

MINUTES
LAWTON ENHANCEMENT TRUST AUTHORITY
3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM CITY HALL
212 SW 9th STREET
FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Mary Ann Hankins, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Burk Jay (entered late); Ezerski, Barry; Hampton, Allen; Hankins, Mary Ann; Morford, Robert; Sweeney, Kerry; Tennis, Michael; Symuleski, Ted.

ABSENT: Coody, Joshua; Smith, Addie.

OTHER PRESENT: Richard Rogalski and Charlotte Brown, Planning; Jack Hanna, Parks and Recreation; Brock Greenhill, Neighborhood Services; Kristin Huntley, Finance Department; Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Ezell stated we have a new member, Ted Symuleski, who represents Ward 3.

Hankins stated welcome.

B. Receive a donation from the Pansies Club.

Hankins stated we are going to move item B from New Business to the top. This is Joann Stewart from the Pansies Club.

Stewart stated my name is Joann Stewart and I'm from the Lawton Pansies Garden Club. I love what this group does and I love to read about you in the paper. The Lawton Pansies Garden Club is in the last stage of closing our doors. We have been in Lawton for 70 years. During our last meeting the members discussed disbursing our funds. We decided we would like to donate a portion to the beautification of Elmer Thomas Park. In the early 1990's the Pansies Garden Club and 8 other clubs coordinated a project called "Alive With Trees". We sold trees to help fund planting trees on the east side of Elmer Thomas Park. Some 300 trees were planted around 2nd Street and many can still be seen today. Sue Penneypacker encouraged us a few years ago to provide some park benches around the south side of the lake and we are about to place more in the park. At this time it makes me happy to present our donation to the Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority for beautification to Elmer Thomas Park. I would like to read what I think is part of a lovely essay by N Scott Momaday "The Way To Rainy Mountain". "East of my grandmother's house the sun rises out of the plain. Once in his life a man ought to concentrate his mind upon remembered earth, I believe. He ought to give himself up to a particular landscape in his experience, to look at it from as many angles as he can, to wonder about it, to dwell upon it. He ought to imagine that he touches it with his hands at every season and listens to the sounds that are made upon it. He ought to imagine the creatures there and all

the faintest motions of the wind. He ought to recollect the glare of noon and all the colors of the dawn and dusk.” Thank you.

Burk stated thank you. We appreciate this and we want to emulate what you and your group have done. Next we will move to New Business Item C.

C. Review and approve a contract with chrisMartin.tv and Apache Casino Hotel for the Play Ground In The Park Phase II and discuss a CrowdRise account, and take action if necessary.

Nunez stated these are contact for our Dancing With The Stars event. chrisMartin is the photographer and Apache Casino is where the event will be held. The \$1000 is to cover the cost of the food. CrowdRise is a branch of Go Fund Me for nonprofit organizations.

Burk asked what percentage do you pay with CrowdRise.

Nunez stated Jeanette Klein is the one who identified CrowdRise so I’m not sure. They take less than Go Fund Me because we are a nonprofit.

Ezerski stated Great Plains Ambucs just donated \$5000 and all 3 Ambucs have agreed to give \$5000.

Nunez stated all 3 Ambucs have made pledges but Great Plains is the only one we have actually received the funds from. We have different levels of sponsorships. A Table sponsor is \$250 and we have Ben Jarvis All State and All Kill Pest Control. A Silver Sponsor is \$500 and we have Kim Thomas ReMax Professional, White Home Inspections and Prime Lending. A Gold Sponsor is \$1000 and we have Pam and Barry’s Team. A Platinum Sponsor is \$2500 and we have Storage or Us and ReMax Professionals. The Diamond sponsor is \$5000 and we have Great Plains Ambucs. The Platinum and Diamond sponsors are also equipment sponsors. They are able to pick which piece of equipment they want to sponsor. We have had a great show of support. At our Community Night we had over 50 people in attendance. We have identified 7 couples to dance and Ezerski is one of the couples. We have began to sale tickets and you can get those from our Facebook page. We are excited about all of this.

Burk stated You can put J & J Burk down to be a gold sponsor.

Nunez stated thank you.

Motion by Ezerski, **Second** by Sweeney, approve a contract with chrisMartin.tv and Apache Casino Hotel for the Play Ground In The Park Phase II and to opening a CrowdRise account. **Aye:** Ezerski; Hampton; Hankins; Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Burk stated let’s move to item A.

A. Approve minutes of November 9, 2018 and January 9, 2019.

Motion by Tennis, Second by Hampton, to approve the minutes of November 9, 2018 and January 9, 2019. **Aye:** Ezerski; Hampton; Hankins; Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

1. Reports

A. Receive report from Dennis Totte and take action if necessary.

Burk stated Totte was unavailable today. He is interested in being a part of the Gala. He did have concerns but we have addressed those concerns.

Hankins stated we have a committee meeting tomorrow and we will try to improve of his concerns.

B. Consider approving invoices, requisitions, and all other submitted materials for payment.

Huntley stated there are 2 that need to be retroactively approved. One to Zinwork for \$17.50 for the 1099 filing and Bedrock Nursery for \$350 for the butterfly garden and splash pad maintenance.

Motion by Sweeney, Second by Morford, to approve invoices, requisitions, and all other submitted materials for payment. **Aye:** Hampton; Hankins; Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Ezerski. **Nay:** None. **Motion passed.**

C. Receive Treasurer Report and take action if necessary.

Huntley stated at the end of January you had \$335,944.14 in your checking account with \$196,265.49 being in your custodial accounts. We received \$20,703.39 from hotel/motel, interest income, and municipal fine for October and November of \$11,601 and landfill fees for July through December of \$1,837.76. Landfill fees were a little lower than expected.

Burk stated we were to receive a dollar for every tipping fee. This is hard to believe.

Rogalski asked if we were to receive a dollar how did we get .76¢.

Burk stated I don't know.

Rogalski stated I'll take a closer look at this.

Huntley stated I'm sure there was a breakdown down by Branstetter and Magness. They should have that.

Burk asked will you find out how many dumps were done. The landfill stated they averaged 5500 dumps.

Huntley stated I'll get a breakdown. Under expenses Advertising and Promotion is the billboard for January, LETA Beautification Project is the second half of the Library landscaping project, Miscellaneous Expense if the 1099 filing, and Repairs, Maintenance and Replanting is the bulb planting for \$5700 and splash pad and butterfly garden maintenance for \$350. Under the custodial accounts Freedom Festival receive a sponsorship from Goodyear in the amount of \$500. Total net income for January was \$18,503.13. On the next page you see the income to date is at 32.5% for a total of \$53,934.46 and expenses to date is \$29,803.86. You see we have completed the Library Landscape Phase II, bulb replanting and tree removal on I-44. The tree removal was paid in February so that will be on the financials next month. Are there any questions.

Motion by Tennis, Second by Hankins, to accept the financial report. **Aye:** Hankins; Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Ezerski; Hampton. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

D. Receive report from Cultural Preservation Committee and take action if necessary.

Cheatwood stated our policy document is with Rogalski and we are waiting review of the second draft. Following that approval a recommendation will be taken to Council. The building draft is waiting in the wings and the art and other collections is the third phase. Then we will move to artifacts that are not historical. The committee is looking at other context while we are in a holding period. One is the ownership issues of the building when it was leased to the City of Lawton. At the time of the lease the building contained a plaster bust and chandelier. We approached LPS on their viewpoint and they feel we will need a release from LPS on these items since the lease agreement didn't specifically say. We are going to get with legal to see if an addendum can be done to the lease. We assume the chandelier was a fixture at the time of the lease and in that case it would be real property versus personal property. We need clarification before we can proceed to look at restoration plans. The LPS class stones from 1929 and 1930 are in the LPS maintenance yard. LPS believes those stones are a part of the building and we hope those will come back to be a part of the landscape. We wanted to do an educational project to convey the importance of this building. We are doing some research and a recording of Ms. Page, Janet Terry and Officer Nooner. We found at the Museum of the Great Plains the actual documents for the building committee. The cost of this building was \$100,000. The focus of the recording will be how this was the heartbeat of our community.

E. Receive report from Parks and Recreation, and take action if necessary

Hanna stated we continue to work on winter projects. We did complete the project on east Rogers Lane and will continue to work on Rogers Lane through the spring.

Burk asked will you be doing the south side of Rogers Lanes.

Neitzke stated we have started cutting the brush out.

Burk stated we need to look on the north side of MacArthur Middle School on 45th Street. The kids have no way to get off the road if something is coming. There are also a couple of limbs laying there that we mow around.

F. Receive report from Public Relations, Website and Facebook Committees, and take action if necessary.

Hampton stated we continue to post to Facebook. I just posted the picture of Ms. Stewart and the Pansies Club.

Vrska stated we will be placing on the bottom of the water bill information about submitting nominations for Yard of the Month and I have added it to the City of Lawton website.

G. Receive Monthly Ward Update and take action if necessary.

None.

H. Receive report from Neighborhood Services.

Greenhill stated we will be tearing down 7 dilapidated houses this week. In regards to the gentleman that was driving out of his back yard onto Rogers Lanes has anyone seen him still doing this?

Burk stated no.

Greenhill stated the Code Enforcer Officer was there yesterday and talked with a lady. We hope they are going to clean it up and remove the junk vehicle. I don't know how to handle this because I saw a cop pull into the area and was sitting there trying to pull people over. I don't know what to do. He obviously uses it so to keep a citizen out will be difficult.

Rogalski stated you might want to mention that using that access draws attention to his property.

Greenhill stated we might have to do a work order or write a citation. Another big thing is Trash Off. We have met and are trying to realign the traffic situation. I believe we have something figured out that will work. We have to limit this event to just Lawton residents. We talked about bringing a water bill or show an ID. We understand that there are those that live outside the city limits that have a Lawton address. We discussed charging a set rate for those who were out of town residents. The volume last year was overwhelming.

Rogalski stated we are concerned if we turn them away they will dump it somewhere.

Burk stated we will have the ability to swipe cards or take cash. We will advertise that this is free for Lawton residents and a fee for those outside. We want to reroute traffic to the backside of Lawton High. It will be an exit only onto Ferris.

Ezerski asked how much is the fee.

Burk stated \$25.

Greenhill stated it will not be astronomical. We hope that putting it out there will help curb the issue. Solid Waste has 4 trucks and to get them to and from the landfill is a 45 minute trip. It was difficult for both departments. We want to get back to this being a cleanup and not just a dump on McMahon parking lot. I have the trash bags and gloves from the Great American Cleanup. In the past LETA has been generous enough to help with the purchase of t-shirts and the dates for our signs. If you are still willing to do this that would be fantastic.

Rogalski asked do you have an estimate of the cost.

Greenhill stated last years the dates ran around \$250 and the t-shirts were \$3500. We may reduce the t-shirts this year because we had several left from last year. We will be conscious of our spending.

Burk stated we did budget \$4000. We just need to approve the spending of these funds.

Motion by Sweeney, Second by Ezerski, to approve the expenditure of the budgeted \$4000 for Trash Off. **Aye:** Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Ezerski; Hampton; Hankins. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Burk stated we are trying to focus more attention to cleaning up the different areas of town rather than dumping.

Ezerski stated the Chamber is going to put it in their newsletter asking business to help with areas around their business.

Burk stated we may want to make it a competition on who can fill the most bags. We also talked about Re-Tree Lawton. We stopped this program because of the drought. Now that the drought is over it would be a good time to restart it. We sold trees at cost.

Greenhill stated Trash Off is set for May 4th. I should have a flyer and shirt design for you by the next meeting.

Burk asked could we do a Lawton Proud announcement to help promote this.

Vrska stated sure.

Symuleski stated Tulsa has a program called Trees Up.

Burk stated we need an AIC to take this to Council.

Vrska stated if you haven't caught the segment Greenhill is doing on Good Morning Texhoma you need to. He has done a great job.

I. Receive a report from the Planning Division regarding ongoing LETA projects and take action if necessary.

Rogalski stated here is a sketch of the lighting on C Avenue. The cost of the materials is \$10,000. That covers from 2nd to 5th. The first step is for the City of Lawton to accept the light poles. Once we take responsibility of the poles we can hang the lights.

Burk stated we need to do an AIC asking Council to accept the poles.

Rogalski stated we will need to see if the Street Department can hang the lights or if we will have to hire someone.

Burk stated Streets should be able to do that.

Symuleski asked are they permanent.

Burk stated yes. We need to jump on this quickly. The Ware District will start back in the spring. Did we find a company that hangs them.

Rogalski stated yes. Chickasha just did a project and we are trying to contract the contractor. I will get back with PSO to make certain they still agree and then get it ready for Council.

Burk stated PSO will still be responsible for the light. Once we hang these we may want them to remove the light.

Rogalski stated the poles are equipped with bars for hanging flags. The Ware District could use them if they were interested.

Burk stated more good news is the trees have been trimmed on I-44 and it looks amazing. We have asked for another estimate on Cache Road between the bridge and Fort Sill Boulevard. We spoke with Jay from ODOT about helping us to get things done and being a part of a team. We asked about the rust on the bridges and he stated there was a pole with bolts and the bolts were rusting. He felt if we would outline the buffalo like we have done the others that would help. He is going to help get the sound barrier along Rogers Lane painted. If we do the painting it will be less expensive than if ODOT does it. He is receptive to our ideas about the fencing. ODOT is working with us to things look better when you drive through town.

Brown stated the McMahon grant was submitted last week.

Burk stated McMahon doesn't like the colored lights on the south side of the building. They would prefer they be white. If we make them white I think it will make them happy. I did say we would probably use the different colors on special occasions.

Ezerski asked how much was our grant.

Burk stated around \$35,000.

J. Receive a report from the Eye Candy Banquet committee and take action if necessary.

Hankins stated we meet tomorrow so we will be able to tell you more at the next meeting. I would like to say that we have received good results from our in-house graphics. It has been better than anything we have received. We believe we have done better in-house than going outside.

2. Old Business

A. Consider giving a grant to Cub Scout Pac 4001 – Mathew Aguilar.

Sasseen stated thank you for your consideration. The Cub Master from 4001, Matt Aguilar, and his 2 sons are designing this project. The initial request was for \$1500 and after review the request we have redesigned it to be more in line with the kind of grants LETA gives. The redesign drops the request to \$800. We have decided not to paint the buffalo and leave it the original color. Aguilar and his sons believe the existing sign was very unattractive. They have scrubbed the letters, cleaned the moss off the brick, put in new LED lighting and the buffalo caps off the first phase of cleaning up the property. We would like to extend the flowerbed. Your grant would help to complete the installation of the buffalo and expand the flowerbed. We started here because it was the closet project to the road and is the first thing you see when you enter the City of Lawton. Our mission is to clean the whole property.

Motion by Tennis, Second by Ezerski, to give a grant of \$800 to Cub Scout Pac 4001.
Aye: Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Ezerski; Hampton; Hankins; Morford. **Nay:** None.
Motion Passed.

Morford stated something needs to be done with the roof of the Armory. It is horrible.

Burk stated that is owned by the city.

Hanna stated nothing that money can't fix.

3. New Business

D. Review and discuss a grant to Nicholas Sasseen for Scout Project in Elmer Thomas Park, and take action if necessary.

Sasseen M stated I would like to introduce Nicholas Sasseen who is a Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. This is the rank just before Eagle Scout and it is the second highest level. In order to become an Eagle Scout each scout has a chance to do a community project. Nicholas and his project beneficiary, The City of Lawton, have teamed up and he would like to share this with you.

Sasseen N stated I have called my project the Patriot Pavilion. This handout shows you what the project will look like. You see the arbor that was built in Elmer Thomas Park in 1992. It had started to fall and I wanted to do something about it. At this time this is what you see. We have demo the old arbor and it is nothing but an empty lot. Here is a design that shows you what I would like to do. This is a view from the front of the building and this is from the side. It will be a 45 x 45 sheltered pavilion with a small patio. Inside the pavilion is a 64' bench and a 16' bench on the patio. We will use the existing walkway. This is an aerial view from the back of the pavilion.

Symuleski asked what is the flooring.

Sasseen N stated concrete.

Burk asked will it be handicapped accessible.

Sasseen N stated yes. This is the history as to why I want to do this as my project. On July 4, 1776 our founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence. The Preamble of this document follows: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that amount these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." After the signing of the document, one of the first orders of business was to create a design for the Great Seal of the United States. Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and John Adams were assigned the task. The design blow was the end result adopted by congress in 1782. The red and white stripes of the shield represent the states united under and supporting the blue, which represents the President and Congress. The color white is a symbol of purity and innocence; red presents hardiness and valor. The eagle holds 13 arrows in its left talon that symbolize the first 13 colonies, and in it right talon holds an olive branch symbolizing peace. The eagle has its head turned towards the olive branch showing its preference of peace over war. The scroll clutched in its beak says E pluribus unum which translates to "Out of many, one." These two images will appear on the south west ceiling of the pavilion. The flag of the United State of America is the most recognized, loved, respected, feared, and admired flag in the world. It represents the country as a whole, the land of the free and the home of the brave. Our young nation is an experiment. A republic centered on the rights of the individual but united in fundamental ideals. The flag symbolizes these ideals. The image contains not only our current flag but the pledge of allegiance. It will be the largest component of the thematic for the pavilion. It is planned currently to be 20 feet wide and 13 feet tall. The motto of the United States that appears on the Great Seal of the United States is E Pluribus unum meaning "Out of many, one". In 1956 the US Congress adopted a new official motto for the country. The new motto is: In God We Trust. The flag and the motto will be on the east ceiling of the pavilion. As you know freedom is not free. Freedom is something that comes at a cost and is never fully protected. The 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, understood this very well. He said "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We did not pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States of America, where men were free." America has always had to fight for its freedom. It began with the American Revolution, and

continues through today. Men and women have fought and died for our country. Our responsibility is to honor their service and not forget them or their sacrifices. The greatest honor we can demonstrate is to stand up the fundamental principals they died defending. These two images will appear on the north west ceiling of the pavilion. In this photo you see an image of three firefighters raising a flag after the attack of 9-11. As we all know on September 11, 2001 our planes were hijacked and flown into the World Trade Center towers. The towers burned, fell and killed almost 3000 people. After the flames died and the dust settled three New York firefighters raised the stars and stripes from the wreckage. This event was not planned and there was no official photographer. After such death and destruction they needed to do something good. A local newspaper photographer captures this moment because it said something about the strength of the American people. How can a piece of colored cloth say something so profound that the photo was not just reproduced across America but in newspapers around the world. The flags meaning comes from the emotion that it inspires. It speaks to Americans in a way that non American's do not share. It is the American flag. This is the reason I'm building the Patriot Pavilion in Elmer Thomas Park. Like the firefighters I want to do something bright. I want to build something that honors, educates and inspires. With your help that is what I would like to build.

Burk stated what a great presentation and inspiration. This is a great project and you should be proud to take on such a project. What is your estimated cost and where are you with your fund raising.

Sasseen N stated the project cost is estimated at \$100,000. This is to be split 3 ways. The City of Lawton will contribute \$33,000, I'll raise \$33,000 and we hope to receive \$33,000 in donated goods. Today I'm seeking \$10,000.

Burk asked are there any questions from the Authority. Usually we ask you to step out so that the Authority may have a discussion. Is there anything you would like to add?

Sasseen N stated I want to say thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Symuleski asked when do you want to start your project.

Sasseen N stated we started with the demolition and hope to begin the rebuild in April. Several members of Central Baptist Church and my Troop has volunteered to help. Terry Wells is the general contractor, Rick Kitzrow is providing tools, Dale Miller from Lawrence Tank is providing his services, Burl Ragland has done the preliminary drawings for the foundation and Paul Brune is the structural engineer.

Burk stated you have a good team. We would like to ask you to step out so we can discuss the grant. (Sasseen's step out of the room) I believe this would come from the LETA Grants line item. We have budgeted \$20,000 and we just spent \$800. If we give the \$10,000 that leave \$9200 until the end of June.

Ezerski stated we are two thirds of the way through the fiscal year.

Burk stated yes. Remember to receive our hotel/motel funding we must have invoices to submit or we will lose the money.

Ezerski stated we have adopted Elmer Thomas Park and it is a focal point for the town and our organization. I believe we should help with this project. This building will be a key part of Elmer Thomas Park.

Morford asked does this fit with the plans at Elmer Thomas.

Hanna stated this has been a blessing. My department didn't have the money to do a project of this magnitude. We had set aside \$30,000 for the arbor. When they made this offer I was excited.

Sweeney stated I support this project and believe it is awesome. My concern is the Christian cross. I wouldn't want him to start the project and then there be issues over church and state.

Burk stated so there won't be issues for LETA I believe we need to donate to the foundation and not the building. It is a wonderful project and we need to be involved.

Rogalski stated all the religious text except the cross is American History.

Hankins stated that is what our country is built on.

Ezerski stated I bet they will be willing to work around the cross.

Nicholas Sasseen reentered the room.

Burk stated let me say we believe this is a great project. There is a need for the pavilion inside the park. We have some concerns and I'll discuss those with you after the meeting.

Motion by Morford, Second by Ezerski, to approve a \$10,000 grant for the Eagle Scout project of Nicholas Sasseen for the foundation and landscaping for the new pavilion that is to be build in Elmer Thomas Park. **Aye:** Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Ezerski; Hampton; Hankins; Morford. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

E. Approve the rental contract between Great Plain Museum and the Trust for the Gala.

Burk stated this contract is for a deposit for the Museum for the Gala. It is a refundable deposit of \$225.

Motion by Tennis, Second by Hampton, to approve the contract between the Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority and Great Plains Museum for the rental of the facility for the awards banquet. **Aye:** Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Hampton; Hankins; Morford. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

E. Review and discuss an Aquastar fountain for Elmer Thomas Park and take action if necessary.

Burk stated we want to replace the old fountain at Lake Helen. This fountain gives us the opportunity to have lights and a larger spray. The replacement price is \$33,000.

Morford asked will it be installed by the 4th of July.

Burk stated it should be.

Rogalski stated the visibility of this fountain from the interstate is going to be amazing.

Motion by Morford, **Second** by Hampton, to approve the purchase of an Aquastar fountain for Elmer Thomas Park in the amount of \$33,000. **Aye:** Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Hampton; Hankins; Morford; Sweeney. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

F. Review and discuss the estimate from 4D for the lighting on the south side of City Hall.

Hankins asked is this to finish the south side of the building.

Burks stated yes.

Rogalski stated the estimate is \$24,241.19.

Burk stated we believe we will receive the grant from McMahon for the sprinkler system around this building. I believe we need to table this project until the sprinkler and landscaping is complete and until we have entered the new fiscal year.

Morford asked could we have 6 lights for the dome.

Burk stated I spoke with my electrician about the dome and he has agreed to look at it. He will provide the labor if we provide the materials.

Hanna stated we are also in the process of getting an estimate on redoing the roof.

Motion by Morford, **Second** by Hampton, to table this item until May. **Aye:** Tennis; Burk; Hampton; Hankins; Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

G. Review and discuss the estimate for the tree of Holiday In The Park.

Hanna stated to make the tree fuller and get the effect we are looking for we it will cost around \$20,000.

Sasseen stated what we have now is strands of different colors. With the current program our lights go on and off and dance to music. After talking with the tree experts we need for every bulb to be clear. This way the color will not be determined by the color of the plastic. You will have 3 LED's inside and they will be red, green and blue. With these you can make the tree any color you wish. We would go from controlling the strand to controlling the bulb.

Burk stated I'm going to recommend to Council that we fund Holiday In The Park in the same manner we fund Freedom Festival. This will help with new displays and upgrading what we have. We have 2 main celebrations in Elmer Thomas and the city needs to help fund those.

Symuleski stated this is an investment in our city. People who come to see the lights will be spending money in our town.

Morford asked would it come from the hotel/motel tax.

Burk stated yes.

Sasseen stated if this is accomplished Central Baptist Church would like to build a 40' tree and use the strand lights. This tree would be place on the south side of the Holiday House.

Burk stated that is a win win for everyone.

Sasseen stated kids loved those flashing lights and loved to get underneath the tree. We talked about putting a 8 to 9' ceiling on the bottom of the tree so kids could go underneath. Part of the expense in redoing the tree is to have someone program songs of our choice with custom lights that nobody else in the world will have.

Hampton asked on the retooling of the lights will you be adding more strands.

Hanna stated we would fabricate another halo to run another cable and lights.

Burk stated I should have an answer on the hotel/motel by May or June. I would suggest we table this until May.

Motion by Sweeney, **Second** by Morford, to table this item until May. **Aye:** Burk; Hampton; Hankins; Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

F. Review and discuss the awards and the winners for the Gala and take action if necessary.

Burk stated I would asked that we set a special meeting for this item. It will take about an hour to make these decision. How about next Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

All agreed to meet the following Wednesday at 2:30.

4. Announcements

5. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by **Tenis**, **Second** by **Sweeney**, to adjourn. **Aye:** Hampton; Hankins; Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**