

MINUTES
LAWTON ENHANCEMENT TRUST AUTHORITY
3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM CITY HALL
212 SW 9th STREET
MARCH 11, 2020

Jay Burk, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. Notice of meeting and agenda was posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Burk Jay; Ezerski, Barry (entered after roll call); Hankins, Mary Ann; McConnell, Lou; Morford, Robert; Smith, Addie; Symuleski, Ted; Tennis, Michael.

ABSENT: Sweeney, Kerry.

OTHER PRESENT: Richard Rogalski and Charlotte Brown, Planning; Jack Hanna, Parks and Recreation; Will Hines, Neighborhood Services; Susan Schlecht, Finance Department; Tiffany Vrska, Public Relations Director.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Reports

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

Totte stated all the sites are pruned, ornamental grass is cut, we used two (2) semi loads of hardwood mulch and the bulbs are coming up.

Burk stated they look really good.

Totte stated we are still waiting on the corner at 2nd and Gore. They have dug it up.

Hanna stated we are waiting on the plain of attack.

Totte stated all the pots are functional at this time but the corner flowerbeds are on the drip that ties into that main. Hopefully before it gets hot, we will have that going.

Hanna stated I'm waiting on an answer of when they are going to do it.

Totte stated if we get an occasional rain, we will be good. I'll keep an eye on it. If it gets dry, we will have to do something.

Hanna stated they did some water repair work there. It has been a two (2) month process.

Burk asked can you check on that.

Brown stated yes. Richard is upstairs in another meeting.

Burk stated okay. I'll get that pushed forwarded and we will get moving on that.

Totte stated we have started the new sites. We have sprayed and scalped a couple of times. We have done the triangle, cut all the trees and we did 11th and Cache yesterday.

Burk stated if you remember we just did a new contract with Bedrock. We are glad to have them back and we have added a lot of different locations. The City came up with funding to do a ton of different locations. I don't remember how many.

Hanna stated fourteen (14) or fifteen (15) new sites.

Burk stated I think it is going to help us to maintain areas that was left on the City's plate that we couldn't keep up. This will be done on a regular basis now. At the last meeting or the meeting before we approved to pay \$5,000 a month until the new fiscal year starts. The City will take over 100% at that time.

Morford asked where are you on the butterfly garden.

Totte stated we finished two (2) or three (3) days ago. It is double the size and we added one (1) more zone on the irrigation. Now there are two (2) zones off the scoreboard at the handicap ballfield.

Hanna stated it looks a lot better size wise.

Totte stated I added some evergreens. By the time the milkweed and everything dies it will be all deciduous and mulch. I added fifteen (15) Indian Hawthorns on the back to give it something in the winter. We are waiting on the milkweed. I have three hundred (300) one (1) gallon pots. We expect those in about a week. It is twice as big and looks good.

Brown stated I have a picture.

Totte stated it was centered with the monument, so I extended it a little more this way to try and keep it centered.

Burk stated it does look 100 times better.

Totte stated it won't look the best until the milkweed is up and growing.

Brown stated I went by yesterday and the invoice says there is fifteen (15) grasses and I counted six (6).

Totte stated I swapped those with a mixture of fifteen (15) butterfly bushes, fifteen (15) Hawthorns and six (6) grasses. I believe there is more than what is on the invoice.

Brown stated the invoice says fifteen (15) grasses, fifteen (15) butterfly bushes and thirty (30) shrubs.

Totte stated I swapped the fifteen (15) grasses for fifteen (15) Hawthorns. Is there a total of thirty?

Brown stated yes. You are right.

Totte stated and we planted thirty-six (36).

Brown asked and you haven't planted the milkweed yet.

Totte stated it is coming.

Brown stated okay.

Burk asked are there any questions. Thanks.

B. Receive report from Neighborhood Services.

Hankins stated they are picking up a lot of bulk trash. I have seen the trucks.

Brown stated they were supposed to be calling in locates, I think. I'm not certain this has been done yet. I tried to get an update before the meeting, but I've been upstairs since 9:00 a.m.

Burk stated they were supposed to get the locates and they are going to tap it right away. As soon as we know I'll let you know.

Hines stated I'll start with Dr. Morford and the boat. I assigned a Code Enforcement Officer to go out and look. The problem is the code says 24' and he is 23'1".

Morford stated I was on the committee that wrote the ordinance and it was supposed to be on the side of the house.

Hines stated the code says "vehicles, including trailers not larger than eight and one-half (8 1/2) feet in width, twenty-four (24) feet in length or eleven (11) feet in height may be stored or parked in the front, side and rear yard areas". So, it can be parked in the front, side or rear.

Burk stated at the time we couldn't change it because we couldn't get the votes. We came out of committee with a different ordinance and we couldn't make it happen. We had heck getting it out of committee. I'm with you. I agree that boats do not need to be out in front of the house. No motor homes or anything.

Morford stated this is a circular drive and it is at the apex of the circle. I mean he ought to tear the house down.

Rogalski stated if he doesn't hang out on the sidewalk or street.

Morford stated he could easily put two (2) RV's there.

Burk stated we have multiple people across town that are putting their RV's right in the middle and they are huge. It ruins the neighborhood and everything. I was going down 53rd Street today and on the new sidewalk somebody has put couches and crap. They put it on the sidewalk instead of the grass.

Morford asked so you can't do anything.

Hines stated it meets code and within his rights to park there.

Rogalski asked is it in a historical district.

Hines stated no.

Morford stated no, the historical district is around the corner. This is not what we meant with that ordinance.

Burk stated we couldn't get the ordinance passed. I remember what we came out of committee and Council said no.

Rogalski stated we have a very watered-down version.

Burk stated I thought we came out of committee with a good ordinance. When it got to the floor, we couldn't get it passed without them adding wording.

Rogalski stated if you had an RV or was about to purchase an RV you could still get a permit to park it in front of your house.

Burk stated this is at least the fourth time, since I have been here, we had this committee to try and change the restrictions. Every time we haven't been able to get Council to pass it. We may have a Council that will pass it today.

Tenis asked will everybody be grandfathered in.

Burk stated not necessarily.

Rogalski stated you can put a grandfather on the grandfather.

Brown stated I think that is the sundown clause.

Burk stated we did that for the people that had the side driveways. We gave them a certain amount of time to get approved.

Brown stated ninety (90) days.

Burk stated and most people did not. Those will no longer be able to use that when the house sales. There was a house on the eastside that told the buyer it was made for a motorhome. This was a mess. We changed that but we probably need to bring it back. You can ask Mary Ann to do that and she probably could get it brought back.

Hines stated we have ten (10) properties going to Council in two (2) weeks.

2003 NW Sheridan Road – We have had a lot of complaints on this property. There are a lot of vagrants that live there. In fact, we had to buy expensive plywood to keep them out. They kept breaking into it.

815 SW 4th Street
212 NW 8th
4808 NE Columbia

Burk stated that is a burn out and it has been there forever.

Hines stated she was mad. Her name is Amy Lazareny.

Burk stated she is crazy and has threatened me.

Brown stated she is the lady from the Health Department.

Burk stated it doesn't look burnt from the front door, but the back is completely gone. I knew it was empty, so I went through the gate. I swear to God she's nuts. I thought she was going to get me.

Hines stated she is.

Rogalski stated she is a nice person when she is not unhinged.

Burk stated she is unhinged every day. She needs to be in jail because she threatened me. She said if I wasn't going to do something, she was going to kill me.

Hines stated

7904 Forest – This is another burn out. I believe there was a couple that died in this one. I'm having a little issue because the Fire Marshall is still working on this property. Today they told me to push forward and by the time we are ready to tear it down they should be done. So, I'm moving forward.

4604 NW Williams
26 NW 40th
3815 NW Lake
3310 NW Liberty
415 NW Columbia – This is a burned structure across from a school.

Hines stated none of these are questionable. These are low hanging fruit. We have twenty (20) more ready to go. Ten (10) for April and ten (10) for May. We have a stack to send to our attorney, Mackey, for him to do his research. I don't want to send them to soon or we will have to redo the research and he charges \$60 a property.

Burk stated remember the CIP money.

Morford stated we have people living in some that are worse than those. The one at 29th and Denver.

Hines stated if there is a water account, I can't touch them.

Morford stated it would help if they would clean up their yards.

Burk stated call Governor Stitt and let him know. The Mayor and I have talked to him again about the process and how long it takes us to get a house on the D & D. It takes forever to do yards and trash and debris. The city is not the problem. It is state government and we cannot go any faster than they say we can. If they say you must give ninety (90) days, you must give ninety (90) days. It doesn't matter what we think. Sometimes they move it every ninety (90) days or they take care of it every ninety (90) days and we have to start all over. The clock starts all over. So, you could go ninety (90) days repeatedly. By then you are back to winter.

Rogalski stated another problem is a lot of the D & D's have tenuous ownership. When we are doing the research, we don't know who to send the notice to, so we have to send it to everybody. If the deed is in the name of a deceased person you are really chasing it around. It becomes a real problem.

Hines stated it becomes a game. We had a lady call yesterday who stated she was going to do a quick clam deed to another person to lengthen the process. We didn't tell her, but he was given notice also.

Burk stated we hardly ever get money back on these. The state comes first, then the county and the city is third. Anyone above us in the lien process gets their money first when it is sold. We hardly ever see a dollar.

Morford stated about two (2) years ago we went to court on a property.

Burk stated that was the car wash. I almost died over that one. The guy pulled a gun and said he was going to kill me.

Rogalski stated let's say it takes four (4) months to finish a property from start to finish. The problem in the past was we had a small amount of money and you had a D & D season. You tore a few down and rotated back around. With the CIP we are going to start the process and once we get through the four (4) months is kind of rolling along. It doesn't matter how long it

takes because it is going to be on the list, and it is going to be gone. It won't sit around for years and years.

Burk asked how many houses do we have with the CIP. We figured four hundred (400).

Hankins stated I thought it was seven hundred (700).

Burk stated it depends on the money. Between four hundred (400) and seven hundred (700) houses will be on the D & D that we have never had money for before. We did allocate that correctly.

Symuleski stated it is needed. This town has a lot of dead property.

Burk stated it has been needed for years.

Rogalski stated we should be able to do seven hundred (700) easily.

Burk stated yes. You never know how the price will change and what will happen to the economy, but we hope we can get them all down. If we do seven hundred (700) that would be amazing. That would change the landscape of Lawton in a hurry.

Rogalski stated that is doing ten (10) a month. We will keep rolling along with ten (10) a month.

Burk stated we have never had that before.

Rogalski stated no. Once we get caught up, they will always be coming down.

Burk stating something always happening.

Rogalski stated yes.

Hines stated we have eighty-two (82) on the list right now.

Burk asked the place on Smith.

Hines stated they filed for a permit and are remodeling.

Hanna asked have you been by there.

Burk stated yes. They are putting plaster on the corners where it has cracked.

Hanna stated I was thinking the same thing.

Burk stated I thought here we go again.

Hines stated they pulled a permit.

Burk stated now it is back to square zero. They have time.

Hanna stated it does look better, but it won't last.

Burk stated no. They just put plaster over the 2" cracks in the bricks.

Symuleski asked what about the one at Sheridan and F. The lady was told to tear the wall down and it hasn't been done.

Hines stated Allison's Excavation has this and they maybe tearing it down as we speak. It is finally happening.

Brown stated that one was a hot topic.

Symuleski stated yes. She kept pushing that she wanted more time.

Hines stated Trash-Off. This is the t-shirt we picked unless you don't like it. We will do pretty much the same thing as last year. They won't have dates, so they won't be wasted. We are changing a few colors.

Burk stated my only concern is we always did bright colors. We used bright yellow and orange like that. We did those colors, so people were easily seen by vehicles. It was a safety thing. We used the safety vest, but we weren't getting those back, so we started doing t-shirts. We use to put the date on them and decided not to in case we had some left we could use them the next year.

Hines stated we can do the same colors. I was told to mix it up.

Burk stated we like to mix it up, but can we go back to orange or green for safety.

Hines stated Stan said the signs needed to contrast with the color of the shirt.

Burk stated if it is orange that will be fine. It will work. A neon orange that can be seen for miles.

Brown stated every time we have open streets, I have to pick a color and send them a design.

Hines stated he quoted me \$3,000 for t-shirts and that is about the same as last year.

Burk stated okay. Do we have a motion to approve him purchasing t-shirts?

Motion by Tennis, Second by Morford, to approve \$3,000 for Trash-Off t-shirts. **Aye:** Hankins; McConnell; Morford; Smith; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Smith asked what is the date.

Burk stated May 2nd. We will need to work at the entry like we did last year. Who will work with me?

Tenis stated I will be there.

Burk stated we need four (4) to five (5) people to work the entry. We take the payments from those out of town who don't have a water account or a driver's license showing a Lawton address. It think this helps to mitigate.

Rogalski asked what are you charging.

Burk asked what did we charge last year.

Brown stated \$25.

Burk stated this help to mitigate all those coming from other towns that were bringing huge truck loads.

Tenis stated a guy from Comanche got irritated and left. Why would he drive that far?

Burk stated he said because it was free.

Tenis stated that was the only one I know of that was upset.

Burk stated he was the only one that made a fuss. The way we had the parking lot was perfect.

Hines stated we will be doing the same thing.

Burk stated we turned them around and headed them back out. It never slowed down traffic and it was never backed up. I think we stopped at 2:00.

Hines stated it was 2:00 last year. At our meetings they said people were lining up at 7:30. They said it was a long time for them to be in the heat, so I moved it to 9:00. We will be there setting up at 8:00 and will take those we can. They all recommended 9:00 to 2:00.

Burk stated we were busy from the get-go. We probably need to be there by 8:00 just to make sure we are prepared and ready to go. We need to make sure we have the credit card thing so we can run payments.

Hines stated Tiffany has the media set up. We will be doing a radio spot. Do I need to say \$25 at the door if you don't have a water account?

Burk stated yes. Use what we used last year. I think we do exactly the same again.

Hines stated just let me know when.

Burk stated sounds good.

Hines stated we are caught up on work orders. We issued the last ones this week to Teen Challenge. We do have some in the process.

Burk stated awesome job.

Hines stated I'm having problems with one of the contractors. Rich and I are working on asking Council for more.

Rogalski stated I think we need more contractors.

Burk stated let's do it.

Hankins asked is there a list online that states what you won't pick up in a bulk pickup. I had a complaint.

Burk stated yes. I have seen it.

Hankins stated he had batteries.

Hines stated if they will give us a call, we will help them do whatever we need to do. The guys I have now are great.

Symuleski stated thank you for what you did for me. Somebody dumped mattresses in the alley behind my house and I couldn't move them. Him and his employee came with their trucks and picked them up.

Hines stated thank you for the credit but that wasn't me. We had a truck out there, so they picked it up.

Symuleski stated I appreciate what you did.

Hines stated no problem. We also have volunteers set up.

Hankins stated I don't get the mattress thing. I don't understand it.

Burk stated Trash-Off is May 2nd from 9:00 to 2:00. Thank you.

C. Receive a report from the Eye Candy Committee and take action if necessary.

Brown stated the invitations will go out Friday and Max is doing the interview this afternoon at McMahan.

Burk asked the event is when.

Brown stated April 17th from 6:00 to 8:00.

Burk stated at the Museum of the Great Plains.

Brown stated yes. The museum will be open for those who want to tour.

Morford stated I thought we were going to have it at the fairgrounds.

Burk stated next year it will move to the farmers market once they are open.

D. Receive a report from Children United and take action if necessary.

Ezerski stated ticket sales are going great. About two thirds of the tickets have been sold. They have fifteen (15) different sponsors and feel confident they raise about \$65,000. All the dancers are practicing as I'm sure you are.

Burk stated I'm actually out this year. My partner got ill and I was in a car accident and tore my rotator cuff. I have to have an operation, so we are going to sit at the back table and giggle.

Ezerski stated sorry to hear that. During intermission Rocco is doing some kind of dance which will be interesting and cool. They have received another \$7,000 donation. We did have a little hiccup. The company that makes the wheelchair swings doubled their price. They were \$7,300 and have gone to \$15,000. One of the problems has to do with terrorist. The swings are made in Europe and they are elite. There is a company in American, but they don't last.

Hanna stated those are done in about two (2) years.

Ezerski stated so, we must work through that. They have received two (2) great auction items for the live auction.

Burk stated awesome.

Ezerski stated it should be a good event.

Burk stated that is awesome.

Ezerski stated Jeannette Cline has gone to grant writing school and she is working on two (2) or three (3) grants. Farmers Insurance is giving them a big grant, and everything is coming together.

Burk stated good job.

Hankins stated it is a good cause.

Symuleski stated it is.

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

Schlecht stated Bedrock Nursery \$650, Friends of the Library \$1500, Brian Wilson \$1500, Bedrock \$335.10, Bedrock Irrigation \$984, Bedrock Irrigation \$223.52, Bedrock Irrigation \$80.00, Bedrock Irrigation \$85.00, Bedrock Irrigation \$78.50, Chamber of Commerce \$340, Bedrock Nursery \$650, Bedrock Irrigation \$144.44, Bedrock Nursery \$8,917.79 and Bedrock Irrigation \$2,827.80.

Burk stated I think some of those are for the butterfly garden expansion and sprinkler for the garden. We doubled the size. A lot of the irrigation was stuff from turning on the irrigation and testing. Some of the heads were broken and missing. So, they replaced heads.

Rogalski stated a lot of maintenance issues.

Burk stated a lot of maintenance issues with getting the season started. He is trying to stay ahead since he has so many new areas this year. We have a third more projects for him to do monthly than he has ever done before. The city has really stepped up and thank goodness the City Manager agrees in making our city right was the way to do this. Jack will tell you I went to bat for us that we had to make it look right. Picking up the areas that was becoming areas of concerns we now have under control and under contract. You know that Bedrock doesn't mess up. We haven't had an issue with them since the day we started. Bedrock will be taking over this building and the public safety facility sometime next year. I'm a little angry about that building. They will also be taking care of the farmers market. All that is in the contract, so we don't have to go back and amend the contract to add more money or have LETA pay more money. July 1 we won't be the maintenance contactor anymore. We have always picked up these little areas and all this other stuff. Now the city is going to take that responsibility and relieve Jack and his crew from a ton of work of doing the medians and things they don't have the manpower, expertise, resources or machinery. I agree with the City Manager we will be better off hiring a company that has the machinery, expertise and manpower to get on it right away to make a difference. The day after we signed the contract Bedrock was on Cache Road redoing the east end by the armory. Somebody repainted the tombstone.

Hanna stated we did.

Morford stated it looks a lot better.

Burk stated I was hoping it would get knocked over and then we could remove it. Basically, they trimmed the trees and mulched under the trees and beds. It looks one hundred (100) times better and we have the tulips. I have had more compliments on the tulips this year. They are taking pictures of the pots 2nd Street and 11th and Gore.

Hankins stated always.

Brown stated even downstairs.

Burk stated yes. I shared the picture you posted. The front of this building and the tulips are gorgeous. Absolutely gorgeous. It is going to make a difference. Dr. Morford and Dr. Bellino will tell you I argued because when we started the public safety facility, we were only going to do minimal stuff. Make it just okay. That is what we did here and what did McMahon and everyone else say. It is not enough. They said they were going to help but they wanted us to do landscaping, lights and sprinklers. It was in the bid for the new facility to be done properly. I'm excited. There is a lot of up lighting that will make that building look beautiful. It will look amazing if they ever get it done. It will be one of those things we can be proud of. The good things is we will have somebody to take care of it and we won't have to worry about it looking bad. We are in a really good position.

Motion by Morford, Second by Tenis, to approve invoices, requisitions, and all other submitted materials for payment. **Aye:** Hankins; McConnell; Morford; Smith; Symuleski; Tenis; Burk; Ezerski. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

F. Receive Treasurer Report and take action if necessary.

Schlecht stated the total cash is \$370,543.07 and LETA's portion is \$186,630. The custodial account is \$183,913. Any question on the balance sheet?

Burk stated just so everyone understand things like the 2nd Street project that money is dedicated by city ordinance for just 2nd Street repairs and replacement. As we do that corner on 2nd Street this money is the only place we can use it. It must be used on 2nd Street towards landscaping or beautification. It cannot be used for anything else. The ADA playground can't be used for anything else. It is dedicated to the playground. The downtown lights, downtown park, Elmer Thomas Park pavilion, Freedom Festival and Fresh Paint Days are all dedicated funds. He does have a little for Fresh Paint Days. LETA actually has \$80,319.

Schlecht stated there is more if you use your committed funds.

Burk stated right.

Schlecht stated there is \$103,000 there.

Burk stated right, but those are committed. We can't go grab them unless we decide not to do a project. Those are committed funds for these projects. The skate park has \$30,000. I just want to make sure everybody understands we don't have \$370,000 to spend. We have \$80,000. Okay, go ahead.

Schlecht stated the LETA activity is the next page. There wasn't a whole lot of activity as far as LETA is concerned. We have expenses but no revenues recorded in the month of

February. The expenses are \$2,436.12. On the custodial accounts there was quite a bit of activity in the ADA playground. Total income for those accounts is \$16,488 and expenses is \$1,500. Other net income is \$14,988 and total net income is \$12,551.88. Revenues in our system for February was landfill \$6,096.36, municipal fines \$5,825, and hotel/motel \$4,878.90. This is what we have left in hotel/motel. We have been utilizing hotel/motel pretty well. I will make a claim at the end of March. In the medical marijuana our first amount is \$16,149. We have lots of stores and only about half are reporting. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is aware of this. There are a lot of stores that are just not reporting taxes. Some have tax ID's but there are a lot that don't. This is a problem and they haven't been able to remedy it.

Burk asked are we able to ask them to audit those locations? I think as a city we have that right.

Schlecht stated we do have the privilege to do that. Katlyn and I have spoken about this. She is trying to get a list together so she can compare. The problem is there are so many that pop up so quick and it makes it difficult. I spoke with license and permit, and they don't license them in any way. I also asked if they had a list when they did anything to make changes to the building to accommodate their business. I'm hoping I can get some names.

Brown stated we have the Certificate of Compliance in License and Permits.

Schlecht stated any of that could help us find them on the system would be great. If you can supply us with those, we could compile a list.

Burk stated please help us with that. There is no way that is nearly enough money. There is fifty-one (51) today and we just approved another one that could open at some point. We approved one (1) at the last meeting. My deal is the city needs to be doing something to those who are not paying. We are not getting our part of the tax.

Schlecht stated we actually have fifty-three (53) approvals. The problem we run into is that they open under one name and then change their name. It's like they change within a few months, so we have lost them.

Burk stated that is illegal. They have a license with the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Association. If you go online to OMA.gov you can pull up every dispensary in Lawton that has a license.

Brown stated they don't show the addresses anymore.

Burk stated they don't.

Brown stated sometimes it shows address and sometimes they won't.

Burk stated I would think as a city we could call them and ask for that list or have legal call and ask.

Rogalski stated everybody that was in place last year has a certificate of compliance.

Burk stated yes.

Rogalski stated if they don't turn that into the OMA, they can't renew their license.

Burk stated then we should be able to shut them down.

Rogalski stated yes.

Schlecht stated that is good information and will help us. On the next page is the Income and Expense Tracker. The income to date is \$136,452.07 and we are at 84.9% of our budget. You see municipal fines is up as we would expect. Interest income is a littler higher. Under expenses for repairs, maintenance and replanting the \$30,000 from January to June is for Bedrock. I'm a little confused on this. I read the minutes and I don't quite understand how it is supposed to work. Is it just a lump sum of \$5,000 or it is all the maintenance expenses?

Burk stated it is \$5,000 a month for the months of January, February, March, April, May and June. On July 1 the city will be responsible for that payment. The city will be paying the difference. We told Dennis before the meeting to start billing LETA the \$5,000.

Schlecht stated thank you.

Burk stated he will bill us for January, February and March and then it will be \$5,000 a month until July 1 when the new fiscal year starts. The city will take over at that time.

Schlecht stated okay.

Hanna stated he is supposed to send a corrected invoice.

Burk stated we told him that the invoice he brought today wasn't the way it worked.

Schlecht stated okay. At the bottom under projects pending is \$91,314.41 and our remaining budget is \$43,106.21. We are getting low, but I think it is due to all the repairs.

Burk asked has Holiday In The Park paid us back.

Schlecht stated yes. You won't see it any more on the balance sheet.

Burk stated all we have left is the \$47,000 from Children United. They will repay us after their event in April.

Schlecht stated I noticed that the expansion project for the garden expansion came in over budget. Was that something that was verified.

Burk stated I didn't know that.

Schlecht stated it was about \$845 over budget.

Burk stated we approved \$10,900 and they billed us \$11,745.

Schlecht stated that was for the garden and the irrigation.

Burk stated it was all supposed to be \$10,900.

Schlecht stated I wanted to point this out.

Burk stated will you make sure that Dennis makes that adjustment.

Schlecht stated our total outstanding beautification projects is \$60,314.

Burk stated remember the lighting on C Avenue from 5th to 6th will be done but we will spend nowhere near \$46,000. We will have a lot of money left from this deal.

Ezerski asked how close are we to having it done.

Brown stated they are ordered. The cable is coming from California and the lighting is coming from Oklahoma City.

Burk stated we had a credit card issue.

Brown stated it was a big dollar amount and the card was declined. I couldn't get in touch with anyone while I was standing there. They ordered the product, but I couldn't get a check cut without an actual invoice. All I had was quotes and they couldn't change it from a quote to an invoice until the product was on hand. They went ahead and ordered the lights without us paying. As soon as I get an invoice, I will get with Maddie to get a check cut and get it paid.

Burk stated if we need to, I can up the limit so we can pay with the credit card.

Schlecht stated I did add the median flags for \$1,000.

Burk stated everybody remember the flags for the median and how excited we are about that. It is awesome.

Schlecht asked are there any projects that I missed that anyone can think of. I think I got them all.

Motion by Ezerski, **Second** by Tennis, to accept the treasurer's report. **Aye:** Hankins; McConnell; Morford; Smith; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Ezerski. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

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

Rogalski stated CPC received a request from Bob Ross to donate a mural. He won the mural at an auction from the Shaw brothers. His thoughts were to donate this to the city. His idea was to have it somewhere in City Hall. The CPC considered that, and they were not especially in favor of it.

Burk stated I know the answer to that. That is a no.

Brown stated he suggested the wall in the auditorium lobby between the cop's office and the conference room.

Vrska stated tell them what he is wanting on the mural.

Rogalski stated there were some potential stipulations he wanted.

Brown stated first stipulation was the first Lawton mayor which was his great grandfather.

Vrska stated the reason this was a big deal to Bob was because his great grandfather was the first mayor of Lawton. That was a huge stipulation. Richard seems to think we can convince him.....

Rogalski stated everything is negotiable.

Vrska stated Richard thinks we can negotiate with him as far as what will be on the mural. I felt it was pretty concrete that he wanted his great grandfather on there with the first fire and police chief, Mattie Beal and possibly Geronimo. Of course, the committee wasn't in favor of that. They did not think it was suited for this building, so we talked about some other ideas. Possibly the side of one of the recreation centers or the public safety facility. I'm not necessarily in favor of that for a lot of reasons.

Burk stated no.

Rogalski stated we also talked about the airport. They thought that maybe that wasn't a bad idea. I was in a meeting with Barbara and we discussed the idea. She thought it was a great idea. She was very receptive to it. You could do the first airport with people who got the first airport or an airfield in 1917. There are a few different concepts that could be looked at.

Burk stated so basically this is on hold.

Rogalski stated yes, we must decide where.

Vrska stated they want LETA to appoint a subcommittee to further examine this with the donor, artist and anyone else that might be involved with the process.

Burk stated I'm going to speak on our behalf. If they would like to get a group together to come talk with us, I'm fine. I'm not going to be on another committee unless any of you would like to take this on. That's what I thought.

Vrska stated if LETA is going to approve this we probably need to be in favor of who is going to be on the mural. Bob is only going to donate this if the first mayor of Lawton is on there. So, I think we need to.....

Burk stated would you have a discussion with him about that.

Rogalski stated okay. You could do things like the Army Air Crop with Jennies on the fields with people watching. You could paint whatever you wanted out there. You could put the first Mayor and Geronimo standing in the crowd. There are a lot of ways this could be a win win.

Burk stated you ought to be talking to the artist as well and what they are willing to do.

Rogalski stated I know.

Vrska stated you need to ask Bob since he paid \$10,000 for this.

Rogalski stated this is a great thing to get.

Burk stated I mean it's awesome, but you have to find the right space for it.

Rogalski stated the right space and art.

Hankins stated you see that in airports a lot.

Rogalski stated our airport gets 8,000 people a month coming in and this would show one more great face of Lawton.

Burk stated that is a good idea.

Morford stated you are kind of dumping it on the airport.

Vrska asked so you are going to talk to Bob about this.

Rogalski stated yes.

Burk stated we don't oversee the airport.

Morford stated we will have to see where you want to put it.

Burk stated I don't want to put it anywhere.

Rogalski stated if the airport is receptive then the Airport Authority can deal with what the content will be.

Burk stated I think that is a great idea.

Rogalski stated Barbara stated she had at least two (2) places that she could see it. Barbara thought it was great.

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

Hanna stated the roofing of City Hall is taking place right now. This is huge. If you have ever been here when it rains, snows, sleets or hails you would appreciate the excitement in my voice. The three (3) medians at 1st and C Kevin Williams is going to adopt through Phil Kennedy and Mr. Cox. We are getting a water tap and there will be irrigation and landscaping. They are paying Kevin Williams to maintain those three (3). This is a win win for us.

Burk stated we would like to have a contract. We approved this at the last meeting, but we need some sort of agreement between Kevin Williams and the city.

Hanna stated we have an Adopt A Park form he is filling out.

Burk stated okay.

Hanna stated it is more than a handshake.

Burk stated we don't want him to give it back to us in three (3) months.

Hanna stated we have documentation we will use.

Burk stated I spoke with Phil Kennedy and he said he would sign something as well.

Hanna stated I think it is a win win. That will definitely help out that area.

Burk stated I want to say something about Charlotte. She has a guy she knows who knows a lot about water. He is her dad. We need to do something for Charlotte. I'm telling you I have asked twice for a tap and both time she has gotten it done. Dad says it will be done and it's done. You go to her office she pulls it up on her computer and tells me exactly where the water is, the size of the line and we will do it right here. She talks to dad and it's done. I asked for somebody to do sidewalk stuff and that we needed an engineer to do designs and bam she come through again because of her dad. This saves a ton of money and work for Lawton Enhancement. You have been amazing, and I appreciate all you do. It is huge for us and has saved thousands of dollars and hours of chasing Richard around to try and get it done. Thank you for everything you and your dad have done. It is amazing. When I see him, I'll tell him the same thing. We couldn't do it without that corporation from the city, LETA and the citizens. Everybody pitching in to make it a better place.

Rogalski stated I would add that not a lot of that is in her job description.

Burk stated no. I just go down there and sit down, we chat, and she gets it done.

Hanna stated Rusty and his department has been great. You mention it and it is done. The RFP for the park masterplan is out on the street. We have had several calls about it. It is due March 31st. We are setting up a grading criteria. Michael, Bart and I have talked about ideas on how we want to grade it. It will not be done just by Parks and Recreation staff. Richard and Ross Hankins will be involved.

Burk stated I think someone from this committee should be on there.

Hanna stated yes. I want to see if George will be on it. We have a bunch of different ideas. Nothing has been set in concrete. We want a different set of lenses looking at it so we can get the best firm out there to do the masterplan. I don't want our staff being the sole source. We know what we want but may miss something because we are looking through one set of lenses. There will be a grading system for the firms that bid. The goal is to grade the firms and take the top two (2) or three (3) and have them interview with the panel. Then we will select the best candidate. Once it goes to Council, we will start the ball rolling. We are pretty excited. We have done a lot of spraying for weed control and we are out mowing. It is earlier than we have done in the past. We have to stay on top of it because we don't want to get behind. Lastly, this will be my last LETA meeting. I have taken another job that starts April 1st. I'm going to be working for Lawton Public Schools.

Burk asked haven't you done this before.

Hanna stated they presented a job officer I couldn't refuse. Professionally, financially and personally I couldn't refuse. I'll be the Director of Operations which is pretty much what I'm doing for the city. My first responsibility is beautification. It will be all the landscaping and ground. They are eliminating the maintenance contract and I will be taking over.

Symuleski asked they are bringing it back inhouse.

Hanna stated yes. I have a lot of latitude to hire what we need. It is kind of bitter sweet. I appreciate everything this group has done for Parks and Recreation. You have done a lot for us. When I say us, it is not just my staff, but the citizens recognize what is going on and without your help to expedite some of the projects we would still be going backwards. I do appreciate everything you have done for me, Parks and Recreation and the City of Lawton.

Burk stated we are definitely going to miss you. You have been an asset to what we have been doing. I hate to see you go but I understand there is always something out there.

Hanna stated they threw me a curveball. The talk started back in November with them wanting me to come back. I told them it was going to cost them because I have a good team. Talks dies off for a while with the hiring of a new superintendent. Then they opened up a position and obviously they couldn't guarantee me anything. I didn't expect it, but I was comfortable because I was in the driver's seat. This is a win win for me regardless of the outcome. Bart has known from day one. Professionally I wanted to make sure he was in the loop. I didn't want the rumor going around. Personally, it was a consideration of courtesy. My mom and dad told me to be up front and honest so that you are not doing anything behind anyone's back which I would never do.

I told my staff this morning because it was announced last night. I had no clue as to what the outcome was going to be. There was no need in getting everyone in a tizzy if there wasn't a need. I have an exit strategy. Billie Whipp will be the interim and she is great. We have worked with Bart already to get things set up. I have a list of all our projects. We are meeting every other day to make sure my team and staff is involved in knowing what is going on. We are going to keep the momentum alive and going.

Morford asked will you put some flowers in at some of the schools.

Hanna stated we have a contract with Bedrock to landscape and irrigate the Shoemaker Center. I'm working on getting Douglas School a contract since it is across from the public safety building and close to 2nd Street. That was my suggestion in my interview, and they all thought it was a great idea.

Morford stated when I was on the school board fifty (50) years ago we didn't put a dime in the budget for beautification.

Symuleski stated you didn't have a dime to put in.

Ezerski stated the new superintendent came and spoke to Ambucs and he said beautification is one of his top priorities. That is great to hear and makes perfect sense.

Hanna stated it is nice that they have money set aside to buy new equipment and they have summer help lined up. There is a lot of latitude I'm going to have to make a difference. I have a lot of suggestions to make it better if that is the direction they want to go. I'm excited to bridge the gap with the city and school.

Symuleski stated the schools just don't look good.

Hanna stated they are bland.

Brown asked are you backing out on your speaking engagement.

Hanna stated the answer is no at this time. Billie and I have talked, and we have a plan B if necessary. At this time, I'll do the same as I have the past couple of years. If I can't then plan B will be exposed when it needs to be. We have someone in mind that is really good.

Hankins stated we are struggling with the LETA event. We had comments about the vendors, so we had to change that. We have scaled it back to there won't be any controversy over the cost. Now you give us this news. I mean it has been kind of hard this year.

Burk stated change is always difficult. Even moving it to a new location next year is probably a new fresh start for us.

Hankins stated that might help.

Burk stated it will work out because it always does. We wish you all the best.

Hanna stated I'm not going anywhere.

Burk stated if you have things you would like to work with LETA on you have my number. Thank you.

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

Vrska stated we are good. I'm ready for the Yard Of The Month. When does it start?

Burk stated the first month is April. Start getting your addresses turned in so we can get those done. Turn them in to Richard, Charlotte or Denise and we will make sure to get those pictures taken.

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

Nothing

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

Brown stated the medians will be week after next.

Burk stated that is great.

Rogalski stated I think that's all we have today.

Brown stated have you managed to make contact with the people at the VA Center.

Burk stated that is not easy.

Rogalski stated my daughter in-law works there now so I'm going to try and go that route.

Burk stated they are hard to find somebody that will let you do anything. They don't want you to do anything. The front doors out there are terrible. It is out of control.

Brown stated we need the names of the veterans for the bricks.

Burk stated just walking in the front door is bad enough. I go there for their monthly meeting. I go about every three (3) months. They have basically a City Council that meets and the room is filled. They can get angry if things aren't going right. The residents really care about the way it looks. They go outside a lot and they care and have pride in it. The sad part is, I'm assuming, the government doesn't have pride. There is no money in their budget to do any kind of maintenance. They have narrowed their maintenance down to just a few. I have heard every

story in the book from the staff that runs it. Their landscaping is basically what is there is there and if it dies it is dead. It looked so nice in the beginning. They did have the brick out on display. There were only a few copies of the form, so I asked the lady to make some more. I guess people are taking them, but I don't know if they get turned back in.

Brown stated I don't think so.

Rogalski stated we were going to try and get them all to sign up and the brick would be free.

Burk stated if you want, we can attend their next meeting and take the form with us. Some of them cannot sign their own forms. I spoke with Bertie Kacowski. This is wonderful to work with. She has a lot of great ideas and is very involved with the bricks. She loves the idea. She is the one that told me that a lot of them do not have the authority to sign documents for themselves.

Rogalski stated that will make it a little more difficult.

Burk stated she will let us know who those are.

Rogalski stated okay, let's talk about sidewalks. We are ready to do Ridgecrest. We are meeting with legal again and getting it ready to go. They need two (2) more signatures on the right-of-way and Ridgecrest can start. The plans are going on Lee Boulevard. The medical marijuana money is coming in and I need to do some research on state contracting. I'm trying to work on a design built by that concept. We will basically say here is where we want a sidewalk and it is your job to build it to ADA standards. We can set those standards out. We will put a contract package together and say this is how it is to be done. This will take the design time off the city. The design time is the bottle neck. It is a little like a house demolition. It isn't hard to get jammed up. Once it is flowing it is flowing. If there are right-of-way issues, then the project is going to hit the brakes. I know the priority is Sheridan, Cache and Gore but I will say that Gore is the easy one. It would be a great project to start with simply because the hard part is done. In fact, it was done with a road project. All the real tricky stuff is done, and we could get Gore done a lot faster.

Burk stated remember the ADA Committee is a big part of this. That was their first three (3) priorities. They have a hard time figuring out where to spend their money. We put a \$1,000,000 in there and they still have most of it. They can never decide on one (1) project to do. I have talked with Mike Jones and I have even talked to the City Manager. We have got to get them off high center and get some projects completed. That is what that money was set aside for some five (5) or six (6) years ago. That \$1,000,000 was put in there due to the lawsuit. It has been a long time and they have hardly spent any of it.

Rogalski stated Planning is working on a masterplan for the city. We will have it out this year. Medical marijuana money is specified for arterial streets. There was some funding set aside for arterials and school. I think the CIP did that.

Burk stated if you look at the way we passed the ordinance it doesn't say arterial only. We changed that. The last part we addressed was arterials and any other adjacent streets. We can go as far as we want to go. Caleb said what if you have a road that is an off shoot that really needs a sidewalk. If you say arterials it will be arterials only for medical marijuana. I'm working with Michael so that LETA will be the lead on the sidewalk projects city wide to include CIP money. We will be the structuring where they go first and how they will go.

Rogalski stated that is why I'm not thinking about \$16,000 a month I'm thinking \$5,000,000 and how we do that. I feel like we should be looking at arterials, neighborhoods, schools and downtown. So far no one has really mentioned downtown. We are trying to make a walkable downtown. We have a lot going on.

Burk stated especially curb cut and things like that. We have the sidewalks but bad curbs.

Rogalski stated maybe that is where the ADA committee comes in.

Burk stated that's what I'm thinking. Mike is having a real hard time because that committee just want decide on any issues of substance. They can never agree to vote on one (1) thing. It is a constant battle. We may have to get involved as a City Council and figure out how we do this. We are going to have to do something. That money has been in there forever. We have to show that we are making improvement. We are not using it for what we are supposed to be using it for. We are not using it at all. It is just sitting there.

Rogalski stated once LETA starts rolling with the sidewalks that will change because then it won't seem so scary.

Burk stated to think we are going to have \$5,000,000 to do sidewalks with. We got that approved. We can make a huge splash in the City of Lawton in a hurry. The thing that will slow us down is things like right-of-way and design. I think we need to go to the ADA committee and tell them if Gore is going to be our easiest, I mean I want to start on Sheridan now that we have done the flags on Sheridan. Do you realize someone was killed on Sheridan? It was on the other end, but someone was killed on Sheridan just a couple of days ago. There is no place to walk. You are on the street. This person was ran over. I promise you Sheridan Road is a big thing. All the way down Sheridan Road from Rogers Lane to Lee.

Rogalski stated I'll take a closer look at Sheridan. It might not be that bad especially if we can do design build. We will just let them go.

Brown stated I was told the survey work has been done from Ferris to Cache along Sheridan. Maybe from Ferris to Gore but I don't remember. You will have to jump sides in order to get the right-of-way.

Rogalski stated we are talking north of Cache.

Brown stated I know.

Burk stated I think we need to keep our eye on the prize and Sheridan Road be our first project. I have a list and have asked three (3) different contractors to give me ideas. I have made a sheet of what they think every contractor should have. Our biggest complaint is we don't finish the job and leave it in a mess. The front yards and streets are a mess. It is a disaster. We don't want to be the disaster. We want to make sure whoever we have as a contractor that they do the job and before they get paid everything has to be exactly a certain way. The yard has to be put back right instead of putting dirt in and the first time it rains all the dirt washes away and the compact isn't done. Then the city is back out there filling in with soil. That should not be the way it works. I want us to get started. We have money that is going to start, and the City Manager said that roads and sidewalks were going to come first. That money will be allocated right away. That will be our first allocation.

Rogalski stated some of the sidewalks can get designed when they are doing the road.

Burk stated yes, we talked about that too. We want to make sure we stay on point with the three (3) roads. Putting those flags there and sidewalks is going to be an amazing start to what we want to do all over Lawton. Up and down those main thoroughfares. I think the flag project has me more excited than just about anything we have done in a while. That is something we don't have to do, and it is done all year long when there is an event. I think it is amazing. I agree the first place to start, if we are going to be held up on Sheridan Road, is Gore. We need to get a contractor out there knocking it out. I'm not going to set and wait and hold the money. I want to get somebody and get going. Get some sidewalks going I don't care where they are located. Linda Chapman asked me about going north past the bridge on 53rd Street and up the hill. We have done the sidewalk from there to the bridge and it goes to nowhere. It goes back to nothing. As you go up that road it stops. That will be expensive because there are driveways at every house.

Rogalski stated I have looked at that before.

Burk stated even the road project had trouble. They were out pouring the last driveway today. They had to double the driveway size so I'm sure it is very expensive. Linda was asking about using the CIP money for this project. I told her I would get back with her. I don't know about the ADA money. I'm assuming that is probably a major road as hilly as it is. I also assume that bridge has got to be an issue because you will not be able to cross it.

Symuleski asked what is the holdup on that bridge. I thought it was supposed to be done.

Brown stated this is the one that A & E is supposed to do as part of his agreement.

Rogalski stated that was part of the settlement.

Burk stated let's check on that. I'm unsure where he is with some of those projects. Another project I thought we need to look at finishing is the sidewalk project in Elmer Thomas Park. We got a price on going all the way around to finish that walkway. We have thousands of people walking that daily. I'm telling you right now there are thousands of people that walk or run every single night and day. You go there and it is full of people. We have that bridge that could be set up.

Hanna stated I have another bridge at the armory we could connect and is ready to go.

Burk stated we could tie that in around by the flag.

Rogalski stated we need a 5K in the park where we can say here is your miles.

Tenis stated instead of running around it 3 times.

Burk stated exactly. The thousand (1,000) you have walking with all the viruses you need some space. We got a price on this, but I don't remember what it was.

Hanna stated for almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around it was like \$90,000.

Burk stated that is what I was thinking.

Brown stated the bridge was the biggest cost to get across the creek.

Hanna stated I have the bridge. We will have to pour the bulk heads on the side.

Burk stated that is awesome.

Rogalski stated you won't have to worry about right-of-way or anything for this one.

Hanna stated Rusty has the design.

Burk stated I have seen them. Let's look into that.

Brown stated yes, he submitted the designs for a grant that was taken away from us.

Burk stated let's look into that.

Rogalski stated that is ADA money.

Burk stated I agree. I think that is another accessibility issue for that side of the park.

Brown stated I'm trying to schedule a skatepark fund raising meeting. Nobody has answered my email except Tiffany and Jack. I have Monday March 16th at 11:00 or Wednesday the 18th at 2:00. The members are Jay, Dr. Morford and Addie.

Morford asked you sent an email.

Burk stated she did. How about Wednesday at 2:00. That's good for me. Wednesday at 2:00? That is better for me.

Brown stated okay. It will be in the 3rd Floor Conference room and I will send another email.

Rogalski stated another issue is the flag on Gore. We have that big flag and they don't last long. We need to create a funding mechanism to keep that flag. I'm thinking either Freedom Festival or Rotary. Maybe there will be somebody that will work with us.

Burk stated those flags are not cheap.

Rogalski stated I know.

Ezerski stated trying to do something with rotary might be the best. It would be a great fund raiser for them.

Burk stated that is what I'm thinking. That might be a great idea.

Hanna stated a big flag runs \$1,600 to \$1,800.

Rogalski stated and they last about 3 months.

Burk stated that is what I think about our flagpole in Elmer Thomas Park.

Morford stated it doesn't matter because nobody can see it.

Burk stated I think the problem is it is too high.

Morford stated it is.

Burk stated that is what I'm thinking. It is lit but not enough because it is so high. I pulled off there the other day and was trying to think what we could do. I decided you are right. Number one the pole has to be painted again and so does the one on 2nd Street. Either we put a ring of lights that are out and up high and leave the bottom ones. This would be an extension of brightening it up. I don't know what else to do. I had my electrician go down there and look and he said you were not going to find much brighter than what is there.

Tenis stated another problem is the air space.

Burk stated yes. I think we need something more directional and higher up. A ring of lights somehow that are directional on the flag. That is my thought. I thought about lowering the pole.

Morford stated we don't want to do that.

Burk stated I know but we have two (2) options. Either the ring or lowering the pole like the one on 2nd Street.

Morford stated it is short enough that it is lit.

Burk stated I lit it. My electrical company did the lighting and we put huge lights there. It is half as tall so there is our issue. That is why I sent my guy to look at it and see if there was anything that could be done. He said you are not going to fix it. He said we would have to put the ring on it or lower the pole. He thought it was just too high. He said you could get a bigger flag and lower the pole and save money. He felt it was just too high.

Morford stated I don't think it is too high it just needs ____.

Tenis stated that's not one of the options.

Burk stated I don't know but we have to come up with a plan.

Morford stated is the pole hollow. Can you run electricity up through the pole?

Burk stated yes, it is hollow on the inside.

Hanna stated all the mechanical parts to raise and lower it is on the inside.

Burk stated you would have to do the electrical device on the outside.

Morford asked but you could run electricity to it through the pole.

Burk stated no. Well that would be tough.

Hanna stated you could, but I wouldn't know how. All the mechanical parts to raise and lower the flag are inside the interior part of the pole.

Morford stated that is not the only flag in the United States that is that tall.

Rogalski asked how tall the flagpole is.

Hanna stated probably 70 to 80 feet.

Burk stated I would think 80 feet. It is a tall flagpole. The maintenance on the pole is not easy. Just taking the flag down makes it have rust spots. You are constantly needing to paint it. They are not easy to take care of. They are beautiful when lit. I think the one on 2nd Street is one hundred (100) times prettier than the one out there.

Tenis stated I agree.

Burk stated I think because it is bigger and lower. I think if you did that you would make an instance splash. You would have a beautiful fountain behind a beautiful flag that is three (3) times the size at a lower level and we could maintain it.

Morford asked how much lower.

Burk stated I would lower it thirty (30) feet.

Tenis stated to the same height as 2nd Street.

Burk stated that one is about right. How tall is the one at 2nd Street?

Hanna stated forty-five (45) to fifty (50) feet.

Burk stated I think you would need to lower it twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) feet. You would be right where you need to be and your lights on the ground would work. My guy said they are basically the same lights as the ones on 2nd Street.

Morford asked is the flag size the same at both places.

Hanna stated no.

Morford asked which is bigger.

Hanna stated the one on 2nd Street.

Burk stated that one is much bigger. Doc, it would be an instance splash. People would then be able to see it. It is too small and too high.

Symuleski stated when you drive by it you don't even realize it's there.

Burk stated If you wanted to look at it, we could put the flag on 2nd Street over there. We just need to lower it and I don't know if you have to buy a new pole or if you could just lower the pole. There has to be somebody that builds the poles that would know.

Rogalski stated when you lower the pole it will be more structurally sound.

Burk stated let's check further into that.

Morford stated we are going to have to get a pole expert so let's get their opinion.

Burk stated we may end up having to buy a different pole and a new flag.

Morford stated I bet we do.

Burk stated we are already lit. The power and lights are there.

Hanna stated we spent almost \$3,000 on those lights.

Brown stated this will be at the butterfly garden. We got this from Okie's for Monarchs. I did the registration and they gave this to us. Jack is going to install it before he leaves.

Burk stated isn't that cool. That is awesome. I thought it was wonderful when I saw it. This is something we didn't know anything about and now we are a member. Now it will say that Lawton Oklahoma has a garden.

Morford stated we did that last year didn't we.

Burk stated I don't know but I know that now we are a member of that society.

Morford stated we also put in for grants, but I guess we didn't get it.

Burk stated probably not.

2. Unfinished Business

None

3. New Business

A. Approve the minutes of January 8, 2020 and February 12, 2020.

Motion by Tennis, Second by Morford, to approve the minutes of January 8, and February 12, 2020. **Aye:** McConnell; Morford; Smith; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Ezerski. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

4. Announcements

McConnell stated I did my homework that you assigned at the last meeting. I talked with Randy Warren and we discussed the Thunder basketball court. We are having a parking lot put in and Randy would like to do something around the court, likes benches, to make it look nice.

Hanna asked have you been out there lately. We had an Eagle Scout project that just finished putting benches out there.

McConnell stated oh good.

Hanna stated I signed off on his paperwork yesterday that stated the project was complete.

McConnell stated good. There you go.

Hanna stated the benches are on both the east and west side of the court.

McConnell stated I can't wait to tell him.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.