



Lawton City Council Meeting Summary

March 26, 2024

MORE IN '24 REPORTS:

- ~~1. Provide City Council with an update on Public Utilities' Current and Upcoming Projects.~~
STRICKEN

CONSENT AGENDA:

- APPROVED** a resolution (RES 24-059) approving the joint petition settlement in the amount of \$10,368.00 and making payment in the workers' compensation claim of John Chelenza.
- APPROVED** a resolution (RES 24-060) authorizing the City to submit an Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board grant application, which includes a proposed partnership with the Comanche County Health Department to support opioid prevention efforts in the community.
- APPROVED** a Resolution of Necessity (RES 24-061) for real property acquisition located along the east and west side of SW 11th Street for the Wolf Creek Bridge Project # EN2204.
- APPROVED** a resolution (RES 24-062) to eliminate fees for renting public spaces in City Hall and discontinue the practice of leasing public spaces within City Hall to the public.
- APPROVED** awarding requirements contract (CL24-012) Electrical Services at City of Lawton Facilities to Patco Electrical Service of Oklahoma as the Primary Vendor.
- APPROVED** awarding contract (CL24-011) Lawton Fire Department Analysis to the lowest responsive bidder Emergency Services Consulting International, Inc.
- APPROVED** awarding contract (CL24-013) Nuisance Abatement to Tahah Lawncare & Landscaping LLC and Joe's Backhoe Service LLC
- APPROVED** awarding contract (CL24-014) Mowing and Litter Control to Sonrise Adult & Teen Challenge of OK for Areas 1, 3, and 5 and Lawn Wizards for Areas 2 and 4, and reject all bids for Area 6.
- APPROVED** extending (RFPCL22-016) Printing, Copying and Maintenance Services to High Tech Office Systems of Lawton, Oklahoma.
- APPROVED** awarding a contract in the amount of \$4,064,781.70 to McKee Utility Contractors, LLC, for the construction of South Wolf Creek Trunk Expansion #5 PU1801 to rehabilitate approximately 32,000 linear feet of 15-48-inch sewer line.
- APPROVED** a Resolution (RES 24-063) confirming discontinuation of funding and thereby terminating a contract with Routeware, Inc. for software, hardware, and services that aid in solid waste disposal truck fleet management.
- APPROVED** Change Order 1 reducing the contract by \$706,852.11, accepting project in the final contract amount of \$1,733,921.17 and placing the Maintenance Bond into effect for Industrial Water Main Extension Phase I PU2306 as constructed by M&T Septic and Backhoe Service, INC.

14. **APPROVED** a Law Enforcement Services Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Lawton and the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 8, Comanche County, Oklahoma, also known as Lawton Public Schools, granting authority to Lawton Public Schools officers to enforce municipal criminal and traffic ordinances on school property and on specific streets, highways, roads, alleys, easements and other public ways immediately adjacent to school property. This Mutual Aid Agreement repeals and replaces all prior Mutual Aid Agreements between Lawton Public Schools Police Department and Lawton Police Department.
15. **APPROVED** a Limited Event Support Agreement with Darien's Voice Foundation to support the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children & Adults with Special Needs, and take action as deemed necessary.
16. **APPROVED** Operating and Professional Services Agreement, providing entertainment and fireworks for the 10th Annual Freedom Festival by LimeLight Productions and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract.
17. **APPROVED** plans and specifications for Engineering Project EN2401 - Lake Helen Trail and authorizing staff to advertise for bids.
18. **APPROVED** an Eagle Scout Project concept to make improvements to the McMahon Dog Park as proposed by Bryce Mosley.
19. **APPROVED** accepting a Quit Claim Deed from the Lawton Urban Renewal Authority for the property located at the southwest corner of SW A Avenue and SW Railroad Street needed to relocate the police evidence building, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the deed.
20. **APPROVED** a resolution (RES 24-064) approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for cooperative purchasing by and between the Independent School District No. 15 of Atoka County (a/ka/ Atoka Public Schools "APS") and the City of Lawton and authorize the execution of the resolution and agreement.
21. **APPROVED** a resolution (RES 24-065) approving an Interlocal Agreement for cooperative purchasing by and between the Region 8 Education Service Center and the City of Lawton and authorize the execution of the resolution and agreement.
22. **APPROVED** the minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting.
23. **APPROVED** appointments to boards and commissions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

24. Adopt a resolution declaring the structures located at 815 NW 35th Street (NO ACTION) and 2809 SW J Avenue (RES 24-066), to be dilapidated pursuant to Section 6-5-1 Lawton City Code, ordering the owner to abate the nuisance, authorizing summary abatement, and authorizing the City Attorney to commence legal action in District Court to abate the nuisance.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

25. Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution declaring the structures located at 206 SW Park Avenue (RES 24-067), 305 SW Jefferson (RES 24-068), 606 NW 63rd Street (RES 24-069), 1406 NW Williams Avenue (CLOSED HEARING AND TABLED ITEM TO APRIL 23, 2024), 1411 NW Kingsbury Avenue (RES 24-070), 1505 SW Oklahoma Avenue (RES 24-071), 1505 SW Texas Avenue (RES 24-072), 1507 SW Dr. Charles W Whitlow Avenue (RES 24-073), 1512 SW Oklahoma Avenue (RES 24-074), 1614 SW Jefferson Avenue (CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO JULY 19, 2024), 1711 SW 12th Street (RES 24-075), 1809 SW 7th Street (RES 24-076), 1816 SW Jefferson Avenue (RES 24-077), 2004 SW Dr. Charles W. Whitlow Avenue (NO ACTION TAKEN), to be dilapidated pursuant to Section 6-5-1 Lawton City Code, ordering the owner to abate the nuisance, authorizing summary abatement, and authorizing the City Attorney to commence legal action in District Court to abate the nuisance.

26. Discuss and consider the establishment of a dedicated City Council Veterans Affairs Committee within the City of Lawton to demonstrate our commitment to honoring and supporting our veterans, but also ensure that their unique needs are addressed comprehensively and give direction as appropriate. **DIRECTED STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CITY COUNCIL VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.**

27. **APPROVED** Operating and Professional Services Agreement, providing a drone show for the 10th Annual Freedom Festival by Sky Elements in coordination with Limelight Productions and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract.

28. Receive a briefing concerning the recent proposals submitted for the Management & Operations of Schoolhouse Slough Convenient Store and Gas Station and direct staff as necessary. **DIRECTED STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A 5-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOLHOUSE SLOUGH CONVENIENT STORE LLC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MANAGING THE SCHOOLHOUSE SLOUGH CONVENIENT STORE TO INCLUDE FUEL PUMPS WITH SAID AGREEMENT TO BE REVIEWED BY THE CITY'S BOND COUNCIL AND THEN BROUGHT BACK TO COUNCIL FOR FORMAL APPROVAL.**

29. Receive briefing from staff concerning current city lake recreational area agreements located at Lake Lawtonka and Lake Ellsworth to include concessionaire agreements and take appropriate action as deemed necessary. **SENT TO FEE COMMITTEE TO COME UP WITH A SUGGESTION, AND APPROVED EXTENDING CONTRACTS MONTH-TO-MONTH UNTIL BETTER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.**

30. **APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS** an ordinance (ORD 24-022) pertaining to Business, amending Section 7-32-1-3203 and Section 7-32-1-3204, Division 7-32-1, Article 7-32, Chapter 7 of Lawton City Code, 2015, by prohibiting certain scrap items from sale or purchase, unless by an exempted seller; removing the misdemeanor penalty; allowing for floor amendments; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. **(AMENDED TO ADD BICYCLES, LAWN MOWERS, TRAILERS, METAL REAL ESTATE SIGNS, AND METAL FENCING TO SECTION B, AND TO ADD "POSSESS" TO SECTION D)**

31. **APPROVED** an Ordinance (ORD 24-023) pertaining to alcoholic beverages by amending Section 4-1-1-106, Division 4-1-1, Article 4-1, Chapter 4, Lawton City Code, 2015, by replacing the language with an approved assembly or use permit with event permit issued by the City, providing for severability, establishing an effective date and allowing for floor amendments.

32. **APPROVED** an ordinance (ORD 24-024) pertaining to businesses by amending Sections 7-12-2-1249, 7-12-2-1250, and 7-12-2-1251, Division 7-12-2, Article 7-12, Chapter 7, Lawton City Code, 2015; by adding language to define charitable organizations, adding an exemption for permitting for charitable organizations, adding language regarding the required deposit, providing for severability, establishing an effective date, and allowing for floor amendments.

33. **APPROVED** a Resolution (RES 24-078) amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Lawton City Code, 2015, pertaining to Chapter 7, Business, by amending Article A-7-12-2 Temporary structures and uses, and establishing an effective date.

~~34. Consider an Ordinance, including any floor amendments, amending Personnel Policies and Procedures Section 17-1-6-162, Division 17-1-6, Article 17-1, Chapter 17, Lawton City Code, 2015, by granting employees holidays off based partially on the federal holiday schedule, plus the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve; modifying paragraph D of the Section dealing with flexible holidays; providing for severability and establishing an effective date. **STRICKEN**~~

~~35. Consider approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and among the City of Lawton, the Lawton Economic Development Authority, the Lawton/Fort Sill Economic Development Corporation, and Fischer⁵⁹ Properties, LLC, for the development of a distribution center within the Airport Industrial Park. **STRICKEN**~~

STAFF REPORTS:

36. Provide City Council with an update on the FY 2022 & FY 2023 Audit Process **NO ACTION**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

37. Pursuant to section 307B.1, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss particular candidates who have submitted applications for the position of city attorney, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session. **NO ACTION**

38. Pursuant to Section 307B.1, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to review the employment of John Ratliff as City Manager, and in open session take other action as necessary. **NO ACTION**

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.