

MINUTES
LAWTON ENHANCEMENT TRUST AUTHORITY
3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM CITY HALL
212 SW 9th STREET
DECEMBER 11, 2019

Mary Ann Hankins, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. Notice of meeting and agenda was posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Burk Jay (entered after roll call); Coody, Joshua (entered after roll call); Ezerski, Barry; Hampton, Allen; Hankins, Mary Ann; Morford, Robert (entered after roll call); Sweeney, Kerry; Symuleski, Ted; Tennis, Michael.

ABSENT: McConnell, Lou; Smith, Addie.

OTHER PRESENT: Richard Rogalski and Charlotte Brown, Planning; Jack Hanna, Parks and Recreation; Will Hines, Neighborhood Services; Kristin Huntley and Susan Schlecht, Finance Department; Denise Ezell City Clerk's Office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Reports

Hankins stated we are going to move item B of new business to the top of the agenda.

B. Receive a Grant Request from Friends of the Library and take action if necessary.

Herr stated I was here a couple of months ago talking about the Story Walk. You should have received a letter that I wrote in your packet. I have also brought a copy of the newsletter from the library because we have so many things happening. I thought you might enjoy it. I would like for you to drive by the library and see the Street Department. They are making a good mess out of our parking lot. There is an area in front of the library that was pretty rough. It was reported as a tripping hazard. That has been fixed. Then there was conversation about our handicap spots. Currently we do not have a parking spot for handicap van parking. They are redoing the alley so you can park in the parking lot and they have closed off one (1) of the exits. Now you can park there and not have to cross traffic. We will now have our fourth handicap parking spot in front of the library. It is a daily occurrence for a handicap van to come to the library. Story Walk is set and ready to go. We have ordered the post and they will be shipped on January 6th. We have identified the location and have decided on Elmer Thomas Park. At every post there will be a page of a story and we will change those stories multiple times a year. We got a \$4,000 grant from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and I'm coming to LETA to get your sponsorship and request funds.

Hankins asked how much are you asking for.

Herr stated \$1,500.

Rogalski stated this is for the expenses not covered by the grant and she will put the LETA logo on the story pages or the post.

Herr stated that is correct. Oklahoma Department of Libraries wants as many co-sponsors and LETA would be a great partner for this. We would love to have your blessings and support.

Motion by Ezerski, Second by Tennis, to approve granting the Friends of The Library \$1500 for Story Walk. **Aye:** Coody; Ezerski; Hampton; Hankins; Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Herr stated thank you.

Rogalski stated that is your first grant for this fiscal year and you have budgeted \$20,000.

Hankins stated I think this is a good deal. I'm proud of that.

A. Receive report from Dennis Totte and take action if necessary.

Totte stated I was asked to bring a couple of proposals for 2nd Street. The sprinkler system is broken under the concrete just north of Dearborn. There is a section of pavers that will have to be removed and we don't know how deep we will have to dig. It could be three (3) to six (6) feet. I tried to put a proposal together that was fair. We will have to search for the leak. This will probably be a three (3) day project. There is a whole section of pots that are inoperable.

Hampton asked how many pots is that.

Jason stated twelve (12) on the westside of 2nd Street and north of Dearborn.

Totte stated that is the reason we had some bad luck with the pots.

Symuleski asked do you have an idea of where to look.

Totte stated yes. It is seeping and surfacing all over the ground. We just don't know how deep and what kind of mess we are getting into. We will take out a whole section of bricks and have to relay them. I don't think we will have to cut the concrete but if we do that is not included in the estimate.

Morford asked are those bricks or concrete.

Totte stated this is a section of the brick insert.

Rogalski asked are you talking about the bricks in the walkway or the roadway.

Totte stated the walkway. We won't be in the road.

Tennis stated this sounds like a street thing and not a LETA thing to me.

Rogalski stated this is the irrigation. LETA has taken over the maintenance of 2nd Street for the beautification and you were given \$88,090.69 to do that. You have a special account for this type of work. Because it is an irrigation line you are responsible for fixing it.

Totte stated this is the irrigation that runs to the pots. It was put in by a company out of Oklahoma City by the name of Grooms. There are a couple of other spots that are seeping. They work now so I wouldn't mess with them. This area is not allowing the pots to function. We have been hand watering but won't be able to do that come summer.

Tenis stated so there is a good chance we will have to hire a contract to do the street work.

Totte stated no, this includes taking up the pavers and putting them back and making the repair. I can get to the irrigation by removing the pavers. If we have to cut additional concrete that is not included. This is off the roadway on the sidewalk.

Rogalski stated this would come from the custodial account you have for 2nd Street maintenance.

Hankins asked and we agreed to do that right.

Rogalski stated yes. That is why they transferred to money to your account.

Motion by Morford, Second by Sweeney, to approve the estimate of \$4,900 for the repairs to 2nd Street and this amount does not include any concrete work that might have to be done. **Aye:** Ezerski; Hampton; Hankins; Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Coody. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Hampton stated you said there are other areas that are seeping.

Totte stated there are a couple that seem to be seeping from the base. They are all pressuring up and working right now.

Jason stated off of Ferris on the west side of 2nd Street.

Hampton stated so this isn't in the same area.

Jason stated no, this is a different area.

Hampton stated so there is a possibility we may have two (2) other areas that need repairing.

Totte stated maybe or maybe not. It could be a fitting or something like that. This is an obvious break because it is not allowing the pots to pressure up.

Rogalski stated the reason for pots instead of trees is because of the storm drain line underneath there. It is possible you have an irrigation line that is broke and has gone into the storm drain. You won't see that on the surface.

Hampton asked do you think those two (2) will need repaired within the next year.

Totte stated it is possible. It's just hard to say. Since they pressure up good that tells me it is a small leak. It does come to the surface because the bricks are wet after watering. These are a drip irrigation and they run really slow. In the summer they will run for three (3) to four (4) hours at a time. That is the equivalent of you saturating a pot. After running that long you can kind of see where water has collected.

Hankins stated let's hope this will take care of it. I know anything can happen.

Totte stated this is a proposal for the intersection of 11th and Cache Road. I noticed this on the contract we just bid. They are going to include the grass median from 11th and Cache Road. There is a planter there that the City has always taken care of and is now included in the new contract. From the intersection going east to where the crape myrtles are planted no one has taken care of those in the past. I have put together a first-time cleanup. There are about fifteen (15) crape myrtles going east, three (3) Bradford on the corner and another dozen or so big shade trees. Most of those are Bradford's and Chinese Pastiche going west. This is to prune, cleanup the bed, mow, weed eat and edge. This will take a crew of guys a day and a half. I proposed putting a dozen flats of flower in the raised bed on the westside. The eastside of the intersection has been included in the contract also. That always gets planted with tulips. This is a one-time cleanup and the upkeep is included in the contract. It will be mowed weekly now.

Burk asked is this the one we talked about.

Totte stated this is everything from 11th and Cache going east and everything from 11th and Cache going west. It goes all the way down headed west bound to the first complete grass median.

Symuleski stated so it ends at 12th Street.

Totte stated there about. There is a planter on the westside that is empty right now. It has been planted on occasion but there is nothing there right now. I figured you would want color in it like the others.

Burk stated so this proposal is \$2,539.88 and the rest is going under the new contract.

Hanna stated yes.

Burk asked what do you guys think. It has to be cleaned up because it is a mess. Everything looks good until we get there and then it is a bad deal.

Motion by Ezerski, **Second** by Morford, to approve cleaning and pruning the trees on Cache Road from 11th to 12th Street and to plant color in the planter in the amount of \$2,539.88. **Aye:** Hampton; Hankins; Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Coody; Ezerski; Burk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Totte asked do you want to do anything with the sprinklers on Cache Road.

Burk stated I need to get with Jack on some of that. Did you give them all to Jack?

Totte stated yes. Thank you.

Hanna stated I don't have them.

Brown stated Denise has them.

Burk asked would you get those to me and Jack so we can go through those. We will probably need another meeting with you.

B. Receive a report from Children United and take action if necessary.

Ezerski stated the first units for the playground came in. Jack and his crew got it situated in the armory. We are ready and waiting on the rest of the equipment. We appreciate Jack and his staff getting everything situated. We will have another warehouse sell at 15th and Lawton. The weekend before Christmas we have collected a number of toys and cloths and we will be taking donations from families that can't afford those items. They can take them if they need them. Everything is a go for the dance. Ray is working with the teams and getting everybody ready for April.

Burk stated it is exciting. He has been on top of making sure we know the schedule and start time. I'm prepared, I think.

C. Consider approving invoices, requisitions, and all other submitted materials for payment.

Schlecht stated the expenses for the month of November 13th through December 11 is the flowerbed maintenance for \$650, bulb replanting for \$7,400 and the 8" red poinsettias for \$239.91. You have already approved the bulb replanting. Today we are approving the \$650 and the \$239.91.

Motion by Sweeney, **Second** by Tennis, to approve all invoices, requisitions, and all other submitted materials for payment. **Aye:** Hankins; Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Coody; Ezerski; Hampton. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

D. Receive Treasurer Report and take action if necessary.

Schlecht stated total in the bank is \$324,200.21. LETA's balance is \$157,641.38 and the custodial accounts have \$166,558.83. We did have a good increase on the LETA activity page.

We have a significant increase in the municipal fine income and our expenses are low for the month of November. Six hundred fifty is the maintenance on the flowerbeds and \$1,650 was the annual color change. Total expenses were \$2,257.04.

Rogalski asked is that \$88,000 in municipal fines in one month.

Schlecht stated yes.

Rogalski asked that is more than we budgeted for.

Schlecht stated yes, it is.

Huntley stated that includes LETA's portion from the court and then there was an error on the spreadsheet.

Burk stated that is the \$50,000.

Huntley stated that is the \$55,000 plus \$12,000 that should have gone to LETA and never did.

Burk stated okay, so basically \$20,000 is municipal fines.

Schlecht stated and the rest is catching up. Everything is correct now to the best of our knowledge.

Burk stated thanks for all the hard work in getting the money transferred. I know that was not easy to figure out what was suppose to go where. So, the \$50,000 has been paid. That is the money the Judge had set aside for himself and now has given to LETA. The other \$12,000 is what was found that was suppose to be given to LETA and never was. On the new municipal fines for what months was that accumulated.

Huntley stated I don't.

Burk stated that's okay. I try to keep up with the months and if I don't write it down, I forget. They are the worse about keeping up with it. Go back to the last sheet. The total sidewalk projects, is that \$18,000 for the eastside bricks.

Rogalski stated yes.

Burk stated we need to start ordering those bricks.

Rogalski stated I didn't realize we had that much money.

Burk stated I didn't either. We have to get that money expended. People bought those bricks. That is a lot of money and should do quite a few sections. We need to get that done.

Symuleski asked where will those bricks go.

Burk stated around the veteran's center. There are blank bricks in the sidewalk and we will take those out and put the purchased bricks in.

Symuleski asked for the sidewalk that runs around Flower Mound.

Burk stated Flower Mound and Gore. It is mainly along Gore. There aren't any brick pavers on Flower Mound at this time. I'm concerned that we haven't done that yet. Thirty thousand for the skatepark is pretty good. That is not bad for something that we just started. So, the LETA account is basically \$100,000 correct.

Schlecht stated almost \$160.

Burk stated okay. Children United owes us \$46 and Holiday in the Park owes us \$11,250. Has that been billed Mike?

Hanna stated it should be. Earl has been on vacation. I have talked to him and he should be reimbursing you soon.

Burk stated okay, I want to make certain we have billed them. We don't want to leave that hanging. Go ahead.

Schlecht stated on the LETA activity page we have expenses for the ADA playground for \$2,022, Elmer Thomas Park Pavilion \$6,947 and 2nd Street repairs of \$549.75 for a total of other net income of \$6,397.25 and total net income of \$92,695.96. The biggest change you see on the income and expense tracker is the Lawton Beautification fund for the municipal fines. It took us over our budgeted amount by 164.3%. Our total revenue is up 63.1%. Year to date expenses are \$10,702.53 and we have some projects still pending in the amount of \$53,560. The year to date expenses are about 6.7% of our budgeted amount.

Burk asked have we collected nothing for this fiscal year from hotel/motel.

Rogalski stated 10%.

Burk stated 10%. We are six (6) months into this fiscal year.

Huntley stated we make a claim once a quarter. We can do it more often if you like. This is how we have done it in the past. We made a claim in the first quarter for \$6,000 and we will make a claim at the end of the month.

Schlecht stated basically the money is being collected.

Huntley stated we didn't have a lot of expenses the first quarter and that is why it was so low.

Burk stated okay. The landfill gate fees, that 10% hasn't been anything collected since the beginning of the calendar year.

Huntley stated it has been collected it just hasn't....

Burk stated I mean it hasn't been collected to me.

Huntley stated right.

Burk stated we haven't seen any of that cash.

Huntley stated you will have to talk to my boss.

Burk stated you know I will. I would like to receive that monthly as you get it. I know we are a couple of months out and I know the expenditures have to be there to get reimbursed, that is something else we are going to work on. I would like to be at least no more than a month behind. To be six (6) months behind and get ten (10) percent when we should be at least thirty (30) to fifty (50) percent. I think that number should be somewhere around \$25,000. That number should grow because that was estimated at a lower amount than what we think hotel/motel is going to be. I don't want us to get like we were in years past where they owed us \$35,000 and we had to wait another thirty (30) days to get our money. That makes us low in our accounts because we have projects on-going.

Schlecht asked so you would like it to be claimed more often.

Burk stated if we could.

Schlecht asked if there are enough expenses do it on a monthly basis.

Burk stated yes. There will be expenses because we always spend money. We are working on the landfill gate fees so I'll have to get on that. Okay.

Schlecht stated projects pending is pretty much the same as the previous month. The annual color change is dropping off.

Burk asked will the tulips and the color change be in the contract with the City.

Hanna stated yes.

Burk stated do you see how much money we will have to do other projects. We are going to eliminate some of these maintenance things. That has been our goal as a committee is to eliminate the everyday maintenance.

Symuleski asked so when you put them on the contract it will come from the City budget.

Burk stated the City will pay for it through their landscape funds.

Symuleski stated so the City will have to work it into their budget from this point forward.

Burk stated yes. They have a contract and we have added some locations to that contract. I have been told that we are going to make it happen.

Morford asked when are you going to light the dome. Two months ago, you said you were going to make it happen.

Burk stated I thought you were going to ask about the flag.

Morford stated I don't like it either. That is the poorest lit flag.

Burk stated I wonder if we could mount something on the pole that the light would be higher up and hit it right. I think we need to get a design of what kind of lighting we need. Did we ever get a roof on this building?

Hanna stated it is suppose to happen sometime this month.

Burk stated I have heard that for six (6) months.

Hanna stated they are behind on a couple of projects.

Burk stated we have mold and ceiling tiles falling everywhere. We have water coming from the light fixtures. I saw in the entry way water dripping from a light fixture.

Coody stated I will not be here much longer so will you please let me know when the bricks are laid and the lighting on C is done. I would like to come back and view those.

Burk stated absolutely. There are things that we need to finish. There are so many things that we have been doing for years and it should have never gotten here. We decided a long time ago that we didn't want to be the maintenance people. We want to be the new project people. That doesn't mean that we can throw a \$1,000,000 in projects at the City every year and expect them to figure out how to find the funds to maintain them. At the same time, it doesn't mean that we can't help take care of the maintenance until the City can get prepared to take it. That is what city's do. They maintain their stuff. It is not usually a Trust that has to figure out a way to fund the maintenance. We need to work on that. Those will come off eventually and that is a good thing. I think there is about \$60,000 a year minimal that we spend in maintenance. That is the cost of a couple of medians or a new playground. We could do something that would make an instant impact in our community. I want to see us doing those things. People don't know that we are the ones trimming trees on Cache Road. They do know if we plant a new tree along Cache Road. I think that is important.

Hankins stated and when the tulips bloom.

Burk stated yes. The City should have been doing that for years. Have we contacted the people about reseeding the wildflowers?

Brown stated I have reached out to them but I have never gotten a response.

Burk asked can we try again. This is the time of year that they want to reseed. They want them done now.

Rogalski stated we will get that done.

Burk stated that is important. We need to do it again since we have re-mowed. Thanks for getting it mowed again. It looks much better. Are there any questions on the treasurer's report?

Motion by Tennis, Second by Morford, to accept the treasurer's report. **Aye:** Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Coody; Ezerski; Hampton; Hankins. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Rogalski stated Mike Jones is here to talk about the sidewalks and he has another appointment.

Burk stated let's move that item to the next item.

D. Discuss receiving the sales tax funds from the sale of Medical Marijuana to be used towards sidewalks within the City of Lawton, the type of contractors to be used to construct sidewalks, projects locations, and take action if necessary.

Burk stated I put this on the agenda for a couple of reasons. I would like us to consider doing arterials. When I came up with the plan it was to fix our arterials, the connector streets to those arterials and arterials that don't have connection from sidewalks. Are the blue lines no's?

Jones stated those are bus stops. There is a lot going on here. You will see it better when we zoom in.

Burk stated okay, go ahead. The reason I wanted to do this is we have a way to fund sidewalks. To start we have between \$25,000 to \$50,000 a month. It will take a couple of months to see the funds. I want to do smaller sections. I don't want to do from this block to this block. I would rather do half the block and finish that half before moving to another half. I want us to stay under the \$50,000 threshold so we don't have to go out to rebid every time. I would like to find a company that would do as built stuff instead of having to wait on an engineer.

Rogalski stated there maybe a little reorganization within the City that will allow a dedicated person to design sidewalks.

Burk stated that would be awesome. I would like for us to have one (1) contractor that we deal with that can get on a project right away and make an instance impact. I think by March we could do our first project.

Ezerski asked is it about \$4,000 a block.

Rogalski stated more than that.

Burk stated it depends on the block, the sidewalk and the driveways.

Rogalski stated \$25,000 will get you six hundred (600) feet of six (6) foot sidewalk. That is about a block and a half.

Burk stated if we did a block at a time people would notice. I don't want to do sidewalks to nowhere. Council passed last night, with a lot of unhappy people, to back date the ordinance to make it an emergency so that it would go into effect in December. The ordinance was passed in November. I didn't want to wait until January to start collecting money. They are usually sixty (60) days behind so it would be February or March before we saw our first allocation. It looks like in February or March we should have money.

Rogalski stated by the end of February you will have your deposit.

Burk stated that will be for half the month of December. It may take us a month and a half to have enough money to do a block. If we stay on pace, we could do at least a block every other month. One of the main things we talked about was Sheridan Road coming off Fort Sill. Sidewalks are non-existent along the westside of Sheridan Road. I think this is important because we have a number of military people coming off Fort Sill and a number that are underserved that walk that area going to the bus stop and things like that. We learned that about Smith that had a bus stop that wasn't handicapped accessible. I would like for us to start there. We will have to come up with a plan of where we want to start. City Council will help us with that. We are trying to increase the money substantially. I think this will happen on the 17th. We are going to have some LETA funds that we can possibly be earmark for projects. The money is going to go from a \$1.00 to \$3.00 for tipping fees.

Rogalski stated the last I heard it was 2/3 of a dollar and it would stay a dollar.

Burk stated we are going to get more than that. I'm going to fix that. It was jacked up last night and I didn't like it. We are going to re-write it. It also had us hiring someone to pick up trash at the landfill. It was going to be a nightmare so I made them bring it back on the 17th. We want to get it to where we have a bigger fund for sidewalks so we can make an instance impact. I believe we can do a huge number of sidewalks in a year. An amount that we have never done before.

Rogalski stated you also have the CIP that has sidewalk money in it.

Burk stated yes. If we can pass the CIP in February, we will have funds available. That is another slow process. We have to borrow money up front. We have a City contractor that does sidewalks and most of them would say they could do the job but usually they have to pull off another City project to do so. What we really need is a contractor, and I think I have somebody in

mind but I don't want to mention them at this point, that we could give them the okay for a block and they would start within the next ten (10) days. We won't have to wait thirty (30) to forty (40) days for them to start the project. The contractor I have in mind is willing to start a LETA crew and when the CIP money comes in, they will just keep going. They will add more people and get new equipment just to do sidewalks. I think it is a great time for us. They approached me with the idea, I ran it by legal to see if this was something we could do and as long as we stay under the \$50,000, we can hire who we want and be a little more restrictive. We will have to take our projects to Council. What I would like for us to do and we will need Mike's help to pick out exactly what area we start at. Right there is a big open field and it may be cheaper because it is a field.

Ezerski asked are you talking about on Sheridan.

Burk stated yes. They use to sell Christmas trees there.

Sweeney stated yes, that would be a good place to start. I see people walking all the time there. They have made a path.

Burk stated absolutely.

Hampton asked there by the convenience store.

Burk stated yes. You can see the ruts there from people walking. They keep it torn up pretty good. When we build sidewalks, I don't want them with a grass median between the street and the sidewalk so we have to maintain that little piece. They did that on the eastside and I made them move the sidewalk over next to the road. I told them I didn't want to maintain that. They did it on Flower Mound and it is horrible. It has to be weed eaten, mowed and then they blow it in the street. It is a nightmare. This way the contractor can mow the backside of the sidewalk.

Hankins asked is that okay.

Rogalski stated it is supposed to be wider if you do that.

Burk stated we didn't do it.

Rogalski stated you are supposed to.

Burk stated ODOT didn't make me do it.

Jones stated it is a vehicle buffer.

Rogalski stated it depends on what you are doing. Arterial standards you have to have a buffer. Standard arterial sidewalks are six (6) feet.

Burk stated so it would be alright.

Rogalski stated yes. Legally it is alright.

Burk stated I would rather do that. I don't want to mow that grass.

Rogalski stated I think you are right.

Burk stated on an arterial it has to be six (6) feet. On a four (4) foot sidewalk you have a two (2) foot buffer. You can do a six (6) foot sidewalk as long as you did those on the arterial and then get rid of the splice of grass.

Rogalski stated a six (6) foot sidewalk at the back of the curb will work.

Jones stated if it passes Planning.

Burk stated I'll fight it because we are going to do it. I made them do it on the eastside. They can check it out to see how wonderful it is. Flower Mound is a nightmare.

Hankins stated so you can't do it in a residential area. I have had that questions come up a lot.

Burk stated right. A residential has to have a four (4) foot and not a six (6) foot.

Rogalski asked you can't do it in those areas.

Hankins stated I think somebody and I talked about that.

Brown stated City standard is it is one (1) foot off the property line.

Burk stated yes. Most people wouldn't want it out by the street. What I would like to do, if possible, is to start on Sheridan Road. We would like that sidewalk to be on the westside of Sheridan only because there is a ton of sidewalk already there. There are a couple of new commercial buildings with sidewalks. There will not be a ton of stuff to be done to finish that whole entire section from Cache Road to Rogers Lane. There are a few spots to fill in then we will have a clean path. We can count that as our first project. Please make certain that we don't go over the \$50,000 threshold. Legal says we are good and we can go out and get the contractor we want. We would like to get started on this. I have to take it to Council for their approval on the different phases. Sheridan Road, Cache Road and 38th Street by Cameron are all big concerns. I gave Caleb, even though he is leaving, \$1,000,000 to do the sidewalks around Eisenhower so he ought to be good. I gave him some of my project money.

Symuleski stated there are sections from Eisenhower going east to Cameron that need to be completed.

Burk stated that is where we have to decide our priorities. We will take those priorities to Council to get them rubber stamped yes. I think we have to do high impact areas like Sheridan Road, 38th Street, up and down Gore around Cameron, and connecting Cameron to Eisenhower.

Those to me are areas that are instance impact and gratification. Citizens will say look at what they did. They tied it all together and now it works.

Hankins stated that will be fun to promote. That is going to be popular.

Burk stated I have a small place by MacArthur that people complain about. I ask them if they have seen the hundreds of miles that I have had put in. I will tell them to hush about the eastside. We do have a place at MacArthur that we need one connecting sidewalk. It is silly that I have never noticed it and a man reminded me the other day.

Coody asked so a section allows us to keep it under \$50,000.

Burk stated yes. I'll let Mike go from here. I think we will be able to start some projects within three (3) months. Three (3) to four (4) months we will be able to get some real substantial stuff going. We have to get out and sell the CIP. It is the biggest thing to happen to Lawton since yesterday's TIF.

Symuleski asked does the CIP raise our taxers.

Burk stated no. You tell everybody that it doesn't. All it did was add projects that we have needed for years.

Symuleski stated I think about that and I think others think about it. I think about the elderly that are living on a fixed income and can't afford an increase.

Burk stated we need to make sure we are getting all our groups together. If you need the Mayor, myself or Mary Ann to come speak we will. We will go to the group with information and bring some brochures. We have done some videos and I'm doing the beautification stuff. The videos will be aired continuously on social media and some on Channel 7. I've been here twelve (12) years and this is the biggest CIP we have ever done. It can change Lawton's image in a matter of a few short years. We can change the image of what we have been. It is big but we have to get behind it. People didn't know about LETA and now they do. They know if we are pushing something forward it is usually something they can get behind. We need to be a part of that. I told the Mayor and others that I was speaking on behalf of all of us and I know that we care about Lawton's future. I would like to let Mike go over this with us. If there are areas that we need to know about I would like for you guys to tell us what is the high impact areas. Obviously, we don't know every area. Once we get the CIP money we are going to be going like wildfire. In three (3) to five (5) years I'm going to ask that they give us our CIP money for sidewalks. I want to work a deal where CIP money can be funneled through LETA to go into our project fund. This is so we can constantly be moving that money over. Michael has agreed to do that if we have something going. We have to have a plan now to be approved by Council so when we hit the ground running we don't have to go back to Council and wait. I don't want to wait thirty (30) days and then some stupid emergency clause that I have to vote on. I'm not doing all that crap.

Rogalski stated you talked about putting it in phases. I wouldn't go that micro level. I would say priority one (1) is from here to here and priority two (2) is from here to here.

Burk stated and then we can phase it.

Rogalski stated do small projects. We don't know until we get on the ground how far Phase I is going to go. It might go thirty (30) feet further than you thought. Just say these are our priority areas and now we have one (1), two (2) and three (3). That will get you six (6) to eight (8) months down the road.

Burk stated okay, I agree.

Jones stated on the subject of funding don't forget the Access Board has close to \$800,000 that hasn't been spent. We can do like we did on east Gore and supplement a project. I don't know how that will factor into the \$50,000. If the project cost \$60,000 can you spend \$50,000 and the Access Board supplement \$10,000.

Burk stated no. The project cost cannot be more than \$50,000. Legal told me not to go over \$49,999.99. We came up with that money years ago and we need to start spending it. That was what it was designed for. We will get a lot more money for ADA stuff. We are really going to make an impact.

Rogalski stated Mike and I talked about looking at downtown as a focus as well. There are lots of sidewalks with broken pieces, no ramps and that sort of thing. Maybe the Access Board money could help with those.

Jones stated we are reviewing our priorities right now. We have shifted our priorities down. Our next project will be Lee Boulevard from 11th to 17th. What I would like to become our third priority will be C Avenue from 2nd to 8th or 9th. That will be mostly a series of ramps. We had an incident at the intersection of 6th and C where a person in a wheelchair either tumbled or almost did due to a broken ramp. I got with Cliff and he made the repairs within a couple of weeks. Cliff has been great and very responsive. Kristin referenced what he was doing at the library. You might want to take a look around the library and see the improvements that are being made. Michael is behind all of that. He told us to do what we needed to do. I would like for C Avenue to be our next priority and then I'm looking at Ferris from 11th to tie into Elmer Thomas Park.

Tenis stated it needs to go from Sheridan all the way down.

Morford stated wheelchair accessibility in Lawton is terrible and I know firsthand. To go to a store downtown you have to go to one end of the block or the other.

Burk stated yes.

Sweeney stated same here. I agree.

Symuleski stated the curb by Subway is that high.

Jones stated it has been neglected for a long time. There are numerous examples around town.

Burk stated we could go on all day about many projects. There are so many but we have to start somewhere. I think we need to get a plan and I need it by January so I can get it approved by Council. We need to vote on that plan in January so we can take it to Council the last meeting of January. Then I can get ready to go into action in February or March and the contractor can get started and we can pay them as soon as they are finished. The contractor liked the idea that they wouldn't have to wait sixty (60) to ninety (90) days to be paid like you do with the City. They liked the idea of being paid monthly by us. I think that is important to the contractor and to have a contractor that we can call on for projects when the other crews in Lawton are busy. I think it is great that we have our own contractor, not that we are excluding anyone but to most of those guys sidewalks are kind of their second thing. That is not where the big money maker is for them.

Rogalski stated and they are really difficult.

Burk stated we had to beg to get the one out east done and then they pulled off a street project and we don't want that. We don't have a lot of concrete people that are reputable and do good work.

Jones stated maybe if they have to pull off a project, they can say it is more palatable for them to pull off and do small projects.

Burk stated my deal is if we find one (1) contractor that we love, like Bedrock, you don't have to make a change unless you absolutely have to. You know the quality of the work you are getting and how fast they can get it done. I want the yards put back in right. I don't want a citizen calling me and saying we left lumps and didn't fill it in. I'll be yelling at Richard that I want more dirt and sand out there because it is washing away. I don't want holes underneath the new sidewalk. Those things are important. They need to clean up their mess and not leave the street dirty. Don't block off the whole road for a week while they do a sidewalk. I mean it is just ridiculous. I get more complaints about that. They are working on a sidewalk not the street but they have one lane blocked off all the way down Lee Boulevard. Do you want to go through some of this with us?

Jones stated I can show you briefly where we have gotten. This is a master plan I put together a few months ago. I know there is a lot going on but we will take a closer look here in a second. The primary factor was principal arterials, walking distance to schools, project priorities of the Access Board and LATS bus routes. There are other considerations as far as government buildings, medical buildings and places that people go on the bus. We will take a closer look at the first priority and these aren't in any priority order. The examples here are the ones that meet all the criteria that was factored in. I know that some of these colors are a little hard to distinguish. City bus routes, arterial streets, medical facilities, current existing sidewalks are the gray lines, bus stops, bus routes, fire stations, police stations, rec centers, schools, Council Wards, city limits and then other different facilities are shown. The red is other facilities. Sheridan Road isn't shown. It does have needs but it didn't meet the criteria that the other examples met. We were talking about Eisenhower so let's look closer at it. The shaded areas overlap in the priorities from walking

distance to school, businesses and medical facilities. You have Eisenhower High School and Middle School. There are some existing sidewalks here. The violet colored sidewalks is where this example would focus on. It is a mix of filling in the gaps where there are existing sidewalks and where new is needed. We have the fire station there and a medical facility here. This is one example that stands out when we look at the city overall.

Ezerski asked are you talking about putting sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Jones stated yes. That would be ideal along arterials. Is that correct Richard.

Rogalski stated absolutely. What the City has done is to start on one side just to get full connective. The reality is you can't just run across an arterial at any place you want. If you need to go across the street you have to go down to the next light and then walk back without sidewalks. In the end you need them on both sides.

Hampton asked is that where you are going to put sidewalks in or where there is a need.

Jones stated where there is a need.

Hampton asked and there is no existing sidewalk there.

Jones stated in some cases there are.

Brown stated some of those are driveways.

Burk stated Mike, we need something much easier for Council to read. We are never going to understand that. I'm already confused.

Jones stated we can clean it up. We will just need to decide what constitutes the priorities.

Burk stated I think it is LETA's job to say what we are doing first. I think we have all agreed we want to do Sheridan coming off Fort Sill first due to the military walking the street.

Rogalski stated it is very visible.

Burk stated we have a lot of complaints from Fort Sill. There is even broken sidewalks when you come underneath the overpass.

Symuleski stated if we get one side from the base to Cache Road completed that will make a lot of people happy.

Burk stated yes, both the military and the people in that neighborhood. Make a note that will be our first priority. The second priority to me is up to the board. I think around Eisenhower connectivity on the southside is important.

Sweeney stated I have seen cross country kids in the street because there are no sidewalks. The coach sends them that way. I think that would be a top priority because it meets Mikes requirements with schools and it connects to medical.

Burk stated we have talked about around Cameron. There are areas there that need to be filed in where there was a person hit and killed.

Hampton stated there by Cameron where it T's off at the railroad tracks. There are people jumping around those tracks. There is nowhere for them to walk in that area.

Burk asked to get across the track.

Rogalski asked where is that at.

Brown stated it would be 38th and Elsie Helm just south of the dorms.

Rogalski stated going south on 38th.

Hampton stated where I'm talking about is at 27th.

Burk asked by the railroad tracks.

Brown stated they run through the grass right there.

Jones stated that area jumped out at us when we put in the priorities. GIS is a big data base where you put in all the information and then filter it. Elsie Hamm is one that jumped out at us. You have Center for Creative Living, pedestrian traffic to Cameron, LATS stop, access to 38th Street and the sidewalks there. There is more going on there than you would think.

Hampton asked wasn't it on 27th that people got hit twice by a car.

Burk stated somebody was hit not long ago. If that is good with everybody maybe looking at Eisenhower. I know there will be new sidewalks in front of Eisenhower and going north on 53rd Street. Caleb got the bridge and all that going through there. The sidewalks are done and look good. It needs to go all the way to Cache Road but it is a good start.

Hampton stated if the sidewalk just ends where they are working then people will say you never finish anything.

Burk stated you have to get the kids down that road. They are walking to go to school.

Symuleski stated there are a lot that walk. I grew up in that area and we walked. Everybody walked on 53rd Street and we walked across everyone's yard.

Burk stated now they have a big sidewalk.

Hankins stated and kids are walking in the dark when they stay for after school activities. I see them all the time crossing Cache Road.

Burk stated Mike, if we can make Sheridan Road from Rogers Lane, to include underneath the bridge, to Cache Road our first priority. Remember we changed it last night to replacement. Then go to Eisenhower, is what I'm hearing from everybody, on the southside coming back towards Cameron.

Sweeney stated that is what I think.

Burk stated that will be Phase II. Then do we want to go down 38th towards Lee Boulevard or do we want to go to a different area.

Rogalski stated one thing I would think about is you have small project money for small spaces. If you are trying to do a mile of roadway let the CIP or the Access Board do it.

Burk stated I'm hoping we get Mike's \$800,000 so we can make some major improvements to some of the big areas where people have been hit.

Hankins asked Mike, can you tell which areas are widely used like 38th from Elsie Hamm to Lee. It isn't used by walker very much.

Symuleski stated I think it is up Elsie Hamm to Gore.

Morford stated about three (3) years ago someone was killed around that area. They were all over us for about three (3) Council meetings.

Burk stated I think Cameron might help us with a sidewalk there. They have talked about it. Maybe they have some funds to help with a project. We need to talk with Dr. McArthur and see if we can't get that done. There are a lot of areas that just need a piece here and there to fill in a block. We need to be looking at those. Cache Road is terrible. The creek by the Chinese Restaurant you see people walking there. They walk there on that little bitty edge of dirt.

Hankins stated that is what I'm talking about being a widely used area. It use to be grass or weeds.

Burk stated if there was sidewalk there it would clean that up and make it nice. That will connect to other restaurants that do have sidewalks. If we are putting in six (6) foot sidewalks and there are already four (4) foot I'm not going to make them tear that out. We will feather back into the four (4) foot and all is good. A wheelchair can make it down the four (4) foot.

Ezerski stated what is amazing is how many people walk from the neighborhoods to go to work in one of those restaurants or something along Cache Road. They walk up and down there all the time.

Burk stated we need to look at the area by Long John Silvers. There are some sidewalks there.

Brown stated we may be getting sidewalk at the corner of Homestead and Cache Road. We have a pre-development meeting for another restaurant and they would be tearing down the Long John Silvers and rebuilding. They will be required to build a sidewalk in that area.

Burk stated that is awesome. That building is the worse in Lawton.

Brown stated Chic-Fil-A will install sidewalks along 23rd and Cache Road.

Burk stated they are on the opposite side of the street. We are going to focus on one side at this point. If that is going to happen then I would say we don't start there that we start down the street. We can fix a few places with our money and it will go a lot further so we can get more bang for our buck.

Ezerski asked are they putting one in front of the EZ-Go.

Burk stated yes.

Symuleski stated from EZ-go you can pick up and go in front of McDonald's and the old Holiday Inn.

Burk stated yes. They are supposed to tear down the old Holiday Inn.

Hampton asked does the Asian Buffet have sidewalks.

Burk stated no. There is nothing in front of Lugi's but the problem is the driveways and walkways. I learned from the eastside those aren't cheap. Driveways and walkways can become a real issue.

Jones stated it can become pretty complex to solve those area.

Burk stated we had to close Sonic for a few days because we had to do one side. They only have one entrance and it was the wrong entrance. He was mad then but loves it now. I got those calls at first but you had to ask them to calm down because it would be okay. You had to cut through people's driveways. Rocco was my biggest complainer but now he loves it.

Jones stated Rocco is on our Access Board and is pretty activity. Can we touch on those areas again? Cache Road from Homestead to Sheridan.

Burk stated right.

Jones asked do you want to start at the field on Sheridan to Cache Road or start from Rogers Lane.

Burk stated Rogers Lane. Cover that to make sure we are good there. I think there is an access area with curbs.

Rogalski stated the idea is to bring people from the post all the way to Cache Road.

Burk stated then tying into Cache Road where they cross the road. We got the crossing done, which was an act of congress, so they could go across the street. If we are going to go on the southside of Cache Road we have a connect there and go all the way to Homestead. Being able to connect that area would give us a big connecting area to include the new places that will put in sidewalks.

Rogalski stated we are going to look at those but Cache Road and some places on Gore are notorious for having two and a half (2 ½) foot right-of-way outside the curb. It can be problematic.

Burk stated that is why I want you to get on it now.

Rogalski stated we can set the priority but it maybe some of these are going to be difficult to get to.

Burk stated there is nothing that we can't do we just have to figure out how to get it done. I think that 38th Street from Gore Boulevard to Eisenhower ought to be at least our number three (3) priority. Right. So are those our top three (3) projects at this point. We can take them to City Council with those being our top three (3). I think Council will go with that. That will get us started and then we will find other areas by the time we get through with Phase I. Then we will find number four (4).

Symuleski stated once we get those done people are going to say....

Burk stated when are you going to do my street. That is a good thing. Mike, is there anything else you need to share with us.

Jones stated no, I'll get started on this.

Burk stated we need to know how much of your \$800,000 we can spend. Thank you so much.

E. Receive report from Cultural Preservation Committee and take action if necessary.

Brown stated we met last month. IT was supposed to do a presentation for their cameras and they did not show up. We are trying to get the money or prices to fix the column and install new ones so we can bring the stones back. That is where we are right now.

Burk stated awesome.

F. Receive report from Parks and Recreation, and take action if necessary

Hanna stated we open and closed the bid for the maintenance landscaping contract. We have set a meeting with Burk and Michael because it almost quadrupled in price. It went from \$6,000 to \$20,000 a month. Obviously, I don't have that in my budget to sustain the rest of the contract for the year. The bid did meet all the criteria. The twenty (20) items he was doing he flatlined and is still the same price. It was due to everything else that was added to the contract. When the Public Safety building comes on line it will be \$4,500 a month.

Burk stated there is a lot of landscaping around that building. It is going to be amazing.

Hanna stated the Farmer's Market was \$850 and everything else ran \$200, \$300, \$500, \$1000 to \$1,200 so it all adds up. He was the only bidder because he was the only one that attend the mandatory pre-bid conference. We had a pre-bid conference because we had added so many new areas and he did have questions about some of the areas. We actually rode to some of the sites together. We did have a mail in bid but they did not qualify because they didn't attend the pre-bid conference. I don't know how this is going to work out.

Rogalski asked have you opened the bids.

Hanna stated yes.

Coody stated we could reject the bid and open again right.

Burk stated you could. My thing is we need to try and look at this and value it down to where we want it. Obviously, \$20,000 seems awfully steep to me.

Hanna stated there were a lot of areas added. We checked a lot of boxes for turf, sprinkling and landscaping.

Burk stated I know and you have to remember we took \$60,000 to \$80,000 a year from our budget that is now added to the contract.

Hanna stated it went from \$72,000 to \$240,000 annually.

Coody stated I get that but when there is one (1) bid.

Rogalski stated it is problematic when you have a mandatory pre-bid and there is only one (1) person. He is like thank you very much. He hasn't submitted a bid yet but he knows he is the only one (1) that will be allowed to bid.

Hanna stated in looking at it briefly his bids were reasonable in my opinion for what he was bidding on. It is just a matter that there was so much more added to the contract.

Burk stated I think that is where you go back and say either we work out some sort of agreement on pricing or we are going to go back out to bid. I don't think he wants that and I don't necessarily want it. I know what contractor I want but at the same time there is some reality.

Hanna stated like I said items one (1) through twenty (20) he has been doing for the last three (3) years and he didn't go up on his price. It was just all the additional items.

Symuleski stated that is because he is making it up with all the additional projects.

Hanna stated for the public safety building he has one (1) crew and it will take a full day to do that building.

Burk stated this building isn't easy to do. They are here for a while weeding and taking care of everything.

Hampton stated he does do a lot of stuff.

Hanna stated it goes back to what was said earlier about what you spend in maintenance. It came to reality when the bid came in.

Burk stated we need to meet so we can go through it. I think there may be some value assessment we can do and maybe not do certain areas every week.

Coody asked although the bid is closed there is still some negotiations that can happen.

Burk stated yes.

Hanna stated since there was only one (1) that qualified for it.

Burk stated there could be evaluations. We could say we went back and valued engineered it and we don't think we can afford this amount. We can afford this and are willing to make these concessions.

Coody stated this is how much money we have, this is how much you need to make, let's get there.

Burk stated let's find a way to get it balanced out.

Hanna stated his contract ends January 1.

Burk stated so we need a meeting right away.

Hanna stated yes. I'll send an email to everyone. This shows how far we are going and how committed we are to make a big appearance improvement which we need.

Burk stated according to Michael he is going to get it done. That was what he told me.

Symuleski asked you have how many landscape contractors in this town. I know of five (5).

Rogalski stated most of them don't have the capacity to do this.

Hanna stated they don't have the manpower or knowledge to handle this job.

Burk stated I asked two (2) or three (3) to bid and they didn't want the insurance requirements and they didn't have enough people. They already had fifty (50) customers they do weekly and can't give them up. They will make more money doing those over the city contract. It is a double edge sword. I think we have two (2) maybe two and a half (2 ½) that would be the real number.

Hanna stated on 2nd and Gore my guys went out and trimmed a lot of trees. Dennis went and looked at it and he is going to go back through and touch up a few things. We worked things out where the invoice won't come back to LETA. It is amazing the difference that trimming the trees has made. One (1) of my guys has been here for a while said it hasn't been touched in seven (7) or eight (8) years like they did this time.

Burk stated I think now is the time to get these projects lined out on what our plans are for the next year. Something we haven't done in a long time, and I wish we would spend a Saturday morning and do what we use to do, is a board meeting where we brain stormed over projects that we thought were important to us. We would spend half a day and have lunch at someone's house. It was kind of cool. We brought someone in to help us even when we were writing our original stuff. Rex was always good about this. We would go and have kind of a charette. I don't know if you knew but Rex passed away on Thanksgiving. He is the one who started this. He was a sidewalk guy and he was all over trying to do sidewalk in the residential areas. He wanted to put the cost on your property tax.

Rogalski stated improve a district. City Council can put it on a neighborhood and it takes 51% to say no.

Burk stated yes. It adds it to your tax roll and you pay for it forever. It is just pennies on the dollar to get sidewalks in your entire neighborhood. He tried to get it passed but you had a few people, like Bob Shanklin, that were against anything to do with progress. I think a ton of areas would have said yes. We almost got it passed. Maybe with new councilmembers we will get something like this passed where neighborhoods can make that decision. I lot of those areas would love to have sidewalks and it is just pennies on the dollar on your property tax. I think it was like a dollar a month for fifteen (15) years. I don't remember the amount of year. Rex sas an attorney by trade and he came up with this plan. Not only was it going to go on the tax roll but you could write it off. He had all these good ideas but we have never implemented anything like that. I had talked to him a couple of weeks before he passed and he would always ask how was Lawton doing and what was going on. He would say he still loved this place and he called it home. He never wanted us to give up. He always talked about LETA. The last time he was here was when he received an award from LETA. Having these sidewalks going all across town would have made him excited. Everybody say a prayer for him and his family. I know Rex as a good guy. We use to argue a lot because we were both hardheaded but he was supper good about loving LETA and beautifying Lawton to make it a better place to live. Sidewalks are the key. If we can make that a priority as a committee, we are going to help make Lawton a place where young people want to

be. People gripped about 45th Street but go look today at the people walking up and down 45th Street.

Hankins stated when we were in Oklahoma City yesterday a lady said they were getting a lot of people coming from Lawton. She said it seems like Lawton is really progressing. She didn't have to say that. That kind of outside opinion where they are seeing stuff is good.

Burk stated it is good. It is very good.

G. Receive report from Public Relations, Website and Facebook Committees, and take action if necessary.

Burk stated Tiffany has posted some good stuff.

Hampton stated the bottom line is people like us.

Coody stated I don't know if this needs to be an agenda item but I need to be removed from the membership.

Ezell asked are you resigning.

Coody stated I am.

Ezell asked would you send me an email with that request.

Coody stated I can.

Burk asked where are you going.

Coody stated to northwest Arkansas. I was asked to take on the lead for a new department for Arvest Wealth Management that will be focusing on some areas of our high net worth and alter high net worth clientele that we have never dealt into before. I'm here through the end of the month and will start in Arkansas on January 2nd.

Burk stated we are going to miss you brother. We appreciate everything you have done to help us.

Coody stated having the opportunity to be here has been not only one (1) of the pleasures of the last five (5) years but one (1) of the pleasures of my life. Being included and getting the opportunity to be a part of something like this and truly getting to make a difference in a community that has taken me in like I never expected has been something I have never experience before. The good thing is I will be here quarterly. My new position will have me working Arvest four (4) state footprint, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas. I have a feeling Madigan will keep me busy and I will have the opportunity to be around more often than not.

Symuleski stated come in every now and then and see what is going on.

Coody stated absolutely. Let me know and I will be a fly on the wall. Another reason I want to know when you get the bricks and lighting done, not only because I contributed personal monies, because I'm proud of Lawton. When I do come back, I want to be able to bring my family and walk that sidewalk and show them my brick and tell them about LETA. This is what we did and this is who LETA is. Yes, it is selfish but in a positive way. I want to show my family what we have been able to a part of and the type of people that I was able to commune with.

Burk stated we will miss you but wish you the best of luck. You will do great.

Rogalski stated he was the brain with the casino night. What are we going to do now?

Coody stated I'll be there on casino night. You let me know and I'll be there to spend money.

Burk stated you have to be there for Dancing With The Stars. We can't win without him.

H. Receive Monthly Ward Update and take action if necessary.

There was nothing to discuss.

I. Receive report from Neighborhood Services.

Hines stated things have slowed down since mowing season has stopped. We had 364 complaints last month. Most of those were field generated. We are two (2) Code Enforcement Officers short right now but we hope to bring one in on the 16th. He will be transferring from within the City so he should catch on pretty quick. We hope to have another one (1) hired after the first of the year. There are two (2) properties going out to bid for demolition. One (1) is 1906 SW B and the other is on Carver. There are actually two (2) on Carver but one (1) of them the owner has pulled a demo permit. Maybe he will demo it and we won't have to. Next week we will take four (4) new properties to Council. One (1) is a repeat due to a typing error. Legal stated it would need to go back to Council.

Burk stated God knows with legal you will be there all day.

Hines stated no, actually they were pretty good about it. They said to just take it back.

Rogalski stated I wanted to argue with them because I felt certain they were wrong.

Hines stated it's fine. We caught the mistake and it didn't cost any money and that is the main thing. We have more structures that we will be looking at but the main focus is the dangerous ones.

Burk stated there is one (1) in my Ward I would like for you to take care of.

Hines stated I have been looking at one (1) in your Ward.

Burk stated this is on SE 45th the last house behind the Stripes. It has been empty forever.

Hines asked is it burnt.

Burk stated I don't know but it is a mess. There are two (2) houses right there together. The one (1) I think someone kind of lives there. There are only the two (2) houses right there on that block and one (1) faces the other way. It is the one (1) right behind the Stripes and has weeds and stuff. I haven't seen people there in years.

Coody asked in between the gas station and the church.

Burk stated no, it actually is on 45th Street. The first house off 45th and Lee on the westside. You can't miss it.

Hankins stated I had a new resident tell me that he had never seen so much plywood in his life.

Burk stated none of us have. That is an issue we have to address. I don't know if we need to bring it up to Council, and Will you tell me because I don't want to have people make you do things you don't want to do, but these places that are boarded up just to be boarded up we have to do something about. I don't care what realtor you are or where you work you can't just board up as house and leave it like on Cache Road. This cannot be acceptable. We have a bunch of commercial realtors just putting plywood over every window and it will still be for sale. That is not acceptable.

Morford asked doesn't the ordinance say you can only have it boarded for so long.

Hines stated eighteen (18) months. We can certainly do that but if we have a burnt structure it will go to the top of the list.

Burk stated I think all you will have to do is call the realtor and say either you take it down are we are going to demo the house.

Hines asked are you talking about the general area of 38th and Cache Road.

Burk stated yes. One side of the road they are boarding up every house and they are for sale. I think they will figure out that boarding up houses on Cache Road is not going to work. The same thing with the hotel. It is totally boarded up.

Hanna stated the one at 12th and Cache.

Burk stated yes.

Hines stated that is a money thing right now.

Burk stated we need to go after it. We need to say we are done.

Rogalski stated we need to take those to court and have the court force them to tear it down as opposed to us paying to demo it.

Burk stated it has to be a place we go after. People are so aggravated about those between Cache Road and Sheridan because of all the fallen down hotel, bars and cars parked by the street with flat tires.

Hines stated I take notes every time I drive down it to see what I can get to first and the quickest.

Burk stated just drive down the street and write tickets. In January we are going to get back on the sign ordinance. I will be chairing it so we will bring it back and get it right.

Hines stated I'll go look at the house on 45th.

Burk stated please. I have mentioned this building for the last two (2) years. When you are coming off Fort Sill onto Sheridan Road there is an old 7-11 that has been boarded up for the last fifteen (15) to twenty (20) years. It is terrible. That is the first thing you see when coming off Fort Sill. We are going to landscape those two (2) median to beautify that area. We allowed them to tear down the Sonic and leave the accessory structure that is leaning over. Make them tear all of that down. If you are going to do a demo on a business tear down the old structure behind it. The door is open and it is unsecured. There is a grease pit that sits at the back of the property that has been sitting there forever. I'm going to ask Council for a resolution that Sheridan Road will be our next project. I did go down Sheridan Road the other day and a lot of the businesses are trying. There are a few that need a little more of a nudge. Come on you can't leave it like this. You can't have old cars parked out front just because you have painted the name of your company on it or have a dumpster out front.

Coody stated if we tear down the vagrant hangout it gives them incentive as to why should I if you are not taking care of that.

Burk stated that is like across from my office on Hoover are these little huts. About half of them are burnt out. Everyone is boarded up except for three (3). I want those torn down. Somebody just cut all the catalytic converters from my vehicles two (2) nights ago. That is thousands of dollars a piece. It sounded like a very loud Harley leaving my office.

Coody stated that is a lot of platinum.

Burk stated it is because of the rift raft that we have living there. They will break into the house and buildings that are boarded up and then they burn them up.

Ezerski asked can the City require clear boarding. Fannie Mae now uses it on all their repos. It looks almost like a window. It is about twice the cost of plywood but it looks a ton better.

Hankins stated Council would go with it if we had something that looked like a window.

Ezerski stated I'll take a couple of pictures and send it to you. It does look a lot better.

Burk stated Cache Road looks horrible with all those houses boarded up when we are building a new building across the road and down the road.

Symuleski stated everybody knew those houses would go up for sale one (1) day.

Burk stated yes, but it maybe another three (3) years before someone buys them.

Rogalski stated we need to keep them on the burner and in eighteen (18) months send them a notice.

Burk stated I appreciate us getting after the people who had the big field that tore down the house across from the new EZ-Go. That field was full of trash and it is totally cleaned up and gone. Thank you so very much. I put that out and we got it taken care of. Thank you Will.

J. Receive a report from the Planning Division regarding ongoing LETA projects and take action if necessary.

Rogalski stated most of the stuff that we are working on is further down on the agenda.

2. Unfinished Business

None

3. New Business

A. Approve the minutes of October 9, 2019.

Motion by Tennis, Second by Sweeney, to approve the minutes of October 9, 2019. **Aye:** Morford; Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Coody; Ezerski; Hampton; Hankins. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

C. Discuss the Lighting Project on C Avenue and take action if necessary.

Burk stated me and Richard have some worries. I drove to the town that I never want to mention their name. You know what town I'm talking about. I went because I wanted to see their lighting before I saw our lights go up. And Michael the lighting in the park looks amazing. It is awesome. I can't wait until next year when you have \$70,000 to work with. What will it be like in five (5) years when we have \$75,000 a year? We are going to make a huge difference. This year you had \$30,000 and we are going to double that. It is going to be good. This is a design that Richard did.

Rogalski stated you have a couple of different versions.

Burk stated this was the original design and we thought it would be sufficient. We were really concerned about lighting that section.

Rogalski stated and how much lights those lights put out.

Burk stated this is between 5th and 6th Street. I went to Chickasha to check because these are the same light they used. One (1) of the things I noticed was this wasn't going to be enough light. It was dark.

Rogalski stated those lights are made to be pretty and not to light stuff up.

Burk stated they are beautiful and look great. Whoever they had put them up must have been drunk. They were wadded up in places and looked horrible. It was like bad Christmas lights. We are never going to have that. They said the contractor never wanted to do it again. It really looks bad. They are about eight (8) foot tall with a globe on top. Our poles are like forty (40) foot tall. Last night we got the okay from Council to accept the light poles.

Rogalski stated the City now owns the lights and you can do whatever you want.

Burk stated I think there needs to be a couple of things done. First the poles need to be painted. We need to find a painter that paints light poles. Then the light on the corner of 5th and C Avenue is a LED light. It is bright as all get out.

Rogalski stated it is about five (5) foot candles.

Burk stated it needs to be in the ghetto neighborhood and there wouldn't be any cock roaches. I promise it lights the street. Then by 6th and C Avenue it is so dark coming out of Silver Spoon you want to run to your car.

Rogalski stated that is about point four (4) to point two (2) foot candles.

Burk stated the moon is brighter than those lights. It is spooky. What we have done is come up with a plan with more lighting and lighting along the parking areas.

Rogalski stated this shows the double zig zags.

Burk stated we are looking at adding more zig zags and a line to go down both sides of the street to tie back to not just poles. It will hang on airline cable.

Rogalski stated aircraft cable that is about 5/8".

Burk stated we are going to go with the bigger one because we want to make sure we can carry it. We want it tight. We don't want this. When the wind blows, we want to make sure it is straight and not blowing all over. We don't want bad Christmas lights look. My thoughts are we

get the line up and go from the existing poles but we also follow a strand of light along this parking lot area. Above the parking lot area will be lights and then strung back and forth across as we go.

Ezerski asked how much more lighting will that require from our original thoughts.

Burk stated substantial.

Rogalski stated hanging the lights is more expense than the lights. For all the lights you see is \$6700.

Burk stated the cable was roughly \$275 for a thousand feet. I have a friend who is leaving Council that has a construction company and knows how to hang this cable. His father's company does. They have offered to do this for free. We have to buy the materials and they will hang them. To me it would be dumb not to try it. Like I said last night it wouldn't be the dumbest thing I have ever done in my life but it would be dumb.

Symuleski stated if he can do this one then you know he can do the others.

Burk stated he didn't say he would do the others. We would have to pay him probably. He is trying to show us that he can do them. That will save us \$20,000 for the first block. Some cities use different strengths of LED's in their cobra heads. I think the corner of 5th and C Avenue is too bright. We need to dumb that down a bit. The ones we have up now are so old looking and look like they are fogged up or full of bugs.

Rogalski stated very pink high-pressure sodium.

Hankins asked blue.

Burk stated kind of yellow. They are terrible and look dirty. We haven't figured in the cost of new LED's but if we are saving \$20,000, we have the money to paint the poles and put in LED lights. We will have those plus our lights but the street light won't be overwhelming where they flood out our new lights.

Ezerski asked so is this 5th to 6th.

Burk stated yes.

Rogalski stated the first thought is we are leaving the cobra heads because they are the main light source. That will give you the base light for security and the other lights are decorative. They add some light but they are basically decorative.

Burk stated we will never have enough light the way we want to. Chickasha ran it from building to building back and forth across a four (4) lane road and sidewalks. I pulled underneath it and it was lit but not enough. It's not as bright as we want it to be. They have the eight (8) foot lights and it doesn't put off except for an area right there. With our lights up at least we have lights

above. If we get to a point we don't like the cobra heads we can always take them off or maybe we put cobra heads on every other pole instead of every pole.

Rogalski stated I think you are going to like the extra light.

Burk stated I think so and I think the neighborhood is going to like the extra light. It is so dark there.

Morford asked have you considered the different temperature of LED versus the incandescent. That is not always a pleasant mix.

Rogalski stated they both will be LED's.

Morford stated so they will be the same temperature.

Symuleski stated so they will all be LED's.

Burk stated they will be LED's and won't be so bright at the top. We will dumb them down to where they are the same color zone. It just gives you more light because we could never put enough of these lights up. We could run them two (2) foot apart and it wouldn't be enough.

Rogalski stated if they are two and half (2 ½) or three (3) candle it feels like good light. The one (1) in front of BancFirst is five (5) and the others are point four (4) and point two (2).

Coody stated just to confirm we are going to update the lights on the poles.

Burk stated correct.

Coody stated and the decorative will be all these in between.

Burk stated yes. The string pink are decorative lighting.

Rogalski stated since we are leaving the cobra heads I wonder if we just want to put the lights up and down.

Burk stated we could try that first.

Rogalski stated we could run the cable but not run the lights.

Burk stated we could try it. The idea of running the lights was without cobra heads so you might be right. We might be able to save some money.

Hampton stated this is the lights in Denver and they have other lighting.

Burk stated you see the lighting there is almost like 2nd Street. It is the same height and they have used regular poles to tie to. When we get to 2nd Street that is what we will have to do to

put up more lights. We will have to put more black poles up to be able to tie to the poles because those won't be able to hold the lights.

Ezerski asked what is your timeline on trying to get this done.

Burk stated I'm want to order them right away. If we get approval today, we will order the lights and cable.

Rogalski stated I was told if we order today, we could pick them up on Friday.

Burk stated I asked Councilman when he could start putting them up and he said as soon as he had the material. My electrician is going to hook the lights into the city signal for free.

Rogalski stated there is one (1) more catch. Currently the circuits for the cobra heads is directly metered to PSO. They said eventually we would have to put a meter in so that it becomes city electricity.

Burk stated they can forget it. I'm not doing it. They can turn all my power off. They aggravate me.

Rogalski stated there is some expense to metering the cobra heads.

Brown asked can Davis paint the poles.

Burk stated I don't think they paint. We can find a painter.

Coody stated you were leaving the construction company unnamed right.

Burk stated Davis Construction and the father is the one that has offered to hang them. We were in a meeting together and I was talking about the lights. He thought it was a wonderful idea to start something downtown. He believes in downtown Lawton. He asked if we were going to tie to the buildings. I did have a lot of property owners say we could tie to their building.

Rogalski stated we worry about that a little bit.

Burk stated we do. If everyone would like to, we would like to go ahead and vote to do this block. I would like access to the max amount of money that we had allocated.

Rogalski stated right now you have allocated \$46,160.

Burk stated let's just allocate all that money. I don't think we will use it. Hopefully, we can get Davis down there to put them up. I have tried to talk them into putting them up on Saturday and Sunday so it would not impede upon people parking and things like that. The first thing we have to do is get the painter to paint the poles.

Rogalski stated you could hang the lights probably without painting poles.

Morford asked how much money are we talking.

Burk stated \$46,000 but it should only cost half of that. You know me I'm not going to spend a lot if I can help it.

Motion by Hampton, Second by Tennis, to use the \$46,100 that is allocated for the lights on C Avenue from 4th to 6th Street to be use for the block from 5th to 6th on C Avenue. **Aye:** Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Coody; Ezerski; Hampton; Hankins; Morford. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

4. Announcements

Sweeney stated we haven't talked about the LETA event. We will start meeting in January to start getting names for the volunteer awards. If anyone has a name to present for us to think about email Denise. That is the first thing we need to lock down and get started on.

Burk asked can we send out the list again of the prior winners.

Sweeney stated that would be great and the categories. Some may want to be refreshed on the different categories. That would help us when the committee meets.

Burk asked Allen when is your last meeting.

Hampton stated the January.

Burk stated Lou's mother is 94 or 98 and she sent me a message that her health was failing so she had to be there. She wanted to let everyone know to have a Happy Holiday and she would be here if she could. Have a great holiday, be safe and enjoy your families. I appreciate everything you do. You are awesome.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Motion by Tennis, Second by Sweeney, to adjourn. **Aye:** Sweeney; Symuleski; Tennis; Burk; Coody; Hampton; Hankins; Morford. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**