

The McAlester City Council met in a Regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, May 22, 2015 at 10:21 A.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

Captain Robert Daniels, Salvation Army gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Travis Read, John Titsworth, Robert Karr, Buddy Garvin, Jason Barnett & Steve Harrison
Absent: Weldon Smith
Presiding: Steve Harrison, Mayor

Staff Present: Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager; Toni Ervin, Chief Financial Officer; Brett Brewer, Fire Chief; Gary Wansick, Police Chief; John Modzelewski, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Mel Priddy, Community Services Director; William J. Ervin, City Attorney and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

Citizens Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Lacey Sudderth, McAlester Main Street Director addressed the Council informing them that she had brought copies of the Survey that had been distributed to the Down Town Merchants and she would furnish the information gathered to the City Manager as soon as possible.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the May 12, 2015, Special Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*

- B. Approval of Claims for May 6, 2015 through May 19, 2015. *(Toni Ervin, Chief Financial Officer)* In the following amounts: General Fund - \$98,080.86; Parking Authority - \$124.08; Nutrition - \$1,379.00; Landfill Res./Sub-Title D - \$495.00; Tourism Fund - \$498.69; SE Expo Center - \$9,106.14; E-911 - \$7,988.97; Economic Development - \$2,790.69; Fleet Maintenance - \$12,234.83; Worker's Compensation - \$941.68 and CIP Fund - \$81,852.12.

- C. Discussion and possible action, on approval of an agreement for mutual aid emergency medical services between Checotah Emergency Medical Service and the McAlester Fire/EMS Department. (*Brett Brewer, Fire Chief*)
- D. Consider and act upon, authorization of payment to Poe and Associates, Inc. Invoice WIC 9585, in the amount of \$4,907.16 for Professional Services related to CIP#4 and funded through the McAlester Public Works Authority Construction Fund Series 2013 Project Account. (*John E. Modzelewski, P.E., City Engineer and Public Works Director*)
- E. Consider and act upon, to concur with Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group denial of Claim No. 200321-ME. (*Cora Middleton, City Clerk*)
- F. Consider and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Works Project (PPWP) Contract between the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and the City of McAlester. (*Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager*)
- G. Concur with the City Manager's recommendation to vote for Patti Shelite of Fort Cobb and Craig Stephenson of Ponca City each to fill a three (3) year term as a Trustee of Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group Board of Trustees, which commences on July 1, 2015. (*Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager*)
- H. Accept and place on file, the Oklahomans for Independent Living (OIL) quarterly report for the period of January 1, 2015 through March 30, 2015. (*Pam Pulchny, Executive Director O.I.L.*)
- I. Consider and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign an Annual Engagement Letter with Crawford & Associates, P.C., for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (*Toni Ervin, CFO*)
- J. Consider and act upon a request from the Pittsburg County Chapter NAACP to use the Michael J. Hunter Park, 14th and Chickasaw, Oklahoma on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 8:00am until 5:00 p.m. to hold the Juneteenth Celebration. (*Miller Newman, President, Pittsburg County Chapter NAACP*)
- K. Concur with Mayor's re-appointment of Larry Bishop, 1707 S. 14th Street, McAlester, Ok 74501, to the McAlester Cemetery Board, for a term to end December 31, 2017. (*Steve Harrison, Mayor*)
- L. Concur with Mayor's re-appointment of John Goodyear, 38 Jamestown Circle, McAlester, OK 74501, to the McAlester Cemetery Board, for a term to end December 31, 2017. (*Steve Harrison, Mayor*)
- M. Concur with Mayor's re-appointment of Clark Ward, 804 S. 17th Street, McAlester, Ok 74501, to the McAlester Cemetery Board, for a term to end December 31, 2017. (*Steve Harrison, Mayor*)

- N. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Resolution directing the filing and notification for the publication of supplement number 18 to the McAlester City code of 1972. (*Cora Middleton, City Clerk*)
- O. Consider and act upon, the IAFF, Local 2284, 2015-2016 Contract. (*Peter Stasiak, City Manager*)

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Read and seconded by Councilman Garvin to approve the Consent Agenda. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Read, Garvin, Titsworth, Karr, Barnett & Mayor Harrison

NAY: None

Mayor Harrison declared the motion carried.

Scheduled Business

- 1. Consider and act upon, approval to purchase a new and unused 2016 Ford SUV police package vehicle. (*Gary Wansick, McAlester Police Chief*)

Executive Summary

Motion to approve the purchase of a new and unused 2016 Ford SUV police package vehicle from Freedom Ford in McAlester.

A motion was made by Councilman Garvin and seconded by Councilman Karr to approve the purchase of a new and unused 2016 Ford SUV police package vehicle from Freedom Ford in McAlester.

Before the vote, Chief Wansick addressed the Council informing them that this vehicle would replace the unit that had been totaled during a traffic stop. He added that Freedom Ford had been the lowest bidder at \$39,811.85 and the vehicle would have the same package as the previous vehicles that the City had been purchasing. There was no other discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Garvin, Karr, Titsworth, Read, Barnett & Mayor Harrison

NAY: None

Mayor Harrison declared the motion carried.

- 2. Consider and act upon, authorizing the purchase of one new, and unused Sewer Equipment Company of America Model 545 Trailer Mounted High Pressure Sewer Cleaner from J&R Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$46,500.00. (*John C. Modzelewski, P.E., City Engineer and Public Works Director*)

Executive Summary

Motion to approve the purchase of one new, and unused, Sewer Equipment Company of America Model 545 Trailer Mounted High Pressure Sewer Cleaner from J&R Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$46,500.00.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Read and seconded by Councilman Garvin to authorize the purchase of one new, and unused Sewer Equipment Company of America Model 545 Trailer Mounted High Pressure Sewer Cleaner from J&R Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$46,500.00.

Before the vote, Director Modzelewski addressed the Council explaining that this equipment would be used by several of the City's departments. He stated that J&R Equipment, LLC was an authorized dealer for this Trailer Mounted High Pressure Sewer Cleaner and the company had also been awarded a State of Oklahoma Central Purchasing Statewide Contract Number CPSW193, which made this purchase compliant with the State and City bidding requirements.

After a brief discussion, concerning the availability of funding, if the City had this type of equipment previously, if the item was self contained and what could be used to pull it to locations, the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Read, Garvin, Karr, Barnett, Titsworth & Mayor Harrison

NAY: None

Mayor Harrison declared the motion carried.

3. Review and discussion of changes in the proposed Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 for the City of McAlester.

Executive Summary

Review and discussion of street maintenance projects and staff recommendations for funding of outside agencies.

Manager Stasiak addressed the Council explaining that after the last meeting several items needed to be brought back for discussion, such as changes to the streets section of the budget and funding of the outside organizations. He explained that they had taken each organizations funding back to their historical highest funding levels. Manager Stasiak then reviewed staff's recommendations for the funding of the outside organizations as follows: Pride In McAlester - \$60,000.00; Oklahoman's for Independent Living - \$24,000.00; McAlester Main Street - \$30,000.00; Sunbelt Classic Tournament - \$15,000.00; Old Town Festival - \$12,800.00 and Pittsburg County Emergency Management - \$50,000.00. He added that it was staff's intent to come back at the June 9th meeting with as many of the contracts for the outside organizations as possible and to adopt the 2015/2016 Operating Budget.

There was discussion among the Council including Manager Stasiak, Fