county in the state of Oklahoma on the second Monday of the month. This past sale, we had 29 properties go to the sale with demo liens on them. Those 29 properties had a total of \$195,000.00 of outstanding demo liens. Only 10 of those properties sold at the sale. Essentially, there was \$140,000.00 shortfall between the liens that we placed and the money that we recovered at the sale. My point is that there's some issues and gaps in the state law that he will bringing forward as a proposal in the form of a Resolution at our next meeting that

I would like for Council to consider. That is hopefully going to close the gap in terms of the individuals out there that use the tax sale process as a way to divest themselves of properties that they don't want and are undesirable. Right now, there's no financial accountability in that process. The County Treasurer does not report those individuals to the credit bureaus or the IRS or the State Tax Commission. There are really no long-term ramifications for people who don't take care of their property. All of us ultimately want to make Lawton a better place, get rid of blight, and clean our community up. Addressing issues in state law is an important part of this process. Council considers these properties, you vote to demolish them, but we very rarely talk about these properties at the end of the spectrum, which is when they get sold, and if these properties are attractive to developers. There is more to follow on this topic.

Harris stated the County Treasurer suggested we do a little bit of research and not place liens on properties that are three years behind on taxes. That way, we can address the issue with the new owner.

Ratliff stated that is absolutely something we can do, and Neighborhood Services can start vetting those.

Harris stated the properties that had liens didn't draw any bids, but the ones without liens went pretty high.

508 NW 12th Street aka 506 NW 12th Street

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. No water account was found.

Mayor Booker asked if legal is satisfied that this property was properly identified, to which Andrew replied yes.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Billy Smith, 5392 NW Columbia, asked for an additional 12 months to renovate the property.

White explained the permitting process if the property is declared dilapidated.

Smith stated he had a contract for sale on the property that he is now cancelling.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

621 SW 26th Street

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

916 SW D Avenue aka 404 SW 10th Street

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White 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 declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1407 SW 8th Street

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2013.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Shana Fuqua, 5106 NE Haddington Place, stated she is requesting additional time to pull permits and demo the property herself.

Mayor Booker explained the D&D process.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by GILL, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1507 NW Dearborn Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Alejandro Felix, 5511 NW Eisenhower Drive, stated he bought the property a year ago, so he has been working to fix it up. He plans to pull a permit and start renovating the house.

Mayor Booker explained the D&D process.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1611 NW Lawton Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. No water account was found.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1612 SW E Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2019. There is also an unknown fire date. The property was deed over to the County because it didn't sell at the tax sale.

Ratliff stated if it was deeded to the county, they will try to sell it at the Commissioner's Sale in August. If it doesn't sell there, they will just take it over.

Mayor Booker asked if the structure could still be torn down.

Ratliff stated we can because we served notice prior to the sale. It may not be advisable because it makes the property less appealing to developers. There is no legal reason that you can't, though.

Mayor Booker stated from a public health standpoint, we can't let the property stay in its current state.

Ratliff agreed and recommended to place the property on the D&D list.

Gill asked if Neighborhood Services could clean up the trash.

Ratliff stated yes, as long as we follow proper notice requirements and file an abatement lien. Again, that will cause the property to be less desirable to redevelopers.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

1813 SW McKinley Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Steven McReynolds, 2148 SW Douglas Avenue, stated he and his partner own this property and 11 other properties in this neighborhood. He has been working on all the properties.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by GILL, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

2025 NW 24th Street

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HANKINS, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

2409 SW C Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Derith Tacapher, 813 NW Arlington Avenue, stated her dad lived in the house and has passed away. She is the executor of his estate and is waiting for probate to be finished so she can put it in tribal trust and fix it up.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

2609 SW E Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. No water account was found.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

4628 SW G Avenue

Josh White, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, reported the numerous violations of city code existing on the property which are documented on the Property Maintenance Evaluation Sheet. White presented photographs of the property. Inactive utilities since 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by HARRIS, Second by WILLIAMS, to declare the structure on this property a dilapidated public nuisance and authorize the abatement thereof as set forth in the resolution. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Gill, Hampton, Weger. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

40. Consider holding a public hearing and approving an ordinance pertaining to Planning and Zoning amending Section 18-4-4-404.1, Division 18-4-1, Article 18-4, Chapter 18, Lawton City Code, 2015, by allowing legal nonconforming lots and parcels to be built on if said lot or parcel was established prior to November 10, 1964, and allowing for floor amendments if necessary.

Attachments: [Ord 24- nonconforming lots](#)
[05.16.2024 CPC Minutes](#)
[Notice of Public Hearing](#)

Christine James, Planning Director, explained that lots in the Lawton View area were originally 25-foot lots. They used to be combined, so most properties have a 50-foot frontage, but overtime the lots have been divided and sold, resulting in a lot of 25-foot lots. Per code, a buildable lot established prior to

November 10, 1964 was 35 feet. That did not help resolve the 25-foot lots throughout town. Staff estimates there are probably thousands of 25-foot lots.

Gill asked if there are already a structure on a majority of these lots; James confirmed.

Motion by GILL, Second by WILLIAMS, to approve Ordinance 24-045, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

The City Attorney Read the Title:

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PLANNING AND ZONING AMENDING SECTION 18-4-4-404.1, DIVISION 18-4-1, ARTICLE 18-4, CHAPTER 18, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, BY ALLOWING LEGAL NONCONFORMING LOTS AND PARCELS TO BE BUILT ON IF SAID LOT OR PARCEL WAS ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 10, 1964.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Hankins, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

41. Hold a public hearing and consider an ordinance for a rezoning request from Megan Graham for the property located at 208 NW 31st Street, Lawton, OK 73505, changing the zoning from R-1 Single-Family Dwelling District to R-2 Two-Family Dwelling District zoning classification for a duplex, and take appropriate action as deemed necessary.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-](#)

[208 NW 31st St Revised](#)

[Site Plan v1 \(7\)](#)

[Analysis \(208 NW 31st\) 2024-0523](#)

[CC Newspaper Notice Rezone \(208 NW 31st St\) 2024-0531 EXECUTED](#)

[Signed & Approved 05.30.2024 Minutes](#)

Kameron Good, Senior Planner, presented the facts of the request.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

No one appeared to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by GILL, Second by WILLIAMS, to approve Ordinance 24-046, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

The City Attorney Read the Title:

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE EXISTING ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE R-1 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO R-2 TWO-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT ZONING CLASSIFICATION ON THE TRACT OF LAND WHICH IS HEREINAFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE (1) HEREOF; APPROVING THE SITE PLAN ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A; AND AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO BE MADE UPON THE

OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Hankins, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

42. Consider holding a public hearing and approving an ordinance establishing the number of parking spaces required for stadiums, sports fields and arenas, with and without fixed seating, and allowing for floor amendments if necessary.

Attachments: [Ordinance 24- with changes](#)
[Ordinance 24- clean version](#)
[Newspaper Notice CPC & Council](#)
[06.13.2024 CPC Minutes](#)
[Peer city calcs](#)

James stated there is not currently a code requirement for sports facilities without fixed seating. Council requested that an ordinance be brought back with a requirement, so that is what is being proposed. The requirement is 1.3 parking spots per sports participant.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Leann Enderly, 316 NW 32nd Street, asked if the parking spots would be cement or gravel.

James stated per code, the requirement is a solid, sealed surface. The applicant can apply to the Board of Adjustment for a variance.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by GILL, to deny an ordinance establishing the number of parking spaces required for stadiums, sports fields and arenas, with and without fixed seating. *The motion died for lack of a second.*

Motion by HAMPTON, Second by WILLIAMS, to approve an ordinance establishing the number of parking spaces required for stadiums, sports fields and arenas, with and without fixed seating.

The City Attorney Read the Title:

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PLANNING AND ZONING AMENDING SECTION 18-8-1-805, DIVISION 18-8-1, ARTICLE 18-8, CHAPTER 18, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, BY DESIGNATING THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED PARKING SPACES FOR STADIUMS, SPORTS FIELDS AND ARENAS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, ALLOWING FLOOR AMENDMENTS AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Hankins, Hampton, Weger Williams. NAY: GILL. *Motion Failed for lack of a majority vote.*

Mayor Booker stated this will automatically go to the next agenda.

Ratliff stated the public hearing requirements were met.

43. Consider approving an Ordinance pertaining to Streets and Sidewalks by amending Sections 20-5-502 through 20-5-507, Article 20-5, Chapter 20, Lawton City Code, 2015; by changing Community Services Director to Planning Director, changing City Engineer to Public Utilities Director, changing the requirement for permission from the adjacent property owners to the applicant shall notify all property owners within 150 feet of the proposed small cell wireless facility and provide proof to the Planning Director at time of application, providing for severability, establishing an effective date and allowing for floor amendments.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-](#)
[Ordinance for update to SCWF code CLEAN](#)

Charlotte Brown, Community Services, stated these duties are just being handed back over to the Planning Department. There is also a requirement to provide proof of notification.

Motion by GILL, Second by WILLIAMS, to approve Ordinance 24-047, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

The City Attorney Read the Title:

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO STREETS AND SIDEWALKS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 20-5-502 THROUGH 20-5-507, ARTICLE 20-5, CHAPTER 20, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015; BY CHANGING COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR TO PLANNING DIRECTOR, CHANGING CITY ENGINEER TO PUBLIC UTILITIES DIRECTOR, CHANGING THE REQUIREMENT FOR PERMISSION FROM ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS TO THE APPLICANT SHALL NOTIFY ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 150 FEET OF THE PROPOSED SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITY AND PROVIDE PROOF TO THE PLANNING DIRECTOR AT TIME OF APPLICATION, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Hankins, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

44. Consider approving a Resolution amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Lawton City Code, 2015, pertaining to Chapter 20, Streets and Sidewalks, by amending Article A-20-5, Small Cell Wireless Facility.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION No. 2024-](#)
[RESOLUTION CLEAN](#)

Charlotte Brown, Community Services, explained that this fee change is being recommended to align with state statutes.

Motion by GILL, Second by WILLIAMS, to approve a Resolution amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Lawton City Code, 2015, pertaining to Chapter 20, Streets and Sidewalks, by amending Article A-20-5, Small Cell Wireless Facility. AYE: Hankins, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

45. Discuss moving forward with the adoption of the 2018 International Code Council codes and the 2017 National Electrical Code as amended by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC) and direct staff as necessary.

Brown stated staff is seeking direction on how to move forward with the adoption of the 2018 International Code Council codes and the 2017 National Electrical Code as amended by the Oklahoma

Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC). She explained that the downfall of not adopting these codes could lead to the City losing its jurisdiction, which would prevent the Fire Marshal from reviewing plans or doing inspections.

Gill stated he wants this to go through the Processes Oversight Committee.

Mayor Booker directed Brown to work with the clerk to schedule a Processes Oversight Committee meeting and to work with Gill on his questions.

46. Consider an ordinance pertaining to Administration, amending Section 2-3-13-382, and creating Section 2-3-13-385, Division 2-3-13, of Article 2-3, Chapter 2, Lawton City Code, 2015, relating to Boards, Commissions, and Committees by adjusting the number of members for the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women and adding language to allow for participating alternate members for the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women; providing for severability; providing for codification; and establishing an effective date.

Attachments: [MCSW Members- Clean](#)
[MCSW Members- Track Changes](#)

Blazek-Scherler stated we are taking away the seats appointed by the county and adding alternate members to help the board establish a quorum more easily.

Motion by WEGER, Second by HAMPTON, to approve Ordinance 24-048, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

The City Attorney Read the Title:

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING SECTION 2-3-13-382, AND CREATING SECTION 2-3-13-385 DIVISION 2-3-13, ARTICLE 2-3, CHAPTER 2, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2005, RELATING TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES BY ADJUSTING THE ALLOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, ADDING LANGUAGE TO ALLOW FOR PARTICIPATING ALTERNATE MEMBERS FOR THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Hankins, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

47. Consider an ordinance pertaining to Administration, creating Section 2-3-11-372, Division 2-3-11, of Article 2-3, Chapter 2, Lawton City Code, 2015, relating to Boards, Commissions, and Committees by adding language to allow for Participating Alternate members for the Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee; providing for severability; providing for codification, and establishing an effective date.

Attachments: [CIP Member- Clean](#)
[CIP Member- Track Changes](#)

Motion by WILLIAMS, Second by WEGER, to approve Ordinance 24-049, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

The City Attorney Read the Title:

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION CREATING SECTION 2-3-11-372,

DIVISION 2-3-11, ARTICLE 2-3, CHAPTER 2, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015; RELATING TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY ADDING LANGUAGE TO ALLOW FOR PARTICIPATING ALTERNATE MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Hankins, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

48. Discuss and take necessary action on changing the time of regularly scheduled City Council meetings to 6:00 PM, including establishing an effective date for this change, and directing staff to post any required notices.

Mayor Booker stated the Council has already approved moving the time, but did not provide clear direction on when to start it.

Warren stated in order to give time to staff to adjust their schedules and make arrangements. He stated he believes starting with the first meeting in August would give both staff and the public time to adjust.

Motion by WARREN, Seconded by WILLIAMS, to change the meeting time to 6:00PM starting with the first meeting in August, 2024.

Substitute Motion by HARRIS, Seconded by GILL, to begin the change of meeting time in January 2025 and to move Audience Participation from the beginning of the meeting to the end of the meeting.

Mayor Booker questioned if changing the audience participation time was allowable, as it wasn't listed on the agenda.

Ratliff stated Council could direct staff to bring back a change to Council Policy 1-6 to address changing the time of audience participation.

Harris accepted the friendly amendment to change his motion to begin the change of meeting time in January 2025 and to direct staff to bring back an item to consider changing the time of public participation to be at the end of the meeting. Gill also accepted.

Substitute Motion by HARRIS, Seconded by GILL, to begin the change of meeting time in January 2025 and to direct staff to bring back an item to consider changing the time of public participation to be at the end of the meeting. AYE: Harris, Gill NAY: Hampton, Weger, Williams, Warren, Hankins. *MOTION FAILED.*

Motion by WARREN, Seconded by WILLIAMS, to change the meeting time to 6:00PM starting with the first meeting in August, 2024.

Harris stated he disagrees with this because it is being done for the wrong reason.

Mayor Booker stated he understands that Harris is opposed.

Hampton asked if there was something in the motion to address that this is a six-month trial.

Mayor Booker stated that was in the original motion from when the time change was approved. That would stand.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Weger, Williams, Warren, Hankins, Hampton NAY: Harris, Gill. *MOTION PASSED.*

STAFF REPORTS:

- 49.** Provide City Council with an update on the FY 2023 Audit Process.

Rebecca Johnson, Finance Director, stated the 2022 audit has been filed with the state of Oklahoma and the 2023 is on track to turn over on August 1st as planned. It will be turned over to the state in October.

- 50.** Receive a report from staff regarding the status of the program to install signage regarding panhandling and take action as deemed necessary.

Christine James, Planning, and Cynthia Williams, Public Works gave a presentation on the panhandling sign program. This presentation is available in the City Clerk's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Motion by GILL, Second by WILLIAMS, to adjourn to executive session. AYE: Hankins, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

The City Council remained in executive session from 5:31PM to 6:22PM. No action was taken in executive session.

Motion by GILL, Second by WILLIAMS, to return from executive session. AYE: Hankins, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

- 51.** Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss a pending action with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality concerning a Notice of Violation issued by ODEQ to the City on February 14, 2024, in relation to the City of Lawton Municipal Solid Waste Landfill and the FY 2022 and FY 2023 financial assurance mechanism update, local government test, not having been submitted by December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023, respectively, and , if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by GILL, Second by WILLIAMS, to adjourn the meeting of June 25, 2024. AYE: Hankins, Gill, Hampton, Weger, Williams. NAY: None. *Motion Passed.*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24PM.