

MINUTES
CITY TRANSIT TRUST SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 27, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.
NEW CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Fred L. Fitch, Chairman. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bob Morford, Keith Jackson, Rosemary Bellino-Hall, Jay Burk, Dwight Tanner, Jr., Richard Zarle, Stanley Haywood, Doug Wells.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan Long, City Manager; Frank V. Jensen, City Attorney; Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk, COL Glen A. Waters, Fort Sill Liaison.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF CITY TRANSIT TRUST MEETING OF MAY 13, 2014.

MOVED by Tanner SECOND by Jackson to approval of minutes of City Transit Trust meeting of May 13, 2014. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Zarle, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Consider authorizing a pilot program on the existing paratransit service to determine if the number of paratransit trips may be reduced. Exhibits: None.

Gary Rushing, LATS General Manager, stated LATS is required to provide a paratransit service in addition to fixed route service to individuals who cannot ride fixed routes. Normally the individual has some medical condition preventing them from riding the fixed route. Paratransit service is a curb-to-curb service coordinated by a scheduling system to make appointments, which reserves rides by date and time. The fare is also mandated by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and cannot exceed more than twice the regular fare (\$2.50 for one-way paratransit trips). These are premium trips in terms of their costs. Although FTA requires the paratransit service; it also limits the amount of FTA appropriated funds that can be used for paratransit service. When the paratransit service cost exceeds the allowable amount then the local share picks up the difference. LATS paratransit service exceeds the FTA limit. LATS desires to allow approved paratransit clients the opportunity to ride our fixed route service for free. Often weather has bearing on our paratransit clients who need this service. Some of our paratransit clients may be able to ride the fixed route service at least part of the time particularly if they can ride for free. If the Trust approves these clients riding fixed route service for free, LATS will give our clients notice through several sources. LATS will provide a report to the Trust on this pilot program every six months. If program is reducing paratransit trips, the program shall be permanent without any further action by the Trust.

Morford questioned what it takes to qualify for the paratransit service.

Rushing stated the client must complete an ADA application which includes a signature from a physician or case worker stating the cause of the disability or the medical condition. The application is sent to LATS for review and then approval or disapproval.

MOVED by Haywood SECOND by Wells to authorize a pilot program to allow approved paratransit clients to ride fixed route for free. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Zarle, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

FRED L. FITCH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TRACI L. HUSHBECK, SECRETARY