

MINUTES
LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2015 – 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 6:01 p.m. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law. Invocation was given by Eric Sharum, University Church of Christ, 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 (arrived @ 6:12 p.m.)
Dwight Tanner, Jr., Ward Five
Cherry Phillips, Ward Six
Stanley Haywood, Ward Seven (arrived @ 7:20 p.m.)
Doug Wells, Ward Eight

ABSENT: None

Councilmember Jackson presented Certificates of Appreciation to those who assisted in the First Annual Lawton-Fort Sill Freedom Festival on July 4, 2015. He presented certificates to Teen Challenge of Oklahoma, Limelight Productions, Parks and Recreation staff, Jody Maples, Lawton Police Department, Lawton Fire Department, Lawton Area Transit System, Tony Griffith and Arts and Humanities staff. He gave special recognition to Billie Whipp, Arts and Humanities Administrator, for her assistance and hard work.

PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING CITIZENS OF COMANCHE COUNTY TO
MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB OF THE WICHITA'S FOUNDING MEMBERS: MARK ELLIS,
CHAD EVERETT AND LARRY WOLCOTT

Mayor Fitch presented a Certificate of Commendation from the Mayor's Office to Mark Ellis, Chad Everett and Larry Wolcott.

RECEIVE THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDED
ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2014-2015 FROM THE LAWTON-FORT SILL CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

Updates were given by Jacob Brox, Chairman, and Debra Welch, President of the Lawton - Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce. Phil Kennedy, Chairman of the Lawton Economic Development Corporation and Barry Albrecht, President and CEO, briefed the council on economic development issues. (A copy of the End of the Year Report for FY 2014-2015 is on file in the City Clerk's office)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mike Dudley, 1006 B Avenue, stated more and more people are talking about panhandlers and scam artists on every corner. He stated there are people in this town that do need help and he is afraid that people will stop helping anyone. He knows we don't have enough police officer to cover this issue but he suggested we utilize the Sentinels to at least stop and question these people and move them out of the way.

Jackson questioned our legal standing with regards to panhandling.

Jensen stated they drafted and adopted a panhandling ordinance about three or four years ago and it has certain limitation on what they can do. They can't approach somebody and solicit, but they have a right to stand on the street corner as long as they are not a safety hazard.

Phillips questioned if they could do this on private property such as Walmart.

Jensen stated you cannot call a Walmart private property because it is private property open to the public. Someone from the store could go out and tell them they don't want them on their property if they are willing to say that they are trespassing and a police officer arrives, but otherwise they have a right as a member of the public.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS OF MAY 26 AND AUGUST 11, 2015.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by Jackson to approve the minutes of May 26 and August 11, 2015. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Fitch stated items #2 and #7 will be stricken from the agenda.

MOVED by Burk SECOND by Jackson to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items #2 and #7. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

1. Consider the following damage claim recommended for approval: Donnie and Joanna Lawson in the amount of \$570.95. Exhibits: Legal Opinion/Recommendation and **Resolution No. 15-71.**

2. Consider the following damage claim recommended for denial: Bruce and Un-Cha Davis in the amount of \$2,248.56. Exhibits: Legal Opinion/Recommendation. **THIS ITEM WAS STRICKEN**
3. Consider approving contract with Journey Productions for technical support services for the 2015 International Festival for September 21-29, 2015. Exhibits: Contract on file in City Clerk's office.
4. Consider approving the annual grant agreement with Comanche County allowing residents of the county who do not live in Lawton city limits to use the City of Lawton Library and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. Exhibits: County Agreement, Exhibit A "Payment Schedule".
5. Consider accepting a \$500.00 donation to the Library from the Friends of the Library to be designated for library-related activities. Exhibits: None.
6. Consider accepting an additional \$3,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Federal grant funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Exhibits: CNCS Notice of Grant Award.
7. Consider approving a professional services retainer agreement with Dr. Haney for the purpose of providing veterinarian services for the City of Lawton and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. Exhibits: A copy of the agreement is on file in the City Clerk's Office. **THIS ITEM WAS STRICKEN**
8. Consider approving a release agreement with Randall D. Dismuke of 4815 SE Churchill Way for the partial reimbursement of the installation expense of a backflow prevention valve in accordance with Council Policy 6-3, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the document. Exhibits: Application for Installation of GBV and Rebate. Agreement between City of Lawton and Randall D. Dismuke.
9. Consider accepting a permanent utility easement from Mitchell Scott Wyatt and Perri Ann Wyatt, husband and wife, Michael Todd Wyatt and Elizabeth R. Wyatt, husband and wife, Johnna Kay Parks and Wayne Parks, wife and husband and Shana Leigh Wyatt Horton, a single person, for right of way needed to maintain an extension of a drainage channel on the east edge of Wyatt Acres Part 12, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the document. Exhibits: Document is on file in the City Clerk's office.
10. Consider approving Amendment #1 to the Engineering Services Agreement with Olsson Associates to cover additional engineering services required for and incorporated into completion of the project plans due to unexpected site conditions for the NW 2nd St. Enhancement Project Phase 1 From NW Columbia to NE Ferris Avenue (#2014-3). Exhibits: Amendment #1 to Agreement.

11. Consider amending and extending contract (CL06-006) Plexar Custom Service Agreement with AT&T, formerly doing business as Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., by its General Partner, SWBT OKLAHOMA, LLC., (“SBC”), for an additional one year to a final expiration date of August 31, 2016. Exhibits: First Amendment.
12. Consider awarding contract Hydrofluorosilic Acid to Pencco, Inc. of San Felipe, TX. Exhibits: Department Recommendation, Abstract of Bids, Price Sheet.
13. Consider approving appointments to boards and commissions. Exhibits: None.

Historical Preservation Commission

Paige Michener
Existing or Proposed Historic District
102 Ft. Sill Blvd.
Lawton, Oklahoma 73507
10/11/17

Joey Hagler
Existing or Proposed Historic Dist
912 NW Bell Avenue
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501
09/10/17

Pension Trust Commission

Steve Livingston
15973 SW Lee Blvd.
Cache, Oklahoma 73527
10/24/21

14. Consider approval of payroll for the periods of August 3-16, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

15. Hold a public hearing and consider a resolution amending the 2030 Land Use Plan from Public Facility to Professional Office and an ordinance changing the zoning from P-F (Public Facilities District) to P-O (Professional Office District) zoning classification on property located at 401 West Gore Boulevard. Exhibits: Resolution No. 15-__, Ordinance No. 15-__ with Site Plan, Location Map, Application and CPC Minutes.

Richard Rogalski, Community Services Director, stated this request is for the East 40 feet of Lot 14 and all of Lots 15 and 16, Block 62, North Addition which are located at the northwest corner of NW 4th Street and West Gore Boulevard. The property was formerly used as the American Red Cross building. The applicants are Mark and LeAnn Cox. The proposed use is office. The zoning of the surrounding area is R-2 (Two-Family Dwelling District) to the north, R-4 (High Density Apartment District) to the west, Mixed Use Subdistrict of the Downtown Overlay District to the south and east. The land use of the surrounding area is single-family residential to the north, east, and west and Shepler Park and vacant office building (Wayne Gilley City Hall) to the south. The 2030 Land Use Plan designates these lots as Public Facility. This property was the site of the American Red Cross for many years. The current owners have been renovating the building for offices.

On July 16 and July 30, 2015, the City Planning Commission held public hearings. The public hearing was continued at the July 16th meeting at the request of the applicants' attorney, Hyman Copeland. Prior to the July 30th meeting, Mr. Copeland submitted a letter amending the request.

The original application was for C-1 (Local Commercial District) zoning classification, and the letter stated the applicants wanted to amend the request to P-O (Professional Office District) zoning classification. During the public hearings, one person spoke in favor of the request. The CPC, by a vote of 9 – 0, recommended approval of P-O subject to conditions. The revised site plan which was submitted on August 18, 2015, addressed the conditions of the CPC and also added a 12-foot wide one-way drive on the west side of the building to allow vehicles to access the parking lot in the rear of the building from Gore Boulevard. All vehicles will exit onto NW 4th Street. Staff has reviewed the revised site plan and finds that it meets the City Code regulations with the exception that the westerly return of the one-way drives on Gore Boulevard should have a radius of five feet in accordance with Figure 8 of Chapter 18, Lawton City Code.

Phillips questioned if the Professional Office District was the only zoning that requires a fence and trees as barriers.

Rogalski stated yes. There are some other zones that have different landscaping requirements in the zone itself, but the Professional Office District would require a 6-8 foot screening fence. All the districts require landscaping, but the PO district currently in code, requires a tree buffer. They are really not changing the nature of the use of the building so they might argue that an additional buffer is not required. Staff will be bringing some revisions to the code that actually makes the requirements more uniform across the code.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED. No one appeared to speak and the public hearing was closed.

MOVED by Tanner SECOND by Morford to adopt **Resolution No. 15-72**. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Tanner SECOND by Burk to adopt **Ordinance 15-19**, with the notation that the one way drive shall have a 5-foot radius on the westerly returns, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 15-19.

An ordinance changing the zoning classification from the existing classification of P-F (Public Facilities District) to P-O (Professional Office District) zoning classification on the tract of land which is hereinafter more particularly described in Section One (1) hereof; approving the site plan attached as Exhibit A; and authorizing changes to be made upon the official zoning map in accordance with this ordinance.

16. Consider approving an ordinance levying and assessing a continuation of the hotel occupancy tax at the modestly increased rate of five and one-half percent (5.5%) from the existing rate of five percent (5%) on the rents received from the occupancy of hotel/motel

rooms for an additional five (5) year period commencing on May 1, 2016 and ending on April 30, 2021, for the purposes of encouraging, promoting and fostering conventions, tourism, industrial development and economic development in the City of Lawton; providing for an effective date; providing for codification; and providing that a copy of this ordinance be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Lawton, Oklahoma. Exhibits: Ordinance 2015-__.

MOVED by Jackson SECOND by Wells to adopt **Ordinance 15-20**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only.

Phillips stated she is in favor of the hotel/motel tax and it is very beneficial to the city and those that visit. She has heard for many years that people that come to Lawton do not want to live here because the city is unattractive. We have seven entrances to town and we should do what we can to beautify the city. Over many years we have spent our money on essentials such as 2nd Street and 82nd Street developments, Cameron University, Goodyear, Serco, Republic, and of course Fort Sill. City staff has kept on top of water, safety, street repairs and we have a strong arts presence. We also have an NFL Hall of Famer from Lawton and Olympic athletes living here. How can we encourage our children and grandchildren to stay in Lawton if they can't talk about how great and beautiful Lawton is. How can we encourage businesses and conventions to come here if we can't show off a beautiful city. We have the opportunity now with the hotel/motel tax to take care of some of these issues. She would like someone to take on planning for our city to be beautiful and to emulate what Cameron University has done. We are fighting an uphill battle when it comes to economics. She would like to propose that they raise this tax to 6% and would like to have more discussion about this issue. She has talked with staff and others and she understands Oklahoma City is at 8% and she understands that the 5% and 6% are pretty medium.

Mayor Fitch stated there is a motion to approve this at 5 ½% and this has been studied and worked by many a committee for several months deciding which direction to go with this. Looking at the various rates across the state and talking with the hoteliers, 5 ½% was an increase that could be tolerated and they did not want to go much above that figure. There has been tremendous involvement in this and he thought everyone had been aware of this and this has been going on since January. If they talk about going back to review this whole thing, we will miss the deadline for the election date. The hoteliers do not want more than 5 ½%.

Tanner questioned how we would miss the election date if we were to raise this.

Mayor Fitch stated they could not vote on this tonight and a lot of things would have to be taken into consideration and they would have to look at all the budgets of the hotel/motel tax and how it is being assessed within the community currently. He stated the Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority (LETA) works diligently in this area for beautification and LETA does receive hotel/motel tax funding and they also receive city funding.

Morford questioned what would be done differently than what LETA is doing.

Burk stated LETA receives 5% of the hotel/motel money and they also get some extra funding from municipal court fines. He agreed that they need more money for beautification but they

have come a long way in a short amount of time and they work diligently to make Lawton a prettier place to be. A few years ago they had no dollars for beautification and he came on council and worked with the chamber to make that happen. At this point he cannot agree to go to 6%.

Tanner stated they would not have to reinvent the wheel if they went up ½% and it would probably need to go to LETA since they are already established.

Mayor Fitch stated there are a lot of things involved with this rather than sitting here and going ½% tonight. You are talking about bringing a lot of people together and they have been involved in this process for six months and to change the whole game plan right now would not be beneficial to the city at this time. The hotel people were willing to go from 5% to 5 ½% and they are putting money into LETA who has a lot of projects in the community and the money they are getting now is being used to maintain the projects they have done.

Bellino-Hall stated that maybe there is a compromise here and that instead of getting 5% next year, maybe LETA could receive 7% or 10%.

Jackson stated legally they can change the percentage if they want to, but ethically he will not include that in his motion. There have been many people who have worked on this diligently and the people who it will affect the most have all come to a compromise. There was a lot of numbers thrown back and forth in the process and these numbers have been willingly and unwillingly compromised and his motion will stay at 5 ½%.

Wells stated out of that ½%, LETA will receive a little bit more. They need to be careful with what they are doing because there are a lot of needs in the city besides beautification. He has supported Dr. Bellino and Jay since they came up with this and they receive over \$100,000 a year for beautification.

Phillips stated she is looking for a long range plan for the city because it will take a long time to beautify it.

Wells stated they also need a long range plan for roads and water.

Jackson stated Councilmember Phillips can form her own committee anytime to discuss this issue. He agrees with the beautification efforts, but we just can't do it now with this issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: AYE: Morford, Jackson, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Wells. NAY: Bellino-Hall. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 15-20

An ordinance levying and assessing a tax of five and one-half percent (5.5%) for a period of five (5) years on rents received from the occupancy of hotel rooms; providing for a time limit on said tax and extension by vote; providing exemptions from the tax; placing responsibility of collecting the tax upon the operator; requiring records to be kept and for the filing of returns;

providing for the payment of tax; providing circumstances when taxes are delinquent and for interest on delinquent taxes; providing for assessment and determination of the tax; providing for refunds and remedies; providing for general powers of the finance director; providing the purposes for use of the funds; authorizing the city council to make administrative and technical changes and additions except to the tax rate and term of the tax; making the tax cumulative; defining terms; providing penalties for fraudulent returns; making records confidential; providing other provisions relating to assessment, collection and enforcement of the tax; requiring approval of the ordinance by a majority of registered voters voting at an election held for such purpose as provided by law; providing for an effective date of May 1, 2016; providing for codification; and providing that a copy of this ordinance be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the city of Lawton, Oklahoma.

17. Consider approving a resolution authorizing and calling for an election in the City of Lawton, State of Oklahoma, to be held on the 10th day of November, 2015, regarding the approval or rejection of Ordinance No. 15-___, levying and assessing a continuation of a hotel occupancy tax at the modestly increased rate of five and one-half percent (5.5%) from the existing rate of five percent (5%) on the rents received from the occupancy of hotel/motel rooms within the City of Lawton for an additional five (5) year period commencing on May 1, 2016 and ending on April 30, 2021, for the purposes of encouraging, promoting and fostering conventions, tourism, industrial development and economic development in the City of Lawton; directing that a copy of said resolution be forwarded to the secretary of the Comanche County Election Board as required by state law; directing that said resolution be published in full in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Lawton, Oklahoma; and authorizing the Mayor to issue an election proclamation. Exhibits: Resolution No. 2015-__ and the Election Proclamation.

Bellino-Hall clarified that this was just to bring the issue to an election.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by Jackson to adopt **Resolution No. 15-73**. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

18. Consider an ordinance amending Section 4 of Ordinance No. 98-26 which relates to taxation on annexed tracts of land on Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to conform with recently enacted state law permitting the imposition of sales, use and occupancy taxes on activities engaged in by the private sector on the installation, providing for noncodification, severability, and establishing an effective date. Exhibits: Ordinance 2015-__ and House Bill 3143.

Mayor Fitch stated this is in reference to House Bill 3143 which was passed last November.

MOVED by Jackson SECOND by Morford to adopt **Ordinance 15-21**, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only and establishing an effective date. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title read by City Attorney)

Ordinance 15-21

An ordinance amending Section 4 of Ordinance No. 98-26 which relates to taxation on annexed tracts of land on Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to conform with recently enacted state law permitting the imposition of sales, use and occupancy taxes on activities engaged in by the private sector on the installation, providing for noncodification, severability, and establishing an effective date of thirty days from today.

(Haywood arrived at the meeting)

FINANCE REPORT

Brooks Mitchell, Finance Director, stated the Corporation Commission, earlier this spring, approved a new tariff that would apply to this. PSO brought this to our attention and with all the rain it would lessen the charges that we have for pumping. Citizens can expect a slight reduction in their utility bills for the pumping charge.

Mitchell stated he was asked to work on leak detection software. He distributed a matrix with all the various scenarios and directions we could go. We are looking at AquaHawk at this point and a couple of customer portals. They still have some unanswered questions and are exploring some other options. The set up fee for the AquaHawk would be \$12,500 and that would be a one time charge. The annual hosting fee would be \$34,200. There would be some equipment that would need to be replaced because what we have now is outdated.

Tanner stated these are upgrades we will have to do whether we acquire AquaHawk or not.

Mitchell stated that is correct.

Burk questioned if we had budgeted for this expense.

Mitchell stated it is not in the budget this year, but he wanted to bring this to the attention of the council because the overall project is more than just the cost of the getting AquaHawk up and running. We don't have to do the server upgrades at the same time but we would probably have to do them within a year.

Burk stated next year we could budget the \$198,000 for the server upgrades but go ahead and implement the software.

Mitchell stated they still need to review some reports that AquaHawk produces to make sure we have the right information on those reports. He stated Analytics is the latest and greatest and they are wondering when it will be available and they are also wondering how much longer the Logics is going to last before it gets phased out. They have a few more questions to get answered but hopefully they will be able to come back to council soon with a recommendation.

Burk stated he would also like to see a funding source.

Jackson stated he feels this would be very important for our citizens to be able to be notified when you have a leak. He does not agree with giving away taxpayer money, but he does agree with letting the taxpayer know of a leak as quickly as possible.

Burk stated he would also like to know what other communities use the AquaHawk service.

Mitchell stated they use it in Muskogee. He will get a complete list.

Mayor Fitch stated you also have to consider this will also involve man hours.

Phillips questioned if they have seen AquaHawk in motion in Muskogee.

Mitchell stated he has not, but staff has had at least two phone calls with the staff from Muskogee. He has seen a demonstration from AquaHawk.

Burk stated there are a lot of people who do cloud based where you don't have to upgrade the server. He questioned if we had considered that option.

Ihler stated he has met with representatives from Opterra and they are looking at different options as it relates to improvements and icloud savings as it relates to IT. They are putting together a proposal for us.

Mitchell stated the city will pay for this but it will be important for the citizens to sign up for this so they can access the information and get the reports they need.

Burk stated the National League of Cities sponsors a program that is cloud based and a citizen can go to their phone and it will automatically download their location and send information to the city about potholes, if something has fallen out of a vehicle, etc. The City can get those reports daily and be able to respond quickly to these issues.

Mitchell presented revenue and expenditure highlights for period ending July 31, 2015. (On file in the City Clerk's office).

Burk requested a list of what equipment will be purchased in this first quarter.

REPORTS: MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER

COL Waters stated Thursday morning at 10 a.m. they will hold the ribbon cutting ceremony for Freedom Elementary School. He stated on Saturday, September 19th they will have the Co-op Buffalo Burger cookout at 11:00 a.m.

Phillips reminded the council that the Lawton Philharmonic will have a concert Saturday night. They will be honoring the Jr. ROTC cadets from the three high schools and Cameron University.

Tanner thanked the United in Christ Discipleship International Church who hosted a back to school health expo. He stated Councilman Phillips had an idea to place trash cans along corners in the city. He stated he supported this idea so that people would be more likely to pick up trash.

Phillips stated she was concerned there were no trash cans at the bus stops.

Jackson stated there have been comments reported to the public that at any one time we may have only four, five, six or seven police officers patrolling our streets. He requested Chief Smith explain what is happening.

Chief James Smith, Lawton Police Department, stated there was a Sunday a week ago they had five officers call in sick but the Watch Commander remedied the situation and we had eleven officers on the street within an hour. Normally they try to have twelve officers on the street at every shift. In the peak hours they also have motor officers out and if there is a catastrophic incident they still have detectives that will come out. They do have extra resources that they can use.

Tanner stated there are twelve patrol officers on the street. That does not include the special ops or detectives that can be used.

Chief Smith stated they have special ops, gang officers and motor officers that do respond and assist patrol at any given time.

Burk questioned on a normal day, how many officers we actually have on duty between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Chief Smith stated normally they have twelve patrol officers, three supervisors, seventeen detectives, seven motor officers and the gang officers and special ops come in at different times.

Burk stated the perception is we have four or five people that can respond to calls throughout the day. That is a misconception.

Chief Smith stated that would be unsafe for the officers. In that one incident they did have five officers that called in sick, but they did quickly rectify the situation. A lot of times the three supervisors get out and answer calls as well.

Jackson stated that was highly misleading.

Ihler announced that Bart Hadley has filled the position of Assistant City Manager for Operations.

Wells stated we have an exceptional police force and they do an outstanding job for the city of Lawton. We have a lot less people volunteering for that type of career field. People need to thank the officers for taking care of our citizens. We are doing multiple academies so we can get more people on the street. Don't let the national media influence you to a career choice that can be very rewarding.

Ihler stated he was asked to address the 11th Street water line project. There is still about four weeks worth of work as it relates to the railroad tracks north to Gore Boulevard on the waterline portion of the project. With the section from Gore to Ferris, they are working on the east side putting in the concrete sections and after they complete the concrete work they will be coming in with the asphalt milling of the Gore intersection about mid October. They are looking at the middle of November for completion of that part.

Jackson stated he brought this forward to the City Manager. The traffic pattern from Lee Boulevard to Gore is horrible and there has been a few extra accidents in the intersections down that street because it is bumper to bumper traffic during particular times.

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened in regular, open session at 8:53 p.m. Roll call reflected all members present excluding Haywood.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

19. Pursuant to Section 307B.2, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss negotiations for a Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY 2015-2016 between the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 1882, and the City of Lawton, and, if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.
Exhibits: None.

Jensen read the title of item #19. No action was taken.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

FRED L. FITCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TRACI HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK