



City of Lawton

Parks & Recreation Commission

City Hall
212 SW 9th Street
Lawton, OK, 73501
Banquet Hall

Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

5:30 PM

"Official action can be taken only on items which appear on the agenda. The Commission defer, recommend, or continue any agenda item. The Commission may also propose and presented before them. When more information is needed to act on an item, the Commission Under certain circumstances, items are deferred to a specific later date or stricken from the

Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Scott, Linda Neal, Dennis Clippinger, Jerry Boone, Mike Pollard, Reg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Shelton, Terry Brierton.

STAFF PRESENT: Kelvin Ingram (P&R Deputy Director) , Dylan Dunavin (Administrative Assistant II)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kasa Whitley.

Reports

1. Reports from Parks and Recreation staff.

Updates on the Lawton Aquatic Center.

- Kelvin Ingram provides an update on the Lawton Aquatic Center, states that we have had minir is roughly \$44,000. and around 6,800 individuals have come to use the facility.
 - Michael Scott asks what the hours are to the facility.
 - Kelvin Ingram responds with Monday through Friday 4pm to 7pm, Saturdays are 5pm.
 - Linda Neal asks when the end date would be.
 - Kelvin Ingram states that September 26th is the scheduled last day.
 - Linda Neal asks if the attendance on weekdays is profitable enough to be open for just t
 - Kelvin Ingram responds by saying that it's "not breaking us" to be open at those ti either. But citizens do utilize those hours. The pool isn't sitting empty on the week
 - Kelvin states that he's heard a lot of positive remarks and compliments on the facility, an folks who don't live in Lawton.

- Michael Scott states that this time period the facility has been open for operation is good
 - Kelvin Ingram states that Norman has provides a lot of advice in the form of lessons for the next season such as water fitness classes, water safety classes, swim classes, etc.
- Kelvin Ingram states that one thing we need to take into consideration for next season is to be used for equipment maintenance, or facility maintenance, or cleaning.
- Michael Scott asks if the opening of the Aquatic Center has changed the traffic of the Sp...
 - Kelvin Ingram states that if the traffic has changed at all, it would be on weekends... choice, and a free alternative for families.
- Michael Scott asks if there has been any vandalization at night?
 - Kelvin Ingram responds and says that there hasn't been any issues. He states that... and Triangle Security also patrols the area helps also.
- Linda Neal asks for a follow up on the frozen concession items. Asks if there is a freezer... or popsicles.
 - Kelvin states that we have a freezer on the refrigerator unit. However, we do not h... However, there's a plan to have more concessions next year.
- Michael Scott asks if outside food is allowed?
 - Kelvin says no outside food is allowed.
- Linda Neal states that there still needs to be a plan to add picnic tables on the exterior o... purchase off of a food truck to sit and eat without having to find a picnic table away from...
 - Kelvin states that he plans to add bike racks also.
- Jerry Boone asks who would be responsible for cleaning trash outside of the center if the...
 - Kelvin Ingram states that that discussion hasn't happened yet regarding the respo...
- Michael Scott announces the arrival of Dennis Clippinger at 5:43pm

Updates on Park Improvements.

- Kelvin Ingram reports that the Greer Park splash pad is under construction now. The mural will... opening. We are currently looking at the ribbon cutting on October 11th for KidZone, however th... wrapping up also, looking at a ribbon cutting on October 17th, again subject to change. Mocine... then Gooch Park will be to follow. Basically, if you see piles of mulch then you know improveme...
 - Michael Scott asks about the Greer Parking lot.
 - Kelvin Ingram states that it will need to be budgeted to do it correctly.
 - Kelvin Ingram states that he has received calls from citizens asking about parks in their n... these improvements and inquire about the specific parks that they enjoy.
 - Kelvin provides the Commission with a proposal packet for Park Improvements Phase II... still needs to be taken to council.
 - Kelvin Ingram continues to state that we have some big community events coming up in... International Fest. starting on September 26th.
 - Kelvin continues to state that we have excavated and transported 68 prairie dogs. The n... to international fest. We've also met with Mr. Thomas of the Wildlife Refugee.
 - Linda Neal asks if he has met with anyone from LPS?
 - Kelvin Ingram states that he met with Jack Hanna, we had a great convers... that my concern is knowing there is only so much we can do with wild anim...
 - Linda Neal responds asking if he feels that the issue would get reso...
 - Kelvin Ingram states that he hopes so.

- David Tyler passionately states that he had his own conversation with Jack Hanna, and the attempt on the prairie dogs was because Jack showed photos of the LPS ballfields to City Council. The ballfields are overrun with prairie dogs and their holes. It's not even just the tunnels, in the areas where the prairie dogs are leaving 6-8 inch holes, sometimes up to 10 inch holes that could break an ankle. The feces are everywhere. That the commission was given dates of the 16th and 30th would be round up days. I went to the ballfields and circled the holes with red paint until I ran out. I should not have to go to City Council to state my case. I am upset because nothing has been done until Jack Hanna sent those photos. He continues to say that the city is practicing on their field due to this problem. I'm sorry if I'm upset, but I would rather hurt someone than see a child get injured. The city is lucky they didn't overrun the ballfield during the YMCA event. The kids have been playing in a field full of holes and feces. First you said the 16th and 30th, now you say the 16th and 30th are completely abandoned, and don't be surprised if I pop off again because this is an issue.
- Kelvin responds and asks if LPS employees would assist City employees in this effort.
- David Tyler responds and says that would have to go through his boss.
- Kelvin continues to say that the City employees work for the City of Lawton in a professional manner and expect the same in return. You say that I have no control over wild animals, we do not control the schedule of the wildlife in the city. It's on an introduction basis, but what I ask of you sir, is you and the employees are going onto Lawton Public School property to control the prairie dogs. But wild animals coming onto LPS property isn't my problem. You're being very transparent, but coming in hot everytime we talk isn't the way to go. I'm on, but you will not come in and fire off at me when I've done nothing wrong. I'm out to harm kids. You won't sit here and talk to me anyway because you're not listening.
- Dennis Clippinger says, "timeout". He states that everyone has to acknowledge there is a problem and figure out the solution.
- Kelvin states that we are trying, we are working with the prairie dogs, they are removed and relocated. But we can only do so much.
- David Tyler states that he appreciates it, but it's not enough. He says that he has been informing the city of the problem. He says that if you would have contacted Jack Hanna, the city owns the prairie dogs, they allow the prairie dogs on the property. And I apologize if I got upset at you, I'm not a professional, I'm an individual, however the problem is the city not doing anything. If we had no prairie dogs on the ballfields, I texted you on Friday. In force that Friday.
- Kelvin Ingram states that the issue is put on hold. He says that if someone is injured doing work on other people's property, it's not his problem.
- David Tyler states that according to the city code, if you are given permission to be on the ballfield, you have to follow the city code to follow too. And the city has to help?
- David Tyler states that the city has to help with the removal of their ball field, and the city has to help with the removal of the prairie dogs.
- Kelvin states that the city has to help with the removal of the prairie dogs employed here.

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- Kelvin Ingram asks if there is any other questions or discussion that the commission would like to hear from the public.
 - Mike Pollard states that he appreciates all that is happening for Parks and Recreation.
 - Michael Scott asks about the process of replenishing concessions, asks if we sell more concessions.
 - Kelvin Ingram states that it still goes through the normal P.O. process, it's not a new process.

- making a purchase in the exact moment.
- Dennis Clippinger asks if daily revenue is considered positive. Asks if we know w sustainable and at an increase rather than a plateau.
 - Kelvin Ingram states that we don't exactly know yet, however the compari will be laying out the cost of operation to the council to explain things such equipment, concessions, etc. We will know more as time moves forward.

2. Reports from Commission Members.

- Michael Scott asks if there are any commission reports. No commissioners offer reports.

Audience Participation

Anyone who has an item of business to present to the commission that does not appear on the agenda please con

Michael Scott opens the floor to audience participation.

- Kasa Whitley states that she really appreciates the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting organized and transparent. She continues to say she feels the citizens voice matters in these m

Unfinished Business

Business Items

3. Consider approving the minutes from the July 15, 2025, Rescheduled Meeting.

David Tyler requested a correction to be made in a sentence regarding Chrystal Hills Park. The correction.

MOTION by Linda Neal; SECOND by Mike Pollard

AYES: Michael Scott, Linda Neal, Dennis Clippinger, Jerry Boone, Mike Pollard, Reginald Seato

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIES

4. Consider approving Samuel Lockhart Jr (Pat Henry Elementary) for the Adopt-A-Park p

Kelvin Ingram states that we have an Adopt-A-Park request for Carroll Park from Mr. Samuel Lockhar program would be utilized to teach his students responsibility through litter control in the park.

MOTION by Dennis Clippinger; SECOND by David Tyler

AYES: Michael Scott, Linda Neal, Dennis Clippinger, Jerry Boone, Mike Pollard, Reginald Seato

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIES

5. Consider approving Pastor Michael Logan of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church for the Arnold Park.

Kelvin Ingram states that we have an Adopt-A-Park request for O.H. Arnold Park from Pastor Michael for litter control. KI continues to state that Pastor Logan wants to adopt the park out of concern for the developed, even though that has not been a discussion.

MOTION by Vince Cambron; SECOND by Linda Neal

AYES: Michael Scott, Linda Neal, Dennis Clippinger, Jerry Boone, Mike Pollard, Reginald Seaton

NAYS: None

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Adjournment

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MOTION by Mike Pollard; SECOND by Vince Cambron

AYES: Michael Scott, Linda Neal, Dennis Clippinger, Jerry Boone, Mike Pollard, Reginald Seaton

NAYS: None

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