

MINUTES
CITY TRANSIT TRUST SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.
NEW CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Doug Wells, Acting 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 Glenn Waters, Fort Sill Liaison.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF CITY TRANSIT TRUST MEETING OF AUGUST 13 2013.

MOVED by Zarle, SECOND by Jackson to approve the minutes of City Transit Trust meeting of August 13, 2013. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Zarle, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Discuss the impact of the Federal government shutdown on the delivery of Mass Transit services for the Lawton Area Transit System (LATS) and take appropriate action. Exhibits: None.

Gary Rushing, LATS General Manager, stated when they first drafted this item it was under different circumstances when the federal government was actually shut down which did financially impact their operations for being able to access federal funds. He was going to discuss what the impact is on Lawton Area Transit System based on a shut down, but since things have changed, he would like to open it up for discussion and let the trust members know what the situation was. He stated they were able to make draws from the federal government today to get caught up on their federal funding. He stated LATS and the City Managers office have had two meetings as well as numerous phone calls and emails to put together contingency plans. The federal government has a continuing resolution until January 15th and they would need a contingency plan in place to start the public participation process about 60 days out, which would be November 15th. LATS did submit some options to the City Manager outlining some options they would look at. He stated tonight they would like to open discussion of how they might move forward if the federal government shut down commences again on January 15, 2014.

Wells recommended that LATS staff and the City Manager get together and come up with a plan if funding is cut again on January 15, 2014. This would need to come before the City Transit Trust for approval ahead of time so they can let citizens know what will happen.

Long stated any plan that would be submitted at this point should be taken through the public hearing process. He stated they will produce some plans and bring them back in a series of public hearings and allow the trust to hear from the public.

Wells questioned what they would have done if they did not have time to do public hearings. He stated they need to do this right and have the public hearings and come up with a plan so the citizens know what to expect.

Council agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

DOUG WELLS, ACTING CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TRACI L. HUSHBECK, SECRETARY