

MINUTES
LAWTON URBAN HOMESTEADING AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2004 - 6:00 P.M.
WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman, Cecil E. Powell. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Randy Bass, James Hanna, Glenn Devine, Amy Ewing-Holmstrom, Robert Shanklin, Jeffrey Patton, Stanley Haywood, Randy Warren.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Mitchell, City Manager; John Vincent, City Attorney; Kathy Fanning, City Clerk; Col. Gregory K. Herring, Fort Sill Liaison.

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD FOR APRIL TO MARK MOORE, METER SERVICE FIELD SUPERVISOR, REVENUE SERVICES DIVISION OF FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Rick Endicott, Finance Director introduced the Employee of the Month, Mark Moore and his supervisor, Barbara Curran. Endicott said first he would like to say to Powell that it is a privilege for the Finance Department to work with him and Hanna also.

Endicott said Moore supervises the meter readers and meter service workers. He started in 1993 and is a tremendous asset to the City of Lawton. He is very reliable and stable and one of the things he has done recently is a very difficult job, which is finding out people who are stealing water. He has been very diligent in tracking those down. Endicott said we appreciate what he does and congratulated Moore.

Powell congratulated Moore and thanked him for what he does. He presented him with a Certificate of Days Off from the Employee Advisory Committee, entitling him to two non-chargeable days off. He also presented Moore with some script money and a plaque, which he read. From the Office of the Mayor, Powell read a Certificate of Honor from the City of Lawton.

Moore said he has always liked working for the City and it's nice to be recognized and he appreciates it.

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR POWELL ON NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.

Mayor Powell presented Kent Susud with a proclamation on National Day of Prayer for the first Thursday of May. This will be celebrated on May 6, 2004 and the City of Lawton recognizes The Bridge Park on D Avenue at Sheridan Road as a public location for this day of prayer. The Bridge Park is recognized as a place to proclaim liberty throughout this land to all its inhabitants. Powell proclaimed May 6, 2004 as National Day of Prayer in the City of Lawton and encouraged all citizens to participate in the public gatherings scheduled at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. to proclaim liberty throughout this land.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD TO PAUL WEBB FROM VFW

Powell said on behalf of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars of the United States, an award and citation will be presented to Paul Webb as an expression of sincere appreciation for his services rendered in this community. He said Webb is an employee of The City of Lawton and asked Mitchell to see that Webb receives this tomorrow. He thanked the Veteran's of Foreign Wars for what they have done and what they continue to do.

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR POWELL ON FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH.

Powell said each year many Oklahoma citizens are victims of flood damage and have no flood insurance protection. Congress created a National Flood Insurance Program in 1968 to mitigate future flood damage and provide citizens with protection against potential losses. The Planning Department is designated to co-ordinate the NFIP in Lawton. The NFIP assists Lawtonians by making flood insurance available at affordable rates and help the City make wise decisions regarding flood plain management and use. He proclaimed the month of May 2004 as Flood Awareness Month in Lawton/Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2004 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAWTON URBAN HOMESTEADING AGENCY (LUHA).

MOTION by Hanna, SECOND by Warren, to approve the minutes of March 9, 2004 of the SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAWTON URBAN HOMESTEADING AGENCY (LUHA).
AYE: Hanna, Devine, Shanklin, Patton, Warren, Bass. ABSTAIN: Ewing-Holmstrom, Haywood. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Consider approving contracts for sale of real estate between the Lawton Urban Homesteading Agency (LUHA) and Great Plains Improvement Foundation, Inc. (GPIF) for the sale of properties in the possession of the LUHA located at 501 SW Monroe, 2606 SW D, and 5302 NW Liberty, and authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute all the necessary documents to transfer the properties to Great Plains Improvement Foundation, Inc. (GPIC).

Tom Aplin said this requests your permission, under the auspices of the Trust Indenture of the LUHA to sell these three properties, all of which are vacant lots. Great Plains Improvement Foundation will construct new residences on these properties and will be awarded to low and moderate income families here in the community.

Shanklin asked when these lots became vacant.

Aplin said 501 SW Monroe was a donated property given to the LUHA a number of years ago and never had any structure on it. At 2606 SW D Avenue, there was a home on it when it was purchased for \$1 from HUD, there was money put into it to rehab it, subsequently there was a serious mold problem and was determined not to be cost effective to continue with remediation of that problem and that structure was demolished. At 5302 NW Liberty, that also was \$1 home from HUD. Upon initial inspection after purchasing, it was determined it had a very extensive

mold problem in the basement and part of the upstairs area and we received approval from HUD to demolish that structure, which has been accomplished.

Shanklin asked where the funds would go.

Aplin said these funds will go back into the HOME Program Trust Account as program income and will be expended through our HOME Program for further housing development activities.

Shanklin asked if they have to build a house on it to keep it.

Aplin said the agreement is going to be that they accomplish that mission within two years.

Shanklin asked or what?

Aplin said we can get those properties back.

MOTION by Haywood, SECOND by Bass, to approve contracts for sale of real estate between the Lawton Urban Homesteading Agency (LUHA) and Great Plains Improvement Foundation, Inc. (GPIF) for the sale of properties in the possession of the LUHA located at 501 SW Monroe, 2606 SW D, and 5302 NW Liberty, and authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute all the necessary documents to transfer the properties to Great Plains Improvement Foundation, Inc. (GPIC). AYE: Devine, Ewing-Holmstrom, Shanklin, Patton, Haywood, Warren, Bass, Hanna. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

JOHN P. PURCELL JR., CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

KATHY FANNING, SECRETATRY