



Terry Arps, Mayor, Trustee One
Jerrod Davis, Trustee Two
Carla Caruthers, Vice-Mayor, Trustee Three
Jeff Schwarzmeier, Trustee Four
Cindy Taylor, Trustee Five

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF LUTHER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.
LUTHER TOWN HALL
108 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LUTHER, OKLAHOMA 73054**

1. Call to Order by **Terry Arps.**
2. Invocation by **Terry Arps.**
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Terry Arps.**
4. Roll Call by **Terry Arps. Present were Terry Arps, Carla Caruthers, Jerrod Davis, Jeff Schwarzmeier, and Cindy Taylor.**
5. Determination of a quorum was made by **Terry Arps.**
6. Approval of the Consent Agenda,
 - a. Approval of the Board Minutes from the meetings of January 13 and 22, 2026.
 - b. Approval of Claims, including Payroll
 - c. Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report - **Terry Arps made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier.**
7. Consideration of Items Removed from the Consent Agenda – **None.**
8. Trustee Comments – **Jerrod Davis mentioned the increased amount of use and sales tax that is expected to be temporary.**
9. Department Reports - **Terry Arps read the Code Enforcement and Police Department reports. Carla Caruthers gave the Fire Department report.**
10. Attorney's Report – **None.**

Trustee One (Terry Arps)

11. Consideration, discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement with Chisholm Broadband, replacing the agreement with AiroSurf Communications. – **Timothy with Chisholm Broadband spoke about the agreement. Terry Arps made a motion to table the item to the special meeting on February 26, 2026, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**
12. Consideration, discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2026-02R, a resolution to establish a 25-mph speed limit on streets in the in-town area between Rt 66 and 178th Street. – **Jenny White spoke against the change in speed limit. Carla Caruthers addressed issues she has witnessed personally that could be reduced with the change. Cindy Taylor expressed the increase in walkability and safety. Terry Arps made a motion to approve the resolution, 2nd by Jerrod Davis. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**

13. Consideration, discussion and possible action to send planning commission members to a training workshop in the amount of \$95 each. – **Larry Brady requested clarity on the reason and responsibilities of the training for the planning commission members. Terry Arps made a motion to approve the training for the interested members, 2nd by Cindy Taylor. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**
14. Consideration, discussion and possible action concerning repair/replacement of the retaining wall on the south side of the fire station. – **Terry Arps made a motion to hire Matthew Coe to draw structural engineer specs for the wall, 2nd by Cindy Taylor. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**
15. Consideration, discussion and possible action to convert Town of Luther emails to .gov emails. – **Terry Arps made a motion to approve the conversion, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**
16. Consideration, discussion and possible action to accept, decline, or make a counter-offer to Travelers Insurance for settlement regarding the crash involving the Metropolitan Library System delivery truck that hit and damaged our park bench and Town Hall building. – **Terry Arps made a motion to table this item to the next regular meeting on March 10, 2026, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**
17. Consideration, discussion and possible action to repair a 2019 Ram police vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$9,950.00, including waiving formal competitive bidding due to the need to have the vehicle repaired quickly. – **Terry Arps made a motion to approve the vehicle repair, 2nd by Carla Caruthers. The Vote: Four (4) Yes, One (1) No - Jeff Schwarzmeier.**
18. Consideration, discussion and possible action to install permanent Wi-Fi for the downtown area, to be utilized during downtown events, at a cost of \$25.00 per month through CentraNet. – **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2nd by Jerrod Davis. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**

Trustee Two (Jerrod Davis)

19. Consideration, discussion and possible action to authorize purchase and installation of a kiosk near the “Visit Luther” sign, at a cost not to exceed \$2,140.00. – **Jerrod Davis made a motion to approve, 2nd by Terry Arps. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**
20. Discussion of the plan design and grant application for the former Head Start building in Booker T Washington Park. – **Ed Threatt spoke about some possible options. No action.**
21. Consideration, discussion and possible action to install a wayfinding sign at a cost not to exceed \$2,300.00, with Oklahoma City County Health Department providing matching funds in the amount of \$800.00 for the sign, and authorization for location. – **Discussion for placement at Ash and Main Street. Jerrod Davis made a motion to approve the sign and placement at that location, 2nd by Terry Arps. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**

Trustee Three (Carla Caruthers)

22. Consideration, discussion and possible action to purchase three (3) additional pagers with adapters and chargers for new firefighters at a cost not to exceed \$2,300.00. – **Carla Caruthers made a motion to approve, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**

23. Consideration, discussion and possible action to pair the 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe at a cost not to exceed \$5,300.00, including waiving formal competitive bidding due to the need to have the vehicle repaired quickly. – **Carla Caruthers made a motion to approve, 2nd by Jerrod Davis. The Vote: Four (4) Yes, One (1) No – Jeff Schwarzmeier.**
24. Consideration, discussion and possible action to accept \$66,840.00 in additional ARPA funds from Oklahoma County, to be utilized for emergency response equipment. – **Carla Caruthers made a motion to approve, 2nd by Terry Arps. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**

Trustee Four (Jeff Schwarzmeier)

Trustee Five (Cindy Harris Baker)

- 25. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Consideration and possible action to enter into Executive Session for confidential communications and discussions with legal counsel and other staff members as requested and required to discuss the employment and hiring of a new Town Manager/Administrator and discussing actual candidates, including compensation and terms of employment, as authorized by 25 O.S. §307(B)(1), which allows discussions pertaining to the employment, hiring, and appointment of any individual salaried public officer or employee. – **Terry Arps made a motion to enter executive session, 2nd by Jerrod Davis. The Vote: All (5) Yes. Terry Arps announced the end of the Executive Session and returned to the regular meeting.**
- 26. PROPOSED ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Consideration, discussion, and possible reasonable action, including action pertaining to the employment of a Town Manager/Administrator, including, but not limited to action deciding who to interview, compensation and benefits of actual candidates, and other related matters. – **Terry Arps made a motion to interview 4 potential candidates on February 25th, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**
- 27. New Business:** In accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Title 25 O.S. 311.A.9 of the Oklahoma Statutes, new business is defined as any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda. – **Chris Ivich spoke about dates for the Friends of the Park Christmas event.**
- 28. Citizen participation:** Citizens may address the Board during open meetings on any matter on the agenda prior to the Board taking action on the matter. On any item not on the current agenda, citizens may address the Board under the agenda item Citizen Participation. Citizens should fill out a Citizen's Participation Request form and give it to the Mayor. Citizen Participation is for information purposes only, and the Board cannot discuss, act or make any decisions on matters presented under Citizens Participation. Citizens are requested to limit their comments to two minutes. – **None.**
- 29. Adjourn.** – **Terry Arps made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (5) Yes.**

Minutes transcribed by Stephanie Mason, Administrative Assistant

