

MINUTES  
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.  
NEW CITY HALL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

Fred L. Fitch, Mayor  
Presiding

Also Present:  
Jerry Ihler, City Manager  
Frank V. Jensen, City Attorney  
Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law. Invocation was given by Pastor Nick Lovenburg, Freedom Christian Fellowship, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Bob Morford, Ward One  
Keith Jackson, Ward Two  
Rosemary Bellino-Hall, Ward Three  
Jay Burk, Ward Four  
Dwight Tanner, Jr., Ward Five  
Cherry Phillips, Ward Six  
V. Gay McGahee, Ward Seven  
Doug Wells, Ward Eight

ABSENT:

None

PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF COMANCHE COUNTY TO THOMAS ABRAM

Mayor Fitch presented a Certificate of Commendation from the Mayor's Office to Thomas Abram.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2016.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by Jackson to approve the minutes of Lawton City Council regular meeting of January 12, 2016. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Fitch stated items #7, #12 and #17 will be considered separately.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by McGahee to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items #7, #12 and #17. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

1. Consider the following damage claim recommended for approval: Christine and Robert Boykin the amount of \$3,000.00. Exhibits: Legal Opinion/Recommendation and **Resolution 16- 10.**
2. Consider the following damage claim recommended for denial: Wanda Sorrells in the amount of \$1,390.00. Exhibits: Legal Opinion/Recommendation.
3. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing and directing the City Attorney to assist Mitchell Stafford, through his Attorney Valeri Stiers Malone, in filing a friendly suit confessing judgment and settling for the reduced amount of Nine-Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$9,000.00) the personal injury damage claim filed on May 4, 2015. Exhibits: **Resolution 16- 11.**
4. Consider adopting a resolution approving the compromise settlement and making payment in the workers' compensation claim of Daryl Nobis. Exhibits: **Resolution 16- 12.**
5. Consider authorizing staff to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) to multiple alternative fuel industry developers to provide a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) facility capable of supporting future CNG needs of the city fleet as well as public vehicles and equipment. Exhibits: None.
6. Consider prioritizing and approving the submission of three applications for Transportation Alternatives Program grants. Exhibits: TAP Project Eligibility Categories, Map of Proposed Projects and Cost Estimates.
7. Consider approving a project proposed by Leadership Lawton class XXVI to restore the nonfunctioning fountain located on the south side of the City Hall building, originally constructed by Lawton High School Class of 1931. Exhibits: Photograph of fountain in its current condition.

Jim Russell, Assistant City Manager, stated each class of Leadership Lawton has a project and this years' class has chosen to do a restoration of the fountain on the south side of City Hall.

Steve Doughty, Leadership Lawton class representative, stated the class is considering the opportunity to revitalize and renovate the Lawton High School Class of 1930 fountain located on the south grounds of City Hall. He presented a power point presentation (on file in the City Clerk's Office). They are seeking to honor Dr. Charles Graybill, who served as the McMahan Foundation Board of Trustees Chairman for more than three decades. It was one of his wishes that this fountain be revitalized and restored. They will be repairing the water lines as well as electrical lines that go to the fountain. They will also include some cosmetic construction. They would like to restore this fountain as a gathering point and preserve the integrity of the original

fountain. They will also create additional landscaping and lighting opportunities on the south side of the complex.

Wells stated this is a wonderful project to take on.

Bellino-Hall questioned who will maintain the fountain.

Mr. Doughty stated through their fundraising efforts they would like to establish a trust through the Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority (LETA) to help maintain and preserve the fountain once the project is complete.

Burk stated LETA sets up special accounts for several projects and they are willing to set up a fund to pay someone to maintain it on a regular basis. He stated the lighting on the southside of the building will be substantial and will light up the original entry to the Lawton High School. He stated LETA has already voted to approve the project.

Bellino-Hall questioned if LETA can somehow formalize this so that there is no question that five, ten or twenty years from now it will still be maintained.

Burk stated with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration they have kept an account open and with LETA, who now has an executive director, they have been able to set up accounts for many projects so that people may donate. The money can only be used for those specific projects. He stated LETA supports this 100%.

Wells stated he would hope that future councils and management would make sure it is maintained as long as this beautiful building is in use.

Mayor Fitch suggested that any reserve funds raised by Leadership Lawton could go into this fund for maintenance on their projects. That would be a continuous reservoir of money for all the projects that have been done.

Burk questioned the estimated fundraising goal.

Mr. Doughty stated \$30,000 to \$40,000.

McGahee stated that Leadership Lawton is doing great things in the community. Every third Saturday they are feeding the hungry in Ward 7.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Wells to approve a project proposed by Leadership Lawton class XXVI to restore the nonfunctioning fountain located on the south side of the City Hall building, originally constructed by Lawton High School Class of 1931. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consider accepting a \$5,997.37 donation to the Library from the Friends of the Library to be designated for library-related activities, library materials, and computer lab chairs. Exhibits: None.

9. Consider approving a resolution authorizing and calling for an election in the City of Lawton, State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of setting the dates for the 2016 primary and general municipal elections for the designated City Council seats and authorizing the Mayor to issue an election proclamation. Exhibits: **Resolution 16- 13** and Election Proclamation.
10. Consider accepting a permanent easement and a temporary easement from Martina M. Chandler, a single person, for right of way needed for the Pat Henry Elementary School, Safe Routes to School Project# 2013-09, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the documents. Exhibits: Location map. Documents are on file in the City Clerk's office.
11. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation concerning critical findings, load postings and bridge closing recommendations and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Exhibits: Memorandum of Understanding between ODOT and the City of Lawton.
12. Consider awarding a construction contract to McKee Utility Contractors, Inc. for the Nine Mile Creek Sewer Line Phase 1 Project #2008-2. Exhibits: None.

Mayor Fitch stated there is a small change from what was published in the agenda book.

George Hennessee, Director of Engineering, stated this is a consideration to award a contract to McKee Construction for the nine mile creek. The bids consisted of having the base bid of between of five and six miles and we had two added alternate bids, one was to go an additional mile. The second added alternate was to run from Lee Boulevard to the lift station at the Country Mart. In each of those alternates they looked at two different pipe systems, one is a solid wall pipe and the other is a closed cell pipe. The closed cell pipe is definitely a lesser cost item but is what they are using in their sewer rehab projects. They feel it is a good product and want to continue to use it. McKee is the low bidder and they would like to award the base bid and alternate one and two to complete the project up to the Country Mart lift station.

Burk stated they have had more trouble with that lift station and he is glad we are finally getting something done out there.

Jackson stated they have been working on this for 25 years.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Wells to award a construction contract to McKee Utility Contractors, Inc. for the Nine Mile Creek Sewer Line Phase 1 Project #2008-2. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Consider authorizing the awarding for Landfill Maintenance Building - Project # 2008-06 located south of the existing landfill building to Cedar Ridge General Contracting and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract for these services. Exhibits: A copy of the agreement is on file in the City Clerk's office.

14. Consider authorizing the awarding for Fire Station #8 - Project # 2013-11 located on Bishop Rd between 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and 67<sup>th</sup> Street for construction to the lowest responsible bidder, The Ross Group Construction Corp., and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract for these services. Exhibits: A copy of the agreement is on file in the City Clerk's office.
15. Consider awarding contract (RFPCL16-012) Fire Service Cost Recovery & Billing to Fire Recovery USA of Roseville, CA. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Abstract of Proposals, Price Sheet, Copy of Proposed Contract RFPCL16-012.
16. Consider extending contract (CL15-022) Laboratory Services for Toxic Pollutants with Accurate Environmental Labs of Stillwater, OK. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Contract Extension Form, Price Sheet.
17. Consider extending contract (CL15-024) Mowing and Litter Contract with Teen Challenge (items 1 and 2) of Cache OK and Lawn Wizards (items 3, 4 and 5) of Lawton, OK. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Contract Extension Form, Price Sheet.

Phillips stated last year she called Neighborhood Services several times about complaints from constituents as well as what she saw and these mowers are not picking up the trash before they mow. She stated they are not contracted to pick up the grass after they mow.

Jack Hanna, Parks and Recreation Director, stated they have had to call the contractors back in several different areas to pick up the trash they mowed over and it happens pretty often. He stated if they do not meet our specified goals or accomplishments we call them back and they have two days to get the items picked up and mowed right. We have the opportunity to hold back 10% of the bid. If this item gets passed with these two contractors, they will have a conference with each individual contractor and let them know the specifications and our goals and we will hold their feet to the fire and go back out and police them like they did last summer. There is a clause in the contract that we can get out of the contract and go back out for bid.

Wells stated he thought the contract stated that they had to pick up the trash and they are not supposed to blow the grass into the street and leave it in the street.

Hanna stated they are also supposed to pick up the litter before they mow as well. He stated that does not happen all the time and they have to call

Wells stated staff needs to make sure they understand the contract and start doing this.

Hanna stated if the contracts get approved tonight they will have a conference with each contractor and let them know that we will hold their feet to the fire.

Burk stated he does not see anything in the contract that they have to keep grass out of the street. He can see where they have to pick up litter. We have had nothing but trouble and he is not going to approve a contract that does not say they have to keep the grass out of the road.

Hanna stated it does not necessarily say that but they can go back and write the specifications before they approve it.

Burk stated he would like for the contract to say that. He stated that has been one of the biggest issues.

Jensen questioned if there was anything else that needed to be changed or corrected with the specifications. If they are going to just make one change then they need to do a motion tonight to approve it with that change.

Burk stated it is the trash, grass and they mow so fast. They started coming in with brush hogs and when they mow and don't overlap we have stripes with high grass. It is not a quality job. He would rather they table this until they get all of these things put in the contract.

Hanna stated this is an extension of the previous contract from last year. He feels they would have to go out to bid for a new contract.

Wells questioned how long that would take.

Ihler stated it would take at least six weeks.

Tanner stated we don't have time for that.

Jensen stated if there are only a few things we can do the extension. We are not expanding or limiting the scope of this project, we are just trying to get them to do it right. There could be a motion to extend the contract under the same terms and conditions but with the additional terms that you will put in those specifications and bring back after a motion to table and then they could reapprove it without going through the process.

Jackson stated he believes Mr. Hanna has gotten the message from the council on what they expect and he trusts him to take care of it.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by Burk to extend contract (CL15-024) Mowing and Litter Contract with Teen Challenge (items 1 and 2) of Cache OK and Lawn Wizards (items 3, 4 and 5) of Lawton, OK to include the items discussed which include mowing so there are no stripes and mowing the minimum length for the width of the cut, picking up grass and trash.

Bellino-Hall questioned how many people normally bid on this.

Hanna stated he believes there were three or four.

McGahee stated if these items were not in the contract before, would it change the cost.

Hanna stated the trash pickup is in the current contract. It is just a matter of enforcing it.

Jackson stated they have an opportunity to reject the amendments that were just made.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

18. Consider approval of payroll for the period of February 1 - 14, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

19. Consider an ordinance pertaining to Camping and Boathouse Regulations, amending Section 19-1-111, Article 19-1, Chapter 19, Lawton City Code, 2015, by adding language to allow off-season camping at Lakes Ellsworth and Lawtonka, providing for severability and establishing an effective date. Exhibits: Ordinance 16-\_\_.

Hanna stated during the Lakes and Lands Commission meeting in November the idea was brought up to have off season camping at Lakes Lawtonka and Ellsworth. They were hoping to create some activity and revenue for the City.

Wells questioned if people have been asking for off-season camping.

Hanna stated yes.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by Jackson to adopt **Ordinance 16-05**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and establishing an effective date of 30 days from today. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tanner. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 16-05

An ordinance pertaining to camping and boathouse regulations, amending Section 19-1-111, Article 19-1, Chapter 19, Lawton City Code, 2015, by adding language to allow off season camping at Lakes Ellsworth and Lawtonka, providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

20. Consider adopting a Resolution amending Article 19-1, Chapter 19, Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Lawton City Code, 2015, by providing for the reduction of off-season camping rates at Lakes Ellsworth and Lawtonka. Exhibits: Resolution 16-\_\_ and Exhibit “A”.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by Burk to adopt **Resolution 16-45**. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tanner. MOTION CARRIED.

21. Consider an ordinance amending, Section 19-3-309, Article 19-3, Chapter 19, Lawton City Code, 2015, by adding language prohibiting jug line fishing at Lake Lawtonka between April 15 - October 15, providing for severability and establishing an effective date. Exhibits: Ordinance 16-\_\_.

Hanna stated at the Lakes and Land Commission meeting on November 11, 2015, at Lake Lawtonka they wanted to reduce the jug lining opportunity for fishermen because there is a lot of traffic with the recreational lake. There have been several complaints over the past few years so they would like to reduce the time frame when the jug lining can occur at Lake Lawtonka.

Jensen stated there is an extra word that has been deleted and the word “through” will not be deleted from the ordinance, it is supposed to stay in there.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by Burk to adopt **Ordinance 16-06**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and establishing an effective date. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 16-06

An ordinance amending Section 19-3-309, Article 19-3, Chapter 19, Lawton City Code, 2015, by adding language prohibiting the use of jug line fishing from April 15 through October 15 at Lake Lawtonka, providing for severability and establishing an effective date of thirty days from today.

22. Consider approving an emergency Ordinance amending Section 16-5-1-506, Division 16-5-1, Article 16-5, Chapter 16, Lawton City Code, 2015, by re-titling the section to “Panhandling; Soliciting on or near Public Streets and Highways”; amending the definition of panhandling; amending the prohibitions on panhandling by prohibiting panhandling, soliciting employment, business contributions and money directly from the occupant of any vehicle in certain circumstances; prohibiting panhandling at automated teller machines while money is being withdrawn; prohibiting panhandling that obstructs the passage of the person solicited and requires the person solicited to take evasive action to avoid physical contact; prohibiting conduct that is intimidating, threatening, coercive, obscene causing the person solicited to reasonably fear for his / her safety; deleting language prohibiting panhandling at any bus stop, after dark, in a group of two or more people, and where a person is standing in line; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency. Exhibits: Ordinance 16-\_\_.

Burk stated this is the second part to this issue and he feels the first part has helped. This will help us be able to let people know that all you have to do is call the police. Every city in Oklahoma is dealing with this problem and they cannot let this get out of control. This is the second step to a three part step where we will be able to make zones that will be controlled and make people feel safer.

Wells stated this also clarifies the language and takes out those things that have been overturned by federal courts in other places so that our ordinance is as legal as far as we can make it.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Wells to adopt **Ordinance 16-07**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and establishing an effective date.

Tanner stated what they did at the last meeting had nothing to do with panhandling. It had something to do with deleting certain language from an existing ordinance. All they did was delete all of 23-19-13 which basically says that charitable organizations can no longer buy a

permit, solicit from the center medians or along the roadway. He thinks there has been a misunderstanding because it was already against city ordinance for anyone else to do these types of activities. Except as provided in Section 23-19-13 of this article, no person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, a donation, employment of business from an occupant of any vehicle. That is already been in city ordinance for many years, so what they did at the last meeting, was just deleted the portion 23-19-13 which allowed charitable organizations, by permit, liability insurance, to solicit in the center medians.

Wells stated had they been sued they would have lost because we were restricting certain people from being able to do it while allowing others. You cannot do that by law.

Tanner stated what we have got is ordinances already on the books.

Wells stated that was not an ordinance that was enforceable. He requested the Mayor call for the vote.

Tanner stated what they are doing tonight is basically gutting an existing ordinance. They are adding some language which basically mirrors this 23-19-1909 saying you can't solicit from the roadway. He thinks they all agree they want to reduce the panhandling problem in Lawton, but his issue is the way we do that is through enforcing the ordinances we have. He stated it shall be unlawful to engage in an act of panhandling at any location within the City after dark. Tonight they are deleting that provision, so he is going to assume that you can panhandle 24 hours a day at this point.

Wells stated they pay the City Attorney a lot of money to make the council aware of when the ordinances don't comply with law and what he is taking out are those things that have been overturned by federal courts in other locations. They have to come out to be legal or we are going to be sued by the ACLU. He requested the Mayor call for the vote.

Tanner stated so now you can panhandle after dark, is this true?

Jensen stated yes, within these regulations.

Tanner stated another thing he has issues with is deleting the portion of panhandling in a group of two or more persons. Right now you can only panhandle by yourself, once they pass this amendment, not only can you panhandle, but you can panhandle in groups of two or more. He questioned if this is true.

Jensen stated yes, within these regulations.

Tanner stated we are deleting this because we are concerned that because of some court rulings our ordinance is illegal.

Jensen stated he recommended deleting several things based upon several cases in the latter part of 2015 and one of the bigger ones was from Grand Junction, Colorado, where provisions were struck down. He added other provisions to address, not just situations of after dark or standing in

line, but behavior by panhandlers that should be illegal, and has been upheld as being illegal, and that is what has been beefed up in this ordinance. Councilmember Tanner is simply pointing out what has been deleted.

Wells stated this not only deals with panhandlers, it deals with anybody doing these actions.

Tanner stated he is not against this ordinance but he dislikes deleting a portion that says you can't panhandle after dark and you can't do it in groups of two or more. These are the only provisions that he objects to in this ordinance.

Burk requested a call for the vote.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 16-07

An ordinance pertaining to offenses & crimes, amending Section 16-5-1-506, Division 16-5-1, Article 16-5, Chapter 16, Lawton City Code, 2015, by re-titling the section "panhandling; soliciting on or near public streets and highways"; modifying the definition of panhandling to include "knowingly approaching, accosting or stopping another person for the purpose of requesting ... money..."; prohibiting panhandling, soliciting employment, business contributions and money directly from the occupant of any vehicle in certain circumstances; prohibiting panhandling at an automated teller machine while money is being withdrawn; prohibiting panhandling that obstructs the passage of the person solicited or requires the person solicited to take evasive action to avoid physical contact with the person panhandling or with any other person; prohibiting a panhandler from engaging in conduct that is intimidating, threatening, coercive, obscene causing the person solicited to reasonably fear for his or her safety; deleting language prohibiting panhandling (1) at any bus stop, (2) after dark, (3) in a group of two or more people, or (4) where a person is standing in line waiting to be admitted to any public or private establishment or event; providing for severability and declaring an emergency.

McGahee stated in order to enforce this ordinance the community needs to get involved and call the police or go into the store and report it to the management. If someone feels threatened they need to call 911 or dispatch which is 581-3271. The citizens have got to get involved to make this ordinance work.

REPORTS: MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER

Bellino-Hall commended Councilmember Burk for all his work for the LETA banquet. It gave the community the exposure to the importance of enhancement and beautification.

Burk thanked the council for attending the banquet as well as the entire support of the Lawton community.

Tanner stated he attended the YMCA board meeting and they questioned the status of the swimming pool.

Hanna stated staff has met with the YMCA and they have toured the pool. He stated there are no leaks and they will start prepping and cleaning the pool. Next week they will install the pump. A contractor has given them a bid for the painting and sealing of the pool. The goal is to be open in May and he feels that they are on target.

Phillips suggested that LETA invite the County Commissioners to the banquet next year.

Burk stated he believes they were invited.

McGahee stated this weekend the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church fed about 350 people during their semi-annual community dinner. She stated on that same day Leadership Lawton fed the community at St. John's.

Wells stated there was talk about changing the starting location of the Armed Forces Day Parade and he feels they need to keep it at 11<sup>th</sup> and Gore where the scout has done all the work with the flag poles. He stated \$250,000 was approved in the 2015 CIP for youth programs and Councilmember Haywood had been working for youth employment. The idea was basically to hire youth for the summer and they figured about \$25,000 a year hiring 10-15 lower income students. He stated he and Councilmember Haywood discussed education requirements and the students would range from 16-18 years old and carry at least a C average in school. He stated they also need to talk with the housing division to see if there is any available grant money for youth programs. They have to have something for kids to do in the summer time.

Jackson stated it is time to start looking to get these 10 people. He stated the initial idea with this CIP money was to hire 10 additional part time people for 3 months during the summertime to help out in various areas at the City of Lawton, but mostly through the parks and recreation area.

Ihler stated a councilmember has requested a tour of the southeast water treatments plant and the wastewater treatment plant. He stated staff will contact those who are interested. He stated in the last two weeks the council has awarded over \$24 million worth of construction projects. There is a lot of work starting in the next month or so. He stated they hope to get the report from Mr. Daxson to the council in the next couple of weeks.

Ihler presented revenue and expenditure highlights for period ending January 31, 2016. (On file in the City Clerk's office).

Ihler introduced the new Finance Director, J.I. Johnson, who comes to us from Yukon.

Wells questioned if the City has any plans on working with the Chamber on developing a campaign against state question 777.

Mayor Fitch stated they are addressing that issue with our lobbyist. He is not sure if the chamber is doing anything locally.

Mayor Fitch stated several councilmembers requested a special meeting to discuss potential charter amendments. Council scheduled a meeting on March 9 at 1:30 p.m.

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 7:19 p.m. and reconvened in regular, open session at 8:36 p.m. Roll call reflected all members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

23. Pursuant to Section 307B.2, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss negotiations for a Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY 2016-2017 between the Police Union, IUPA Local 24, and the City of Lawton, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session. Exhibits: None.

Jensen read the title of item #23. No action was taken.

24. Pursuant to Section 307B.4, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss a pending action involving Lake Waurika and the issuance of permits by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, and take appropriate action in open session. Exhibits: None.

Jensen read the title of item #24. No action was taken.

25. Pursuant to Section 307B.1, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to review the employment of Traci L. Hushbeck as City Clerk, and in open session take other action as necessary. Exhibits: None.

Mayor Fitch read the title of item #25.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by McGahee to approve a 3% salary increase. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

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FRED L. FITCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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TRACI HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK