



City of Lawton

City Council

Minutes

Lawton City Hall
212 SW 9th Street
Lawton, Oklahoma
73501-3944

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

6:00 PM

Lawton City Hall
Wayne Gilley Auditorium

Meeting Called to Order with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

"Official action can be taken only on items which appear on the agenda. The Council may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, or continue any agenda item. The Council may also propose and enact floor amendments to any matter presented before them. When more information is needed to act on an item, the Council may refer the matter to the City Manager or the City Attorney. The Council may also refer items to standing committees of the Council or a board, commission, or authority for additional study. Under certain circumstances, items are deferred to a specific later date or stricken from the agenda entirely."

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stanley Booker with invocation led by Bob Weger followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present:

Councilman - Ward 1 Lane Hooton
Councilman - Ward 2 Taron Epps
Councilwoman- Ward 3 Linda Chapman
Councilman- Ward 4 George Gill
Councilman - Ward 5 Allan Hampton
Councilman - Ward 6 Bob Weger
Councilwoman - Ward 7 Sherene L Williams
Councilman - Ward 8 Randy Warren

Absent:

Also Present:

Stanley Booker, Mayor
John Ratliff, City Manager
Jari Askins, Interim City Attorney
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk

Presentation

1. Marine Recognition Event

Jason Poudrier, Arts and Humanities Director for the City of Lawton, stated it was his

honor to recognize the Marines present for their volunteer support for City festivals, including the Lawton/Fort Sill Freedom Festival, the International Festival, and “hopefully soon” with additional help for Holiday in the Park.

Poudrier identified the Marines and leadership present, stating:
Gunnery Sergeant Mida served as the “boots on the ground” coordinating volunteers;
Sergeant Major Romga was present;
First Sergeant Pass was present; and
Colonel Schweers was present.

Poudrier stated additional individuals were present to assist in the recognition:
His house manager/festival manager, Stavis Mormon, who worked closely with the Marines;
Dory Thomas, Chair of the International Festival;
Dina Lazarte, Vice Chair; and
Kathy Rogers, who worked firsthand with Marines assigned to the drink booth.

Poudrier described Marine volunteer assistance as spanning from initial setup (noting setup begins on Tuesdays for International Festival and “it doesn’t just pop up overnight”) through event execution, with Marines “on the ground” making the events happen.

Poudrier stated the Marines were with the Marine Corps School of Artillery and reported that, in the past year alone, the Marines provided 12 Marines for Freedom Festival setup and 12 Marines for International Festival setup, and that the combined volunteer time totaled over 1,000 hours for this year and just for two festivals, noting they had supported these festivals for a number of years.

Poudrier stated a plaque would be presented on behalf of the International Festival and the City of Lawton. Stavis Mormon presented the plaque.

Poudrier stated that Gunnery Sergeant Mida would also receive a certificate of special recognition as the primary point of coordination.

2. Employee Spotlight Award: Alex Moore

The Employee Spotlight Award was presented to Alex Moore, Maintenance Technician at the Medicine Park Water Treatment Plant.

3. True North Award Recipient

Ratliff recognized Jovid Sorrano, a firefighter assigned to Station 8, as the True North Award recipient.

It was stated that while off duty, Sorrano stopped to assist during a medical emergency, performed CPR on an individual in cardiac arrest, and restored a pulse prior to the arrival of emergency medical personnel. He remained on scene to assist family members and relay critical information.

Reports: Mayor/City Council/City Manager

Weger stated he hoped everyone had a wonderful time giving thanks, noted there is much to be thankful for, and looked forward to Christmas season celebrations with family and friends.

Hampton stated he obtained vegetables from the farmers market for Thanksgiving and encouraged residents to visit the market for fresh food and a good social time. Hampton also thanked veterans and referenced families with loved ones deployed, stating prayers for safety.

Gill stated the holidays were great and provided an update on road progress despite weather, noting ongoing traffic signal changes, including permissive left turns with the blinking yellow light, advising drivers may proceed if safe.

Chapman stated they appreciated how the City recognizes employees and the community impact of those recognitions, congratulating the recipients.

Epps described a personal experience of a vehicle breakdown at approximately 1:00 a.m. at Lee and Flower Mound. He stated an officer stopped to assist, maintained a positive demeanor, offered help with obtaining a tow truck, stayed until his wife arrived, and ensured safety. Epps stated appreciation for LPD's community service beyond crime prevention.

Hooton stated Ward 1 had been quiet other than numerous requests for speed bumps. He also thanked Marines for volunteering for "Spirit Survival" for two days, describing it as a strong community tie-in and praising Marines' work ethic.

Epps added that there were activities in the park that weekend, including live caroling, encouraging residents to attend and noting "there are things to do here in Lawton."

Ratliff stated he was excited to announce the City's inaugural tree lighting ceremony to occur Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the lobby. He stated the tree was decorated and encouraged attendance. He also noted that LPD would have a tree lighting at 6:00 p.m. that evening, and that there was also a Chamber holiday open house open to the public from 4:30–6:30, and a Cameron University tree lighting as well, describing multiple tree lighting events that Thursday.

Consent Agenda

The following items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. Should discussion be desired on an item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to action and considered separately.

Motion by Randy Warren, Second by George Gill, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of pulling item 14. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

4. Consider approving a resolution amending the City of Lawton FYE26 budget, as amended, to appropriate \$40,000.00 from a FEMA reimbursement for a swiftwater rescue deployment to the Fire Operations-Supplies, Tools, and Equipment account 1007501-51000 for funding new and replacement swiftwater rescue gear and equipment.

Resolution 25-277

5. Consider approving a resolution authorizing the installation of one 250 watt LED fixture on wood pole at the Southeast corner of the intersection of NE Rogers Lane and I-44 Interstate exit ramp in conjunction with the Rogers Lane Lighting Project.

Resolution 25-278

6. Consider approving a resolution amending Appendix A, Chapter A-19, Article A-19-1, General Lake and Recreation, and Appendix A, Chapter A-19, Article A-19-5, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Lawton City Code, 2015, by keeping School House Slough dry-stall annual lease rates at the existing 2025 rates, and raising Ralph's Resort annual boathouse fees to be consistent with the current concessionaire.

Resolution 25-279

7. Consider extending contract (CL24-008) Heavy Equipment Service and Parts to C.L. Boyd Co. Inc. of Oklahoma City, Ok.

8. Consider and take action approving the plans, specifications and authorize advertisement for the construction of the Transite Water Lines Replacement Project PU2504 to replace high-maintenance water lines throughout the city.

9. Consider and take action in awarding a contract in the amount of \$3,425,000.00 to Southern Infrastructure Group, LLC, for the construction of Gondola Lake Dam Improvements Project PU2411 to rehabilitate the existing dam structure.

10. Consider approving a Task Order for providing engineering services related to Project PR2502- School House Slough Parking Lot/Road Pavement Project for the design of improvements at the entrance road to the existing School House Slough site on Lake Lawtonka.

11. Consider and take action in awarding a contract in the amount of \$1,733,638.00 to TIMCO Blasting & Coatings, INC., for the construction of the Map 44 Water Line Replacement Project PU2502 to replace approximately 4,100 linear feet of existing water line.
12. Consider approving Amendment No. 3 to the professional design services agreement with H.W. Lochner, Inc. on Project EN2106 –Bridge Rehab.
13. Consider approving an agreement between the Lawton Heritage Association and the City of Lawton to fund activities by the Association designed to encourage, promote and foster tourism and economic development in the City, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.
14. Consider approving an amendment to Council Policy 1-6: Council Rules of Procedure by adding “trust authorities” to the list of entities that City Council can create and requiring the council members will not submit or receive a nomination for a trustee that would cause them to serve for more than nine consecutive years; to require individuals who sign up to speak to personally address the City Council; to prohibit speakers from delegating their time or designating another person to speak on their behalf, except when accommodations such as interpreters are needed; to allow owners of business in the City of Lawton to speak during audience participation; and to require all Lawton residents wishing to speak during the meeting to submit a Request to Speak Form before the meeting is called to order.

Mayor Booker stated the trust authority item was a clarification consistent with prior action and that trust authorities were left out accidentally. Mayor Booker stated the other items were intended to clarify misunderstandings, including prior requests to read items into the record and issues related to the Council’s decision to move audience participation to the end of the meeting. He stated business owners in city limits should be able to speak and included that provision.

