

**MINUTES
LAWTON ACCESS BOARD
CITY HALL
CITY ATTORNEY'S CONFERENCE ROOM
212 SW 9th STREET
OCTOBER 2, 2018**

Mike Jones called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in the City Attorney's Conference Room. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Kesler, Don; Jones, Mike; Love, Kay; Polk, Ray.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Neitzke, Parks and Recreation; Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

APPROVE MINUTES from July 31, 2018 meeting

Motion by Kesler, Second by Polk, to approve the minutes of July 31, 2018. **Aye:** Love; Jones; Polk Kesler. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Jones stated I received a call from Pastor Watson regarding the sidewalk/bus stop on 16th Street. We voted to table this item until LATS had completed their study and they made a decision on which routes they would implement. I had mailed Pastor Watson a letter and he stated he did not receive the letter so I read the letter to him. I guess they decided not to be here today.

1. New Business

- A. Consider a request by resident of Benjamin O. Davis High Rise to provide crosswalk and accessible bus stop pad on SW 6th Street.

Jones stated a resident of the Benjamin O David High Rise would like to see a bus stop on the east side of 6th Street across from the high rise. I was hoping LATS would be here today so we could have their input. Currently there is a bus stop on the west side of the road but not the east. The bus does stop and allows the residents to get off on the east side but it presents an unsafe situation for the disabled residents. She is requesting a crosswalk and bus stop. This would be similar to what we did on 20th Street. We would have to cut out the sidewalk, build a ramp and repair the sidewalk. The crosswalk would be stripping that could be done by the city at not a lot of cost. I believe the cost would be around \$1500 without the stripping. This doesn't include a shelter or a bench. I wanted to talk to LATS about the ridership and their plans.

Kesler stated looking at the alignment that pole would probably have to be moved.

Jones stated the crosswalk would go on the other side of the median nosing. There are a couple of issues. We have the light pole and a manhole. There is a 4' sidewalk so you probably would have to go beyond that. It might come into play when they determine where to put the pad and bench.

Love stated I'm not familiar with how much traffic there is in that area.

Jones stated the times that I have been there it appears to have traffic. I did see the bus stopping on the east side.

Bonacci stated I have a friend that uses that stop and crossing the street is an issue.

Love asked do you have the cost with the stripes.

Jones stated no. It isn't going to be much. I don't think they would put a shelter and bench. If we decide to approve this it would come from the ADA fund and right now we have a little under \$800,000. The amount we approved for the east Gore bridge has not been deducted from that amount.

Love asked what was the cost of that bridge.

Jones stated the city's cost was close to \$600,000 and I believe our portion was \$140,000. I don't want to approve this request without input from LATS.

Love stated if this will make a difference for the disabled and elderly I think it is a good request.

Jones stated I believe the money will be well spent. Can we vote by email or phone.

Ezell stated no. You can approve it today with a cap on your spending and pending LATS determination.

Jones asked what are the feelings of the board.

Love stated it sounds reasonable to me.

Jones stated I just notice on the west side we will need a curb cut and ramp. My cost did not include this so the cost would be more. We are probably looking at \$2500. We could cap the motion at \$3000 to be certain.

Motion by Love, to approve the funding for a bus stop, pad and cross walking to be placed on the east side of 6th Street located directly across from the Benjamin O Davis High Rise and to make the necessary adjustment to the existing stop located on the west side of 6th to make it handicapped accessible. These improvements are not to cost more than \$3,000 and it must

have the approval of LATS that there is enough ridership to warrant a bus stop and that the bus will continue to stop at this location.

Kesler asked what about putting a trash can in the vicinity.

Neitzke stated the issues with trash cans are who is responsible for cleaning them. My crew is responsible for some on 2nd Street and for 2 employees it takes 45 minutes to an hour. We dump them approximately 3 times a week.

Jones asked what about the ones that are located at the downtown transfer station.

Neitzke stated we are not responsible for those.

Kesler stated we need to consider doing this to all stops in the future.

Love stated for pride of the city this is something they may want to consider.

Second by Kesler. Aye: Jones; Polk; Kesler; Love. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Jones stated once I have all the information in regards to this stop I'll get back with.

Love asked how difficult would it be to order our benches from the prison.

Neitzke stated the newer ones in Elmer Thomas came from the Oklahoma Correctional Industries. We order benches, trash cans, park amenities, and grills and it is all reasonably priced. I don't know if they have shelters.

Love stated for the convenience of the elderly and disabled it would be nice to have a bench there.

Jones stated I'll get LATS feeling on this. I hope to have an answer by the end of the week and I'll let you know.

B. Review and discuss annual ADA compliance report to council. Approve for action by council.

Jones stated this report isn't ready. I'm working with Whisenhunt and I hope to have it completed by the end of the week. The city is required to spend \$300,000 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. I'm not through with all the number and at this point we have spent around \$310,000. Once it is complete I'll email it to you.

2. Comments/Discussion

Jones stated we have forwarded Rocco Bonacci's name to council to replace Harper. It will go before Council at their next meeting.

Bonacci stated it is an honor to be able to serve. Thank you.

Jones stated we have several things going on in the community. Lawton Community Theater would like to put in some removable handrails. McMahon Auditorium received a grant for a sound system. They have contacted the McMahon Foundation to see if they could use what was left for ADA accessibility improvements. The City hired a disabled employee and she has transferred to the Police Department and doing well.

Kesler stated at the next Ware on C we need to have a handout about sidewalks and some of the things we have been involved with.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Motion by Kesler, **Second** by Polk, to adjourn. **Aye:** Polk; Kesler; Love; Jones. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**