

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
LAWTON URBAN HOMESTEADING AGENCY
JULY 14, 1998 - 6:00 P.M.
WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Cecil E. Powell. Invocation was given by Elder John Wallace, Grace Fellowship Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall Notice Board as required by State law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: G. Wayne Smith, Richard Williams, Jeff Sadler, John Purcell, Robert Shanklin, Charles Beller, Randy Warren.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Gil Schumpert, City Manager; Felix Cruz, City Attorney; Brenda Smith, City Clerk

At this time a moment of silence was observed in honor of the late Carol Cookie King Green.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN OF THE MONTH AWARD TO VIRGINIA BREWCZYNSKI

Barbara Stapleton, Mayor=s Commission on the Status of Women, introduced Virginia Brewczynski and commended her efforts in the following areas: Executive Vice President for 45 years for Lawton Retail Merchants and currently a consultant to the CEO; President and Co-Owner of Merle Norman Cosmetics store; Chamber of Commerce; past president of Business and Professional Women=s Club; Credit Professional International; Oklahoma Credit Counseling Service; Lawton Food Bank; secretary of Vo Tech Foundation and Cameron Foundation; Lawton Knife and Fork Club; Citizens Bank board member; Southwestern Medical Center board of directors; Boulevard of Lights; and Fort Sill-Lawton Cannon Cockers.

Stapleton said Ms. Brewczynski has provided leadership and mentorship for women in the early years of her career and entered the world of business when it was controlled by men; under her leadership the Retail Merchants Association grew from three employees to 28.

Mayor Powell presented honors from Congressman J.C. Watts, the Oklahoma State House of Representatives and the City of Lawton.

Brewczynski said she could have done nothing without her friends in Lawton and that she wanted to do what she could to help her community.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO DAVID DIXON FOR BEING INVITED TO THE NATIONAL JUNIOR GOODWILL GAMES IN NEW YORK

Dick Huck, Parks & Recreation Director, introduced David Dixon as a nine year old elementary school student from Sheridan Road Elementary. David participated in the track and field event sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department on behalf of the Junior Goodwill Games. He won the local event, as well as the State, and has been invited to participate in the National Games in New York City this month as one of about 1,300 athletes from 60 countries. David and his mother will receive a three-day, all expense paid trip for this participation. Huck said he wanted to give David a good send off and wish him the best in the upcoming competitions.

Mayor Powell read a letter and official commendation from Governor Frank Keating, and presented a

proclamation from the City of Lawton. He wished David the best in his future endeavor and commended his participation and abilities. David thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for allowing him to participate.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT FROM LAWTON HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS
COMMISSION

Don Kesler, Chairman, Lawton Human Rights & Relations Commission, presented the quarterly report, which was included in the packet. He asked for assistance in filling seven vacancies in membership, one of which is a full time City employee. The Commission continues to work with law enforcement agencies in giving disability training; five sessions have been conducted and another is planned for August 7 for the Lawton Police Department and certain Fort Sill personnel. The City Attorney's office spoke to the Commission recently about public information and the Freedom of Information Act and they are trying to increase the professionalism of the Commission.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 1998.

MOVED by Shanklin, SECOND by Sadler, for approval of the Minutes. AYE: Beller, Warren, Smith, Williams, Sadler, Purcell, Shanklin. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEM:

1. Consider approving conveyance of Quit Claim Deeds to residential properties in the Urban Homesteading Program to, and authorize execution of the deeds to the following parties: Monica J. Norris, 1812 NW Taft; Patricia Ann Jackson, 645 SW Arbuckle; Marsha D. Webb, 1723 NW Ferris; Rose M. Rabon, 113 NE Bell Drive. Exhibits: None.

Schumpert explained the persons listed had complied with the terms of their agreements, including the five year residency requirement and each is now eligible to receive the fee simple title free and clear as agreed to by LUHA. He recommended approval of the item.

MOVED by Shanklin, SECOND by Smith, to approve conveyance of quit claim deeds to residents listed in the agenda item title and authorize execution of the deeds. AYE: Warren, Smith, Williams, Sadler, Purcell, Shanklin, Beller. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no further business to consider and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

CECIL E. POWELL, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

BRENDA SMITH, SECRETARY