

MINUTES
LAWTON CITY LAKES AND LAND COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 19TH, 2023 4:15
OWENS MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER
1405 SW 11TH STREET, LAWTON, OKLAHOMA
STANLEY HAYWOOD ROOM

Christine James, Parks and Recreation Director

Also Present:

Mitchell Dooley, P & R Deputy Director
James Bonnarens, Lake Supervisor
Misty Roberts, Lakes Admin II
Lt. Anthony Bray, Lake Patrol

Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Austin Rabon (Co-chair)
Donald Smith
Kade McClure
Tim Hushbeck

Absent:

Mark Scott
Dustin Hilliary

REPORTS: PARKS & RECREATION STAFF: None
COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consider approving the minutes from the March 23rd, 2023, Special Called Meeting

Hushbeck makes a motion to accept the minutes from March 23rd, 2023, regular meeting, Smith seconds the motion. AYE: Rabon, Smith, McClure, Hushbeck NAY: NONE

B. Consider approving the draft master Plan for the Lakes Lawtonka and Ellsworth Recreation Areas as presented by Halff Associates and providing a recommendation to the City Council including any floor amendments.

James Hazzard with Halff Associates presents the draft of the Lakes Master Plan. The plan has been prepared and is ready to go forward to City Council. This plan includes the vision as well as the cost estimates which is all based off the information they received during the process.

Presentation was presented to commission and audience.

After the presentation the floor was opened to questions.

Hushbeck asked for an explanation of the security/police what the \$75,000.00 in red.

Hazzard responded that is tied to a lot of the security that is there today and see that there is a need for more or additional security needed.

Lakes Master Plan will be taken to City Council May 16th, 2023.

Motion was made by Rabon to approve the draft of the master plan for Lakes Lawtonka and Ellsworth and recommend to the City Council. Smith seconds the motion.

Aye: Rabon, Smith, McClure, Hushbeck NAY: None

C. Consider receiving an update on the recommended lease extension option for the Sunken Bridge Yacht Club.

C. James states that the lease is expiring at the end of the month and recommended that the lease be extended for another 12-month period. The lease extension will go to council April 25th.

D. Consider discussing and providing a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Director regarding the lease extension option for the Lawton Boat Club.

C. James states that the Lawton Boat Club lease expires in June and would like Lakes and Land to make a recommendation to City Council to extend the contract another 12 months as stated in the contract. That recommendation usually comes from the director.

Motion was made by Rabon to extend the Lawton Boat Club lease for another year. Smith seconds the motion.

AYES: Rabon, Smith, McClure, Hushbeck NAYES: None

E. Consider discussing and providing a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Director regarding the lease extension option for the Fisherman's Cove

C. James states that the Fisherman's Cove Lease expires in June and would like Lakes and Land to make a recommendation to the City Council to extend the contract another 12 months.

Amy Sims, concessionaire states she would like Lake and Lands to consider renewing the lease and it has come to their attention that they have a water problem and would like to make modification to her lease agreement. Sims states that there it was a water leak over the week and the meter is 2 ½ miles from where their lease begins. Sims states that they are being told that they are responsible for the whole 2 ½ miles where the water leak took place. Sims does not think that it should be their responsibility to take care of the City of Lawton infrastructure when the line goes through 2 other leases. Sims would like to request a water meter to be installed at the entrance of the Fisherman's Cove lease or at least an agreement with the City of Lawton to fix the line if there is a leak from Tony Creek up to Fisherman's Cove.

Sims stated she thinks at one time there was another water meter in place, but Bonnarens stated that since him being out here he does not know of any other line from Caddo District 3 being there.

Kade McClure asked if this was City of Lawton water. Bonnarens stated no, this is Caddo Rural District 3.

Simms stated that the meter is under the City of Lawton name. She pays the City of Lawton the water bill.

Hushbeck asked if the meter is owned by the Rural Water district if COL could take responsibility for the meter? C. James does not recommend that the master meter that is there be moved. All this falls under the district 3 and they are not going to want to move this line.

Rabon states that we cannot take any action on this right now, but it is something that we can look at in the future.

A motion was made by Tim Hushbeck to renew the lease only for one year and a second by Kade McClure.

AYES: Rabon, Smith, McClure, Hushbeck NAYES: None

F. Discuss the annual and 5-year boating, hunting, fishing permit expiration date of "the anniversary of purchase date" as it shows in City code 19-3-303-E

Christine James states that it was a requested change from December 31st expiration date on permits to a change of "anniversary date of purchase" that was requested by 1 or 2 council members. The council

members felt that since there was not a pro-rated option that the anniversary purchase date would give them a full year for their price.

Hushbeck asked what is the mechanism to know when the permits expire since there is no way of tracking the permits?

James states that you have a sticker just like your car tag.

Smith states that there is a big difference between the city permits and the state car tags. The state car tags show a month that it expires, the city stickers do not. There will become a bigger issue trying to enforce this later down the line. Part of the lease agreement with the Lawton Boat Club states that any vehicle that requires a license must be current and now you can't tell if someone's golf cart or boat is current unless they come up with the receipt. James states that the commission could put in a request to take to council to request to go back to the December 31st date if they wanted but the change was due to council wanting the change.

James Bonnarens states that the state did have calendar year until they purchased the software to be able to purchase online. Online the officers and staff can pull up records. Currently we have no way of doing that. Everything is hardcopy that we have now. Bonnarens states online purchasing is something that the city needs to have. It would cut down on the lose of revenue to the city, (concessions now receive 10% of the profit) it would cut printing cost of the books and having the ability to do online purchasing for the permits would also allow citizens to use their credit card which we currently do not have.

James states that being able to go online is something that has been purchased and we will be looking into for future use.

C. James states that we are on the books to receive a program with Tyler Technology for permits. There has already been one meeting regarding the need for this. We just don't have a timeline for when this is going to happen yet.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE
LAKES AND LAND COMMISSION
CHAIRMAN, CO-CHAIR AUSTIN RABON