



Report to Our Citizens Lawton, Oklahoma

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED: JUNE 30, 2021



The City of Lawton is located in Comanche County in Southwest Oklahoma, neighboring the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge and Fort Sill. The population of Lawton is approximately 96,800 people, and the City operates under a council-manager form of government with three branches, Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.



City Council Members

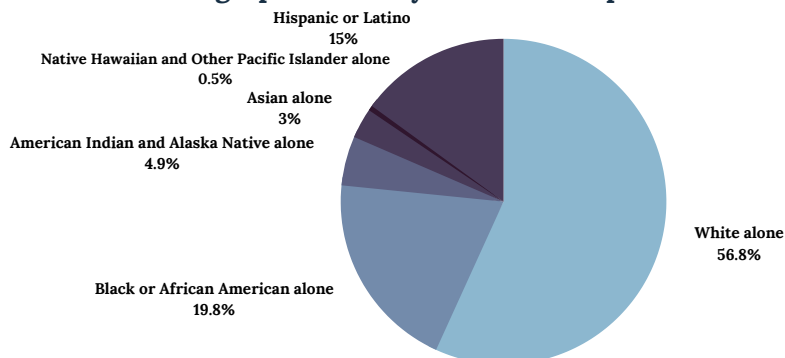
Mary Ann Hankins	Mayor	Allan Hampton
Kelly Harris	<i>top row, 4th from left</i>	Sean Fortenbaugh
Linda Chapman		Onreka Johnson
Jay Burk	Stan Booker	Randy Warren

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City Council Mission Statement

The City Council approves all ordinances, resolutions, and contracts, including but not limited to property sales, acquisitions and leases as well as major purchases of materials, equipment and services required by the city. With the advice and assistance of the City Manager, the Council reviews proposals for community needs, initiates action for new programs and determines the ability of the city to provide financing for City activities.

Demographics of City of Lawton Population



Quick Facts

2016-2020 Estimates

- **\$47,690 Median Household Income**
- **\$810 Median Gross Rent**
- **92.5% of households have a computer**
- **6th largest city in the state of Oklahoma (based on population)**
- **22.1% of persons have Bachelor's degree or higher**

Lawton Public Library

	FY 2020	FY 2021
Check outs, Main Library	132,248	99,296
Check outs, Branch Library	8,265	9,476
Electronic Items	46,436	51,742
Main Library Customers	28,460	30,395
Public Computer Use	20,613	21,314

For more information about the Lawton Public Library visit lawtonok.gov/departments/library

Housing and Community Development

The Housing and Community Development Division received approximately \$1 million in CDBG and HOME grants that made these improvements possible:

11 Emergency Repairs 13 Exterior Repairs

Purchased 1 home to renovate and resell to a first-time homebuyer in Lawton

Renovations to the Owens Multipurpose Center, Clement Washington Sr. Spray Park and Patterson Center

Public Works

Drainage Maintenance Division

Completed 232 work orders for the 2020-2021 fiscal year

64,221 (Linear Ft.) Drainage ditches cleaned

2 Pedestrian Bridges repaired

289 (Feet) Graffiti painted over

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

FY 2020-2021 phone statistics: 200,031 calls
93.92 % of emergency calls were answered within 10 seconds

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Part 1 Crime, the most severe of crimes, is down 7.9% compared to 2019.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FY 2020 Total number of emergency calls for service: 11,979
Actual Fire Calls: 797

SOLID WASTE- COLLECTION AND LANDFILL

To increase the lifetime of the landfill, more than 2,000 tons of trees and yard waste, over 75 tons of recyclable metals, 55 tons of vehicle tires and 2,000 gallons of paint.

Greer Park Tennis Court Rededication



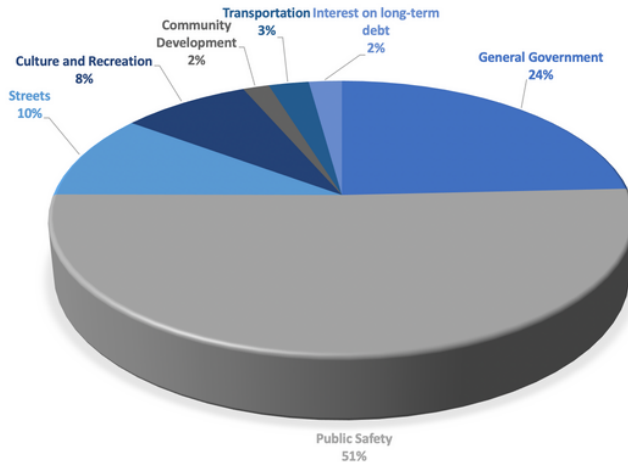
The Parks and Grounds division improved Greer Park by resurfacing its 8 tennis courts, adding windscreens, installing new lighting, and correcting drainage.

Unemployment rates for the City of Lawton can be found at https://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.ok_lawton_msa.htm

Unemployment Rate July 2020-June 2021



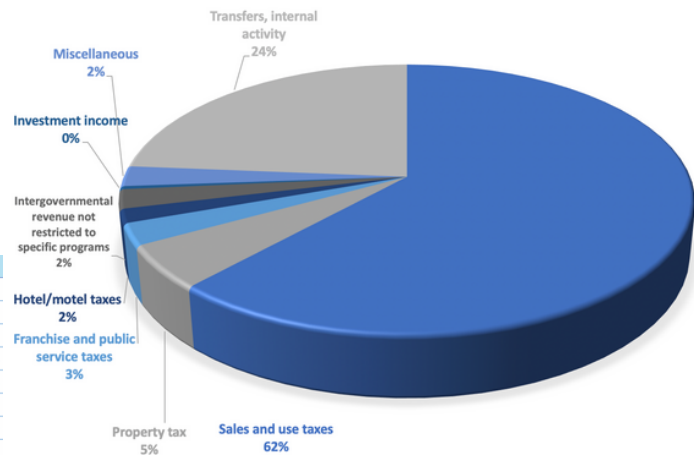
EXPENSES FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES



Expenses by Source	2021
General Government	\$ 21,274,012
Public Safety	\$ 44,622,431
Streets	\$ 8,840,165
Culture and Recreation	\$ 7,357,982
Community Development	\$ 1,496,051
Transportation	\$ 2,299,167
Interest on long-term debt	\$ 1,887,306
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	\$ 87,777,114

The City of Lawton's expenses for governmental activities were \$87.8 million and were funded with taxes and other general revenues totaling \$86.7 million in addition to program revenues of \$41.0 million.

TAXES AND OTHER GENERAL REVENUES



Revenues by Source	2021
Sales and use taxes	\$ 53,546,121
Property tax	\$ 4,494,279
Franchise and public service taxes	\$ 2,246,832
Hotel/motel taxes	\$ 1,434,294
Intergovernmental revenue not restricted to specific programs	\$ 1,985,366
Investment income	\$ 320,379
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,102,330
Transfers, internal activity	\$ 20,545,087
Total General Revenues and Transfers	\$ 86,674,688

Financial Highlights for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

The City's total net position increased by \$39.2 million or 13.33% from the prior year, while the negative portion of the unrestricted net position decreased by \$21.2 million or 47%.

In the City's business-type activities, such as utilities, program revenues exceed expenses by \$19.6 million.

The City of Lawton Water Authority issued new debt totaling \$8.5 million excluding judgements payable. The debt was issued to provide funding for capital improvements for streets, information technology, and water improvements



The new **Lawton Farmers Market** building is located at 77 SW 4th St. in the historic Ware district in Lawton, Oklahoma. The building of the facility began in 2020 and has recently been completed. The Lawton Farmers Market contributes to the community by supporting southwest Oklahoma farmers, educating about agriculture and nutrition, and bringing the community together through social gathering. This building now allows for the Lawton Farmers Market to be open year round.

For information on market hours and events, visit lawtonfarmersmarket.com

STATUS OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
33 in Design Phase
9 in Construction Phase
27 Completed
69 Active Projects

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR COMMUNITY



Bond for 99.5 Million
 School Improvements
 Eisenhower Middle School
 Elementary Safe Rooms



Road Improvements
 Rogers Lane Project
 Rehab 97th St to Lee Blvd
 Sw 7th Mckinley to Lee



33.7 Million Improvement
 Public Safety Building, Housing
 Police Station,
 Fire Station, Municipal Court,
 City Jail

Support the Lawton community by attending one of our festivals:



May

The Arts for All Festival is southwest Oklahoma's largest free juried arts festival. The festival features art, entertainment, and multicultural food.



July

The Lawton Fort Sill Freedom Festival in 2021 hosted the 77th Army Rock Band and had one of the largest firework displays in Oklahoma.



September

The Lawton International Festival was cancelled for 2020 and 2021, but is planned to resume in 2022. This festival promotes appreciation for Lawton's diverse heritage.



December

Lawton's Holiday in the Park is located in Elmer Thomas Park throughout the winter season. The celebration begins with a parade, and the park is filled with Christmas lights and events.

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