



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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF LUTHER  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.  
LUTHER TOWN HALL  
108 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LUTHER, OKLAHOMA 73054**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order **by Terry Arps.**
2. Invocation **was given by Terry Arps.**
3. Pledge of Allegiance **was led by Terry Arps.**
4. Roll Call **by Terry Arps. Present were Terry Arps, Carla Caruthers, Jeff Schwarzmeier, and Cindy Taylor. Jerrod Davis was absent.**
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 April 14, 2025.
  - b. Approval of Claims, including Payroll
  - c. Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report – **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
7. Consideration of Items Removed from the Consent Agenda – **None.**
8. Trustee Comments – **Cindy Taylor mentioned the upcoming Alumni weekend and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Market.**
9. Department Reports – **Terry Arps read the code enforcement and police department reports. Carla Caruthers mentioned the annual soap box derby event for 6-06-2026.**
10. Attorney's Report – **None.**

**Trustee One (Terry Arps)**

11. Consideration, discussion, and possible action for repair of a 2017 Police Utility cruiser with LDM Automotive at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. – **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carla Caruthers. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
12. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve a Proposed Code of Conduct for Public Meetings of the Town of Luther, its Public Trusts, Commission, and Boards. – **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
13. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve a Professional Services Agreement with The Childs Law Firm for the purposes of serving as the Town Attorney for the Town of Luther. – **Becky Tatum spoke with questions about alternative options for town representation. Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**

14. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance to establish a Specific Use Permit process for data centers. – **Rian Harkins presented the ordinance. Terry Arps made a motion to table to 6.09.2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
15. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve a moratorium on the rezoning for and issuance of building permits for data center, large load users, or other large-scale industrial projects. – **Terry Arps made a motion to table to 6.09.2026 to allow discussion with town council, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
16. Consideration, discussion and possible action to amend Chapter 12 of the zoning ordinance relating to RV Parks (continued from the April 14, 2026 meeting). – **Terry Arps made a motion to table to 6/09/2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
17. PUBLIC HEARING – To consider and take possible action to approve or deny and application for rezoning and subsequent rezoning ordinance from A-1 Agricultural to I-Industrial and Manufacturing for a property located on the southeast corner of 164th Street and N. Luther Road, Luther, OK 73054. The applicant has indicated the rezoning request is being made for the purpose of relocating an existing structural steel fabrication business. A copy of the proposed application is on file in the office of the Town Clerk at Luther Town Hall. The property is currently zoned A-1 Agricultural, and the legal description is as follows: DEWEY TOWNSHIP PT NW4 SEC 3 13N 1E BEG 100.01FT S OF NW/C OF NW4 TH E356.52FT SE462.15FT S506FT S486.75FT SWLY485.55FT SE587.99FT SWLY579.10FT W184.74FT N300FT NW203.82FT N199.99FT NW205.30FT W33FT N1727.15 TO BEG. – **Terry Arps opened the public hearing. Multiple residents spoke regarding the item (see sign up sheet). Terry Arps closed the public hearing. Carla Caruthers made a motion to deny the rezoning application, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Taylor. The Vote: Three (3) Yes. Terry Arps abstained from the vote.**
18. Presentation and discussion on the FY 2026-2027 Town of Luther Budget for the purpose of discussing, developing and finalizing the Town of Luther budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. A copy of the proposed budget is available at Luther Town Hall, 108 S. Main, Luther, OK. – **Presented by Rian Harkins.**

**Trustee Two (Jerrod Davis)**

19. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding the resignation of Valarie Braxton as a part time LPWA employee. – **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
20. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding the line-item transfer in the amount of \$205.00 from the LPWA general Fund to the Town General Fund to account for a credit card machine error. – **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Taylor. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
21. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding the line-item transfer in the amount of \$804.50 from the Town General Fund to the LPWA General Fund to account for a deposit error. – **Terry Arps made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**

**Trustee Three (Carla Caruthers)**

22. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding the enrolment of Fire Chief Figueroa in a Fire Inspector course hosted by the Owasso Fire Department June 15-20, 2026, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,550 (\$650 registration fee/\$80 books/\$660 hotel). – **Carla Caruthers made a motion to approve the training, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**

**Trustee Four (Jeff Schwarzmeier)**

**Trustee Five (Cindy Harris Baker)**

23. Consideration, discussion and possible action to finalize the location of the Route 66 Monument. – **Cindy Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed location, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
24. Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding a line-item transfer of \$290 from LEDA to the Town of Luther General Fund to cover expenses related to contractor licensing and permitting relating to the Town Hall meeting room renovations. – **Cindy Taylor made a motion to approve the expenses, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carla Caruthers. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
25. **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. – **Terry Arps discussed the TSET grant regarding the toddler playground equipment. Terry Arps made a motion to approve himself and Chris Ivich to continue pursuing the proposed equipment purchase, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Taylor. The Vote: ALL (4) Yes. – Terry Arps also made a motion is accept Samuel Walker’s resignation from the Planning Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**
26. **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. – **Destiny Mowers, Bruce Freeman, and Teresa Poisson all spoke their thoughts regarding data centers.**
27. **Adjourn.** – **Terry Arps made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: ALL (4) Yes.**

Transcribed by Stephanie Mason, Administrative Assistant.