

MINUTES
LAWTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MAYORS CONFERENCE ROOM
NEW CITY HALL
OCTOBER 4, 2016, AT 2:00 P.M.

Fred Fitch, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room. Meeting notice and agenda were posted on the City Hall bulletin board as required by State Law.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Denham, David; Fitch, Fred; Jackson, Keith; Means, David; Nance, Ron; Sheppard, Ernie; Wells, Doug

ABSENT: Madigan, David; Neal, Larry.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Ihler, City Manager; Richard Rogalski, Planning Director; Frank Jensen and Melissa Clements, City Attorney's Office; Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Fitch stated we have Melissa Clements from the City Attorney's Office and Rusty Whisenhunt from Public Works with us today.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consider approving the minutes of August 18, 2016.

Motion by Denham, **Second** by Means, to approve the minutes of August 18, 2016. **Aye:** Fitch; Jackson; Means; Nance; Sheppard; Wells; Denham. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

1. Pursuant to Section 307B4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss a pending arbitration involving the electric utility relocation costs associated with the Lawton Downtown Redevelopment Project within Tax Increment Financing District No. 2, and take appropriate action in open session as necessary.

Motion by Wells, **Second** by Nance, to convene into executive session. **Aye:** Jackson; Means; Nance; Sheppard; Wells; Denham; Fitch. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

The Authority convened in executive session at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened in regular, open session at 2:22 p.m. Roll call reflected all members present except Madigan and Neal.

Fitch stated pursuant to section 307B4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, we did convene into executive session to discuss a pending arbitration involving the electric utility relocation costs associated with the Lawton Downtown Redevelopment Project within Tax Increment Financing District No. 2, and at this time I believe we have a possible recommendation.

Motion by Jackson, **Second** by Nance, to authorize (1) mediation proposed by AEP/PSO of Oklahoma in an effort to resolve a pending arbitration involving the electric utility relocation costs associated with the Lawton Downtown Redevelopment Project within Tax Increment Financing District No. 2, (2) payment of one-half of the mediation fees, and (3) suspension of the arbitration proceeding until mediation is concluded, with the arbitration proceedings to resume promptly should mediation be unsuccessful. **Aye:** Means; Nance; Sheppard; Wells; Denham; Fitch; Jackson. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Motion by Jackson, **Second** by Means, to appoint Fred Fitch and Doug Wells as LEDA's representatives at the mediation session in Oklahoma City. **Aye:** Nance; Sheppard; Wells; Denham; Fitch; Jackson; Means. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Motion by Jackson, **Second** by Denham, to adjourn. **Aye:** Sheppard; Wells; Denham; Fitch; Jackson; Means; Nance. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**