

MINUTES
CITY TRANSIT TRUST SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 28, 2011 - 6:00 P.M.
WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Fred Fitch. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bill Shoemate, Michael Tennis, Jay Burk, Rex Givens, Richard Zarle, Stanley Haywood, Doug Wells.

ABSENT: Rosemary Bellino-Hall

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Mitchell, City Manager; Frank Jensen, City Attorney; Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk, COL Paul Hossenlopp, Fort Sill Liaison.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF CITY TRANSIT TRUST MEETING OF MAY 24, 2011.

MOVED by Burk, SECOND by Tennis approve the minutes of City Transit Trust meetings of May 24, 2011. AYE: Tennis, Burk, Givens, Zarle, Haywood, Wells, Shoemate. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Consider approving the annual Cooperative Agreement and an Agreement for Limited Funding between the City and Transit Trust to provide funds for the operation of a public transit system and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same. Exhibits: Cooperative Agreement and Limited Funding Agreement are on file in the City Clerk's office.

Steve Sherrer, Lawton Area Transit Manager, stated in the 2011-2012 operating budget, the amount of \$885,000 is allocated for the operation of the public transit system for the fiscal year. These funds, in addition to FTA funds, will be used to operate the service. Upon the recommendation of the City Attorney, each year the City Council has to approve annual agreements to transfer the money to the Transit Trust.

MOVED by Haywood, SECOND by Shoemate approve the annual Cooperative Agreement and an Agreement for Limited Funding between the City and Transit Trust to provide funds for the operation of a public transit system and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same. AYE: Burk, Givens, Zarle, Haywood, Wells, Shoemate, Tennis. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Hold a public hearing and consider approving Resolution No. 2011-___ establishing a temporary seasonal express route to serve the Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area (LETRA) and establishing fares for the proposed LETRA express route. Exhibits: Resolution 2011-___, Route Map and Letter from Fit Kids Coalition.

Sherrer stated the Fit Kids Coalition approached them requesting a temporary seasonal bus route from the downtown transfer center with one stop on Fort Sill and then proceeding to Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area (LETRA). The proposed express service would make the two stops and the Fit Kids Coalition have offered to pay the hourly rate to fund this route. The route would operate from the first

day in July until August 13th and would operate on Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Shoemate stated the route would be every two hours. He questioned the length of the regular routes.

Sherrer stated the regular routes run every hour. They attempted to create this route to be one hour in length but the distance from downtown to LETRA prevented them from making it one hour. It worked out to be closer to two hours.

Burk stated the Fit Kids Coalition came to him and asked him to help him with this. This will not only help the kids in Lawton, but also on Fort Sill. This is a perfect area for families to go. There are many events for the kids to enjoy. He stated the fare for a child is \$1.50 each way. There is no fee to get into LETRA. He stated there also will be passes sold.

Sherrer stated they can sell ten ride passes so they would not have to carry money or they can buy single ride tickets at the LATS office.

Burk stated this year is just a pilot program and they would like to start it next year around Memorial Day and run it until school starts.

Shoemate questioned if they plan to fix the municipal pool.

Mitchell stated they are out to bid right now.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED. No one appeared to speak and the public hearing was closed.

MOVED by Burk, SECOND by Zarle to approve **Resolution No. 2011-04** establishing a temporary seasonal express route to serve the Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area (LETRA) and establishing fares for the proposed LETRA express route. AYE: Burk, Givens, Zarle, Haywood, Wells, Shoemate, Tennis. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

FRED L. FITCH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TRACI L. HUSHBECK, SECRETARY