

MINUTES
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.
NEW CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

Mayor Fred L. Fitch
Presiding

Also Present:
Bryan Long, City Manager
Frank V. Jensen, City Attorney
Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk
Nathan Johnson, Municipal Court Judge

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law. Invocation was given by Charles Barnett, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Bob Morford, Ward One
 Jay Burk, Ward Four
 Dwight Tanner, Jr., Ward Five
 Richard Zarle, Ward Six
 Stanley Haywood, Ward Seven
 Doug Wells, Ward Eight

ABSENT: Keith Jackson, Ward Two
 Rosemary Bellino-Hall, Ward Three

COMMENTS – CURRENT ADMINISTRATION

Wells stated this is Mr. Zarle’s second tour on the council and he has been a great asset to the City of Lawton.

Zarle congratulated Ms. Phillips and wished her the best as the Ward Six councilmember. He thanked all those who supported him during his term.

Tanner thanked Councilmember Zarle for his service.

Burk thanked Councilmember Zarle for doing such a good job on council.

Morford thanked Councilmember Zarle for all of his help.

Mayor Fitch thanked Councilmember Zarle for serving his second tenure on the council. He has worked very diligent and hard and he has done a great job in leading this community. He welcomed Ms. Phillips and look forward to working with her the coming years.

DECLARE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION TO CEASE – MAYOR FRED L. FITCH.

ADMINISTRATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY OATHS OF OFFICE – MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE NATHAN JOHNSON.

Cherry Phillips, Ward Six, Stanley Haywood, Ward Seven and Doug Wells, Ward Eight received their Oaths of Office from Judge Johnson.

DECLARE NEW ADMINISTRATION TO BEGIN: MAYOR FRED L. FITCH.

ROLL CALL – NEW ADMINISTRATION:

PRESENT: Bob Morford, Ward One
 Jay Burk, Ward Four
 Dwight Tanner, Jr., Ward Five
 Cherry Phillips, Ward Six
 Stanley Haywood, Ward Seven
 Doug Wells, Ward Eight

ABSENT: Keith Jackson, Ward Two
 Rosemary Bellino-Hall, Ward Three

COMMENTS – NEW ADMINISTRATION

Wells welcomed Councilmember Phillips to the council and stated he is sure she will enjoy it as much as he does.

Haywood stated he is sure Councilmember Phillips will do a great job, but reminded her that she is one vote.

Phillips stated this has been a very long ten months. She thanked all of those that supported her. She stated it is very special to be elected and she intends to help her constituents, especially in ward six, and try to respond in a very responsible way.

Tanner welcomed Councilmember Phillips to the council.

Jensen stated he looks forward to seeing Councilmember Phillips in his office to give her an orientation.

Burk welcomed Councilmember Phillips to the council and he is sure she will do a great job. He also congratulated Councilmembers Wells and Haywood on their re-election.

Morford congratulated Councilmember Phillips and said that this will be one of the toughest years they will face with some tough decisions to be made.

Long requested department directors stand and stated that the council will not face these tough decisions alone and they will help in any way they can.

Mayor Fitch stated ten months is too long to wait to be seated and they need to look at changing that part of the charter. He stated there will be a lot of tough decisions to make that may not be that popular, but if it is the best for the overall city, that is where they need to be going. They need to constantly be working the improve this city and the relationships with the citizens and other entities that strive to make this community what it is. He thanked Councilmember Phillips for being courageous and taking this spot. He thanked all those in attendance for their support.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

FRED L. FITCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TRACI HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK