

MINUTES
LAWTON ENHANCEMENT TRUST AUTHORITY
NEW CITY HALL 3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
212 SW 9th STREET
OCTOBER 9, 2013

Jay Burk, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the New City Hall 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; Dismuke, Bob; Ezerski, Barry; Godlove, Jane; Hankins, Mary Ann; Safi, Anika; Smith, Addie; Sweeney, Kerry.

ABSENT: Bellino, Rose Mary; Harbison, Jean; Smith, Marilyn.

OTHER PRESENT: Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office, Dennis Totte, Bedrock Nursery.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Reports

A. Receive report from Dennis Totte.

Burk stated Totte had to take a call so we will return to this item.

B. Receive report from Kim Shahan, Parks and Recreation Director

Burk stated if Shahan shows we will return to this item.

B. Receive report from Public Relations Committee

Safi stated I have nothing at this time.

Burk asked can you fill us in on the PSA. Odom did a fantastic job. It is being broadcast at KCCU but is it going to broadcast at any other station.

Godlove stated no. I do have a CD of them if anyone has connections at other stations.

Safi stated Magic 95 needs a release from the Committee.

Burks stated it needs to also run at KLAW and Z94.

Ezerski stated I will deliver it to KLAW so they can run it on all 3 of their stations.

Burk stated I have a commitment from Max Sasseen on a billboard. For a 3 month commitment the cost will be \$300 a month. The billboard is located at 82nd and Cache Road.

Godlove stated I'll have a CD by Friday and will deliver it to Sasseen.

Motion by Godlove, Second by Ezerski, to approve a commitment of 3 months at \$300 per month for an electronic billboard. **Aye:** Burk; Dismuke; Ezerski; Godlove; Hankins; Safi; Smith A; Sweeney. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Burk asked what about a newspaper ad. Does anyone have any connections at the newspaper.

Ezerski stated I will talk with them.

Burk stated we are willing to pay for the ad.

Ezerski asked what exactly would you like, what size and how often do you want it to run.

Burk stated something talking about who we are and what we do. Maybe Odom can help us. I would like for it to be a color ad. See what they will do and then we can decide. Let's move back to Totte's report.

Totte stated things are going great. At the end of this week we will be planting pansies and clearing out some of the color.

Burk stated we need an estimate on additional color. We usually plant more color than the contract allows.

Totte stated tulips, daffodils and all bulbs are planted by December 1. If that is something we want to do we would plant those among the pansies. Bloom time on these are the first of spring. Give me spots you want to focus on.

Burk stated the Lawton bushes on 11th Street, the main arterial beds, and McMahon Auditorium.

Godlove stated the irises were wonderful this year at McMahon.

Burk stated I know this is all new to you but before planting if you will bring an estimate for additional color for the beds we will decide if we can afford to add the additional color or not.

Godlove asked should we plant bulbs that naturalize over tulips.

Totte stated at the hospital we do a mixture of both to have the different blooming times and to extend the season 8 to 12 weeks.

Dismuke stated 4-D was going to give us estimates for Rogers Lanes. This is something I would like for Totte to look into. Something that will live, fast growing and covers the ugly. I would like to get your recommendation.

Totte asked do you want to clear the red tips out.

Dismuke stated we could leave the ones that are nice sized.

Totte stated maybe fill in around the ones that are there. Do you like the pampas grass on 11th Street.

Dismuke stated yes.

Sweeney asked what about crape myrtles.

Totte stated they are hardy enough but you will lose your foliage in the winter. The grasses do go dormant but we leave them and cut them back for 1 month out of the year.

Burk stated maybe do some different things in the different areas.

Totte stated we will break it up so it is not so boring.

Hankins stated there are 3 different plants around the outside of the Enclave that grow fast and are large. They trim them at the Enclave but on Rogers Lane you would not have to.

Burk stated look at this and bring something back to the next meeting. As we all know there has been troubles on 2nd Street with the watering. Nothing north of Nissan is being water at this time. The main pipe needs repaired and the control box is gone. I would like to allow Totte to make these repairs so we can start watering what is left and also so we can see if we have other issues. I'll have legal file a claim with the contractor so we can be reimbursed for the damages. The new area south of Gore is not in Totte's contract. I would like for Totte to give us an estimate of maintaining that area.

Totte stated to fix the main is \$450. That will allow us to power up the entire system to see if there may be other problems. There are 4 stations that run off that main. It controls the trees, pots and beds.

Burk stated I would also like an estimate on new plantings and trees.

Totte stated I have the estimate for the pots but I'll get all these estimate and bring them back.

Ezerski asked is there a chance of this happening again.

Burk stated we hope not. The main is buried 4' deep and engineering believes it is deep enough unless they are digging. If they are digging it will be their responsibility to make the repairs.

Motion by Dismuke, **Second** by Ezerski, to approve repairing the sprinkler main and the control box on 2nd Street in the amount of \$650.00. **Aye:** Dismuke; Ezerski; Godlove; Hankins; Safi; Smith A; Sweeney; Burk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Burk stated Shahan do you have anything.

Shahan asked what level of support are you expecting from Whipp and her staff.

Burk stated the brochure, invitations, certificates, ticket sales and anything else that they helped with last year.

Shahan asked who will be the point of contact for the banquet.

Burk stated myself, Godlove, Sweeney and Hankins. We need to schedule a meeting with Whipp.

Godlove stated I would like to thank Totte for the fall decorations in front of the building.

Totte stated we would like to donate 2 more. Do you have any ideas of where we should put them.

Burk stated McMahon Auditorium.

Godlove stated Great Plains Museum.

Smith stated in front of the municipal court would be another good spot.

Burk stated that building could use the help. Is there anything else. If not thank you.

C. Monthly Ward Update

Burk asked does anyone have anything. If not we will move to the Treasurer's Report.

C. Treasurer Report

Burk stated we have to start some project. If Council believes we are collecting funds they will take those funds away. Bellino and I have loud voices but there are those who don't believe in what we are doing. We can't have \$100,000 sitting in the bank. Bellino would like to finish Lee Blvd. from 38th to 52nd. She has money and will help with this project. Another project would be the restroom at the playground. This project will cost approximately \$85,000 and they have \$60,000. The Miracle Field donated their left over materials. Finishing the bathrooms would finish the playground. I would like for us to consider this project. If you are interested I'll get an estimate. The City will not be able to complete this project for at least another year or 2.

Dismuke asked is there any way we could help with this funding maybe from McMahon.

Burk stated people are burned out on this project. Fit Kids might be willing to help but they don't have a huge amount of money. I don't know about McMahon because I haven't applied to them. We have \$22,000 in the playground account. This money includes the \$10,000 from the casino.

Dismuke asked do we want to spend that money.

Ezerski stated that is risky. For the park on 38th Street we spend about \$1500 to \$2000 yearly on maintenance.

Burk stated that is where we are now. We had to replace a light and a toy. If we delete this account there will be no money for repairs or replacement. We need to keep \$10,000 in the account.

Ezerski stated I think you have to.

Burk stated I believe we need a donation box at the playground.

Ezerski asked is the city responsible for maintaining the playground.

Burk stated the City oversees the maintenance.

Ezerski asked what if something breaks.

Burk stated LETA is responsible.

Dismuke stated let's try McMahon.

Burk stated that isn't easy but I'll try.

Godlove stated if you do an application let us know so we can talk with the board members that we know.

Dismuke stated as a last resort I would spend the money but I would rather see us finish the Rogers Lane project.

Ezerski stated I believe it is important to finish that project especially with there being more traffic with the 82nd Street project.

Sweeney stated I agree.

Hankins stated when you mention you are a member of LETA people always bring up Rogers Lane.

Godlove asked who will maintain the bathrooms.

Burk stated the City. I believe if we are going to do this project it is time to do so. Looking at your report you see FirePac has \$2,500, Fishing for Food has \$478.28, LETA Ya has \$4801.99, and our ending balance is \$100,343.86. LETA YA would like to spend their money at one school and Beauchamp has suggested MacArthur. They believe with \$10,000 they can make a difference. We will probably have to help support them. Are there any questions?

Motion by Dismuke, **Second** by Sweeney, to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Aye:** Ezerski; Godlove; Hankins; Safi; Sweeney; Burk; Dismuke. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

D. Receive report from Website Committee

Burk stated I spoke with Bryan White and he has agreed to meet with us within the next few days.

2. New Business

A. Approve minutes of September 11, 2013.

Motion by Ezerski, **Second** by Safi, to approve minutes of September 11, 2013 as written. **Aye:** Godlove; Hankins; Safi; Burk; Dismuke; Ezerski; Sweeney. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

B. Nominate and award Yard Of The Month.

Burk stated this is the last time that we will use these nominees. Please look through these and make your suggestions.

Motion by Ezerski, **Second** by Safi, to approve the yard at 4810 Ozmun for Yard of the Month for the month of October.

Burk stated all in favor raise your hand. That is it. Before we move on we have 4 monthly winners and we need to choose a Yard of the Year. These are our 4 nominees. Take a ballot and please vote.

3. Old Business

A. Discuss and nominate remaining Eye Candy Awards and take action if necessary.

Burk stated I believe we have all voted and we have our winners/finalist. We will hold the banquet here at City Hall. Whipp and her employees will take care of the reservations and payments. Mas Sasseen will be doing the power point presentation. We will be doing something new and different this year. We need to start talking to sponsors and we have different levels of sponsorship.

Godlove stated there are several new businesses in town and Jim Glover would be one to talk with.

Burk stated the event cost around \$18,000 and we had enough sponsors except for about \$4,000. The silent auction raised about \$3,000 for LETA YA. Each board member needs to get 3 auction items with a value of at least \$100 for the silent auction.

Hankins stated we will have the pheasant hunt again this year.

4. Announcements

5. Adjournment

Burk stated thanks everyone for being here.