Kaysa Whitley stated the policy appeared to be another way to silence community members. She referenced prior limits on non-residents speaking, argued Council decisions affect non-residents, and stated citizens would not need to yield time to others if there were a path for those individuals to speak on their own. Whitley objected to requiring request-to-speak forms before the meeting begins, particularly because audience participation was moved to the end. She stated that if required, citizens would arrive earlier to ensure forms were submitted in time.

Mayor Booker thanked the speaker.

Motion by Randy Warren, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

15. Consider accepting \$20,000.00 from Builders Investment Group LLC and approving a Release of Lien for several liens on several properties bought at the county tax resale or from the county directly, allowing the developer to continue building brand-new, affordable duplexes and cottages across the City of Lawton.

16. Considering accepting a letter of request from the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization (LMPO) and approving an amendment for each one of the three memorandums of understanding the City has with the LMPO for the annual grants managed by the LMPO, allowing the LMPO to retain a total of \$150,000 for future transportation related contracts.

17. Consider accepting a reimbursement of \$196,903.26 from the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization (LMPO) in accordance with the annual memorandum of understandings between LMPO and the City, and consider approving a resolution amending the City of Lawton FYE26 budget, as amended, to appropriate said reimbursement to the Capital Improvement Fund for the Gore Boulevard Traffic Signalization Timing Project.

Resolution 25-285

18. Consider accepting the Health Literacy grant of \$5,000 from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries for health literacy activities and authorizing the Mayor to sign necessary paperwork.
19. Consider ratifying the City Manager's decision and execution of a settlement agreement to accept a reduced payment for existing liens for the properties located at 407 SW 17th Street, 2525 SW J Avenue, and 2805 SW I Avenue in order to align with the City's goal of fostering neighborhood improvement and providing affordable housing options for the community.
20. Consider approving an agreement between the City of Lawton and Comanche County authorizing the County to operate and burn debris on City property at

Lake Ellsworth, to include the execution of an agreement concerning the same and any other necessary documents.

21. Consider approving a mutual access easement and usage agreement with Richard Garcia and Pamela Garcia for a portion of existing SW 3rd Street, south of SW Douglas Ave, to ensure continued legal public access to the property located at 2102 SW 3rd Street, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

22. Consider determining the actual costs of the dismantling and removal of dilapidated buildings and other expenses that may be necessary in conjunction with same by approving invoices for demolition of properties as required by State Statue 11-22-112.4 for properties located at 2002 NW 19th Street, 1612 NW Taft Avenue, 601 NW Dearborn Avenue, 406 NW 6th Street, 1012 SW Monroe Avenue, 1206 NW Euclid Avenue, 1003 SW 66th Street, 1803 NW 40th Street, 617 SW Doolittle Avenue, 1211 NW Bessie Avenue, 2613 SW E Avenue, and 710 SW I Avenue.

23. Consider approving the claims list from November 8, 2025, through November 28, 2025.

24. Consider approving proposed appointments to boards and commissions.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE:

Kirby Brown – Mayoral Appointment
212 SW 9th St.
Lawton, OK 73501

CITIZEN'S POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Allan Hampton, Council Representative
1202 NW Bell Ave.
Lawton, OK 73507
UT: 01/28/2028

COUNCIL FEE COMMITTEE:

Tiffiney Dimery-Mayoral Appointment
2405 NE Meadowlark Lane
Lawton, OK 73507
Effective 01/12/2025

DOWNTOWN TRANSFER SITE COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

Robert Weger-Ward 6
2701 NW 75th Street
Lawton, OK 73505
Council Term

FISTA DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY:

Kirby Brown-Mayoral Appointment
709 NW 46th St.
Lawton, OK 73505
Effective 01/12/2026

LAKES AND LAND COMMISSION:

Robert Weger-Ward 6
2701 NW 75th Street
Lawton, OK 73505
UT: 07/25/2026

Jimmy L. Garrison, Mayoral Appointment
19 Prairie Road
Elgin, OK 73538
UT 03/26/2027

LAWTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LEDA):

Kirby Brown-Mayoral Appointment
709 NW 46th St.
Lawton, OK 73505
Effective 01/12/2026

LMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD:

Taron Epps – City Council Representative
1801 NE 29th St.
Lawton, OK 73501
Council Term

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

David Tyler-Mayoral Re-Appointment
501 SW 77th Street
Lawton, OK 73505
Term: 01/01/2028

Reginald Seaton, Mayoral Re-Appointment
4826 SE Brown Street
Lawton, OK 73501
Term: 01/01/2028

Melissa Shelton, Mayoral Re-Appointment
2324 NW 78th Street
Lawton, OK 73505
Term: 01/01/2028

Kelly Harris-Alternate 2
1917 NW Cherry Ave.
Lawton, OK 73507
Term: 01/01/2028

PENSION TRUST COMMISSION:

James Apple-Mayoral Re-Appointment
3502 SE 45th St.
Lawton, OK 73501
Term: 11/01/2030

PROCESSES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

Kirby Brown-Mayoral Appointment
709 NW 46th St.
Lawton, OK 73505
Effective 01/12/2026

RACE RELATIONS COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

Lane Hooton, Ward 1
1604 NW 37th St.
Lawton, OK 73505
Council Term

STEM BOARD:

Mayor Stan Booker, Re-Appointment
03/12/2026

Dr. Krista Ratliff- FISTA Representative and Deputy Board Chairman, Re-Appointment
03/12/2026

Dr. Kyle Moore- Cameron University Representative, Re-Appointment
03/12/2026

Doug Brown- Lawton Public Schools Representative, Re-Appointment
03/12/2026

Nate Slate- Industry STEM Partner Representative, Re-Appointment
03/12/2026

BG (R) Randy McIntire- Industry STEM Partner Representative, Re-Appointment

03/12/2026

Dr. Virginia Aid- Non-voting Fort Sill Representative, Re-Appointment
03/12/2026

Unfinished Business

25. Receive a report from the Housing & Community Development Administrator regarding the current status of a Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) with the Lawton Housing Authority (LHA) and take action as deemed necessary.

Larry Parks, Community Enrichment Director, stated the item was previously before Council and was tabled. Parks stated staff sought legal guidance and the legal recommendation was that there was no agreement for reimbursement of funds, and that the matter should not be backdated.

Mayor Booker requested staff remind Council why the item had been tabled.

Robert Burn, Housing and Community Development, stated it was tabled for two reasons: (1) to obtain legal guidance; and (2) to review whether any trust indenture pertained to LHA.

Mayor Booker stated LHA requested payment of \$74,000, and Parks confirmed there was no agreement.

Parks confirmed legal counsel recommended not paying.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Sherene L Williams to accept the attorney's recommendation.

Jervis Jackson, Lawton Housing Authority, stated the request was for reimbursement for funds spent providing low-income housing to residents. Jackson provided a timeline asserting there was sufficient communication and correspondence indicating an agreement:

Agreement beginning August 1, 2019, with notice to proceed dated August 14, 2019, for a two-year term (August 2019–July 2021).

Additional notice to proceed on December 9 extending dates through June 2022, including mention of an additional \$200,000 added to TBRA in 2021.

A drafted agreement from January 2022 to January 2024 that was not signed, which Jackson attributed to shifting leadership.

An email from Gary Brooks referencing an amendment intended to carry terms from January 7, 2024 to June 2025, where a signed copy of the earlier agreement was requested but not found.

Jackson stated communications existed throughout the period indicating an agreement, and that LHA continued administering the program while awaiting signatures.

Jari Askins, Interim City Attorney, stated the matter had been reviewed by the legal department and that the deputy city attorney was present and had handled the matter.

Deputy City Attorney Tim Wilson stated that from January 2022 to January 2024 there was no executed agreement, raising the issue of whether the City could pay for a period without a signed agreement. He stated any future agreement should be prospective, and that was up to Council.

Ratliff clarified staff's recommendation: Council could approve a prospective agreement going forward, but not retroactively approve payment for past periods.

Mayor Booker asked if the legal recommendation was not to approve back payment and staff recommendation was prospective only. Ratliff confirmed that was correct.

Gill asked if staff's recommendation was legal. He stated we would be paying money out on something that's before a new agreement would be made and the City is accountable for that money.

Wilson clarified that the City wouldn't be paying money out for what's happened in the past. He stated we're saying if Council wants to continue a relationship with Lawton Housing Authority...

Gill interrupted and stated that was a different issue that shouldn't be brought up right now. He stated we are discussing LHA wanting money for something that there was no agreement for.

Wilson stated if an agreement were to be approved, it would be prospective.

Gill stated his original motion still stands.

Epps asked whether emails had been reviewed for potential commitments; Wilson stated he had not reviewed specifics of emails and focused on whether an agreement was signed, noting Council approval would be required for any agreement.

Williams emphasized taxpayers' funds and the need for written contracts.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Mayor Booker noted that a motion could still be made for a prospective agreement if any councilmember wished to make one. No motion was made.

Business Items

26. Hold a public hearing for the purpose of giving any interested persons the opportunity to be heard in support of or opposition to the proposed Third Amended Lawton Downtown Economic Development Project Plan, pursuant to the Local Development Act, 62 O.S. §850, et seq., and consider approval of an ordinance pertaining to the Lawton Tax Increment Financing Regulation amending Article 10-15, Chapter 10, Lawton City Code, 2015, approving the Third Amended Lawton Downtown Economic Development Project Plan; reducing the area within the boundaries of Increment District No. 2, City of Lawton; identifying and establishing the boundaries of two increment districts; deferring the naming and the date of creation for the two increment districts; designating and adopting project area boundaries; adopting certain findings; authorizing the use of ad valorem, sales, use, and occupancy tax increment revenues apportioned from increment districts for the payment or financing of eligible project costs; ratifying and confirming the actions, recommendations, and findings of the Review Committee and the City Planning Commission; providing for severability; providing for codification; and by separate motion and vote, declaring an emergency.

Richard Rogalski, Lawton Economic Development Authority Executive Director, stated the prior detailed presentation had occurred on November 11 and provided a high-level overview. Rogalski stated the amendment does not change the purpose of the original plan (2006), does not extend durations of Increment District #1 (2006) or District #2 (2010), and primarily creates two areas (referred to as "TIF A" and "TIF B") to allow new designation by Council. Rogalski referenced interest in a grocery store for TIF A and stated the plan expands project area to include locations such as Elmer Thomas Park, Lawton High School, Central Middle School, the Museum, and McMahon Auditorium for potential eligible costs if Council chooses. Rogalski stated the amendment updates budgets and allocates 10% of revenue from the two new districts to STEM consistent with the existing plan.

Rogalski stated both the review committee and planning commission reviewed and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED. No one appeared to speak. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by Linda Chapman, Second by Randy Warren, to approve Ordinance 25-63, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

The City Attorney read the title: ORDINANCE 25-63
AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE LAWTON TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
REGULATION AMENDING ARTICLE 10-15, CHAPTER 10, LAWTON CITY CODE,
2015, APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDED LAWTON DOWNTOWN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN; REDUCING THE AREA WITHIN THE

BOUNDARIES OF INCREMENT DISTRICT NO. 2, CITY OF LAWTON; IDENTIFYING AND ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF TWO INCREMENT DISTRICTS; DEFERRING THE NAMING AND THE DATE OF CREATION FOR THE TWO INCREMENT DISTRICTS; DESIGNATING AND ADOPTING PROJECT AREA BOUNDARIES; ADOPTING CERTAIN FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AD VALOREM, SALES, USE, AND OCCUPANCY TAX INCREMENT REVENUES APPORTIONED FROM INCREMENT DISTRICTS FOR THE PAYMENT OR FINANCING OF ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS; RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE ACTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND FINDINGS OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, TO BE CONSIDERED BY SEPARATE VOTE AND MOTION.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Motion by Bob Weger, Second by Allan Hampton, to declare an emergency AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

27. Consider a request from the property owner for additional time to remodel the structure located at 511 NW Bell Avenue, per Section 6-1-1-108 Section D that states after 180 days the property will go back to City council for specific authorization by the Council.

Jonathan Jernigan, Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services Division, presented the request for additional time for remodeling at 511 NW Bell Avenue, noting it had been declared dilapidated on 2/27/24 and previously returned twice for permit renewal authorizations. Jernigan stated final inspections remained before issuing a Certificate of Occupancy and recommended allowing continued permitting. Before-and-after photos were provided.

Mayor Booker confirmed this was the second extension. He praised staff efforts in helping residents restore properties and noted neighborhood benefit.

Hampton noted that Ward Five has "taken quite a hit on dilapidated properties" because it is an older ward. He expressed excitement to see new buildings and rebuilds going up.

Motion by Allan Hampton, Second by Sherene L Williams, to approve the extension. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

28. Consider approving the agreement between the Mountain Bike Club of the Wichitas' and the City of Lawton for construction of new bridge on the SW

corner of Lake Lawtonka.

Kelvin Ingram, Community Enrichment Deputy Director, presented an agreement between the Mountain Bike Club of the Wichitas and the City for construction of a new bridge near the southwest corner of Lake Lawtonka. He stated the club acknowledged it is not an agent of the City, assumes responsibility for costs of implementation and installation, and would address removal or corrective action if inspection or removal was required.

Mayor Booker asked whether the club maintains trails at no cost to the City; Ingram confirmed yes.

Motion by Randy Warren, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Mayor Booker requested Mayor Pro Tem Randy Warren to take over the meeting.

29. Consider approving an ordinance pertaining to Utilities, Amending Sections 22-4-1-410 And 22-4-1-412 , both in Division 22-4-1, Article 22-4, Chapter 22, Lawton City Code 2015 by adding provisions for abandoned shopping carts to be considered bulk waste, clarifying bulk waste terminology and setting fees as such, providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

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30. Consider approving an Ordinance pertaining to Business Licenses by repealing and reserving Section 7-32-1-3201 through 7-32-1-3204, Division 7-32-1, Article 7-32, Lawton City Code, 2015; by removing the scrap metal dealers requirements from Chapter 7, providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

Charlotte Brown, Community Enrichment Deputy Director, stated this item removes scrap metal dealer requirements from Chapter 7 and that the next item was a companion item that would move requirements to Chapter 16 because LPD enforces the rules.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Sherene L Williams, to approve Ordinance 25-64, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

The Interim City Attorney read the title: ORDINANCE 25-64
AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO BUSINESS LICENSES BY REPEALING AND RESERVING SECTIONS 7-32-1-3201, 7-32-1-3202, 7-32-1-3203, 7-32-1-3204, DIVISION 7- 32-1, ARTICLE 7-32, CHAPTER 7, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015; BY REMOVING THE SCRAP METAL DEALERS REQUIREMENTS FROM CHAPTER 7; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

31. Consider approving an Ordinance pertaining to Offenses and Crimes, by creating Sections 16-5-5-501 through 16-5-5-504, Division 16-5-5, Article 16-5, Chapter 16, Lawton City Code, 2015; by moving the requirements for the scrap metal dealers from Chapter 7 to Chapter 16 of the Code, adding the City of Lawton as an exempted seller, providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

Mayor Booker returned.

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to approve Ordinance 25-65, waive the reading of the ordinance, and read the title only.

The Interim City Attorney read the title: ORDINANCE 25-65
AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO OFFENSES AND CRIMES, BY CREATING SECTIONS 16-5-5-501, 16-5-5-502, 16-5-5-503, 16-5-5-504, DIVISION 16-5-5, ARTICLE 16- 5, CHAPTER 16, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015; BY MOVING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCRAP METAL DEALERS FROM CHAPTER 7 TO CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE, ADDING THE CITY OF LAWTON AS AN EXEMPTED SELLER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

32. Consider approving a resolution amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Lawton City Code, 2015, as amended, by establishing fees for the collection and storage of abandoned shopping carts and establishing an effective date.

STRICKEN

Gill asked if the agreement for the Housing Authority could be brought back at the next meeting.

Ratliff confirmed that was possible.

33. Consider holding a public hearing and approving a certificate for a Use Permitted on Review request to allow the construction of a townhouse development on Lots 13–18, Block 14, College Addition, located at 2614, 2616, 2618, 2620, 2622, and 2624 SW D Avenue, Lawton, OK 73505, waiving two of the townhouse development requirements per the City

Planning Commission's recommendation, and take appropriate action as deemed necessary.

Kameron Good, Planning Department, presented a use permit on review request for a townhouse-style development on vacant lots off D Avenue east of 27th Street, near Cameron University. Good stated the attached housing resembles duplexes but is processed under townhouse development standards to allow individual sales. Two requirements recommended for waiver by the Planning Commission were a coverage rule and a 25-foot building setback/buffer around the exterior under townhouse development standards.

Good stated the Planning Commission recommended approval 8–0 on November 6, 2025, and notice was provided to nearby owners and published, with no calls for or against.

Chapman expressed support and noted the neighborhood benefit.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED. No one appeared to speak. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by Linda Chapman, Second by Sherene L Williams, to approve a Certificate for Use Permitted on Review request to allow the construction of these townhouse developments and waive two of the townhouse development requirements per the City Planning Commission's recommendation. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Executive Session

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to go into Executive Session. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

The City Council entered Executive Session at 6:52PM and reconvened in Open Session at 8:45PM. No action was taken in Executive Session, in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Bob Weger, Second by Allan Hampton, to return to Open Session. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

34. Pursuant to Section 307(B)(1), Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session discuss the continued employment of the city manager, specifically to conduct the annual performance review of John Ratliff, City Manager, and, in open session, take other action as necessary.

Motion by Randy Warren, Second by Sherene L Williams, to approve a three percent pay increase, a \$16,500 bonus, to exempt Ratliff from his five-year service requirement

before an employee may cash out vacation leave, and to direct staff to bring back an amended contract. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton, Stanley Booker NAY: None. Motion Passed.

35. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss the pending case in Comanche County District Court titled John D. Horton v. City of Lawton, et al., Case No. CJ-2025-691, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

No Action Taken.

36. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss a pending claim and potential litigation involving the demolition of property located at 401 Summit Avenue and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

No Action Taken.

37. Pursuant to Section 307(B)(1), Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session discuss the continued employment of the city clerk, specifically to conduct the annual performance review of Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk, and, in open session, take other action as necessary.

Motion by Randy Warren, Second by Sherene L Williams, to approve a ten percent pay increase, to increase the vacation cap to 280 hours, and to direct staff to bring back an amended updated contract. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton, Stanley Booker. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

Audience Participation

Lawton citizens who have completed a Request to Speak Form and wish to address business not listed on the agenda may step forward at this time.

To ensure compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, the Mayor and Council will receive comments but will NOT engage in direct responses. However, they may refer matters to the appropriate department or individual for further consideration and follow-up action.

To participate, speakers must submit a Request to Speak Form to the City Clerk and reside within the Lawton city limits. Each speaker is allotted 3 minutes, with a maximum of 9 minutes per topic, and Audience Participation is limited to 30 minutes total. All participants are expected to follow the Rules of Decorum as outlined in Council Policy 1-6.

Kaysa Whitley stated she was present to update Council regarding Western Elements and stated she had not received answers to questions about the redevelopment agreement, enforcement, and economic concerns. She stated she contacted her councilmember, John Ratliff, Brad Cooksey, and Richard Rogalski, placed the

questions in an email, and stated no one responded. She stated that after the email, the City Manager told her he did not know how to respond.

Whitley stated that since her last appearance, the National Congress of American Indians passed legislation standing against Westwin, describing it as their official stance. She asked where she could go to get answers and how the matter would be rectified given that she has requested clarification for years.

Mayor Booker stated the request was heard and he would visit with the City Attorney about it. Mayor Booker asked if she wished to add more; she declined further comment.

Adjournment

The City of Lawton encourages participation from all of its citizens. If participation at any public meeting is not possible due to a disability, notification to the City Clerk at (580) 581-3305 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting is encouraged to make the necessary accommodations. The City may waive the 48 hour rule if interpreters for the deaf (signing) is not the necessary accommodation."

Motion by George Gill, Second by Allan Hampton, to adjourn the meeting. AYE: Linda Chapman, George Gill, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L Williams, Randy Warren, Taron Epps, Lane Hooton. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.