

MINUTES
CITY TRANSIT TRUST SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.
WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman John P. Purcell, Jr. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bill Shoemate, James Hanna, Jay Burk, Robert Shanklin, Jeff Patton (Arrived @ 6:05 p.m.), Stanley Haywood, Randy Warren.

ABSENT: Janice Drewry

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Mitchell, City Manager; John Vincent, City Attorney; Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF CITY TRANSIT TRUST MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2008.

MOVED by Hanna SECOND by Burk to approve the Minutes of June 24, 2008. AYE: Hanna, Burk, Shanklin, Haywood, Warren, Shoemate. NAY: None MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Hold a public hearing and consider approving Resolution No. 2008-__ modifying certain classifications of transit passengers and modifying fares for the Lawton Area Transit System (LATS). Exhibits: Resolution 2008-__.

Steve Sherrer, Lawton Area Transit Manager, stated during the budget discussions the Trust recognized that operating costs were increasing. One of the main costs going up is the fuel cost. He was asked to analyze fares and look at the possibility of increasing the fares. On August 4th, he submitted to the trustees a survey of eleven different transit systems across the country and determined our fares accordingly. The notice of public hearing was published in the Lawton Constitution on August 10, 2008.

Shanklin questioned how we compared with other cities.

Sherrer we were lower as far as adult base fare.

Shanklin questioned what other cities we were comparable.

Sherrer stated that Longview, Texas also was charging \$1 at the current time.

Shanklin questioned what city surveyed was the closest city in size to Lawton.

Sherrer stated it would probably be one of the cities in Texas. He surveyed Oklahoma City and Tulsa which are the two other urban systems in Oklahoma and some smaller cities in Texas as well as coast to coast.

He questioned if staff ran a survey to see if this increase would place residents out of the market.

Sherrer stated no. He was only asked to survey other systems to look at the average fare based on a small sampling. The average fare across the country is over \$1.50. Staff is recommending a \$1.25 fare.

Haywood questioned the fares in Oklahoma City.

Sherrer stated it is currently \$1.25 and they are proposing another fare increase.

Shoemate questioned if Wichita Falls was comparable.

Sherrer stated they are \$1.25 as well.

Shanklin questioned if we generated as much revenue as Wichita Falls.

Sherrer stated he is not sure how much Wichita Falls generates or how much the City of Wichita Falls contributes to their system. He could research that information.

Shanklin stated it would be interesting to know since we are 50 miles apart.

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

MOVED by Haywood SECOND by Shoemate to approve **Resolution 08-03** modifying certain classifications of transit passengers and modifying fares for the Lawton Area Transit System. AYE: Burk, Patton, Haywood, Warren, Shoemate, Hanna. NAY: Shanklin. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Consider approving the *It all adds up to the cleaner air* bus graphic to increase air quality public awareness. Exhibits: Proposed bus graphic.

Sherrer stated in fiscal year 2009 a unified planning work program provides funding for the development and installation of a new *It all adds up to the cleaner air* bus graphic to increase air quality awareness. The graphic will be printed at the size of 5' x 2' and installed on the rear of one bus. There will be a one time payment of \$3,000 that will cover the advertising period of one year. The graphic and fee was approved by the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization on August 14th.

MOVED by Haywood SECOND by Hanna to approve the *It all adds up to the cleaner air* bus graphic to increase air quality public awareness. . AYE: Burk, Shanklin, Patton, Haywood, Warren, Shoemate, Hanna. NAY: None MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

JOHN P. PURCELL, JR., CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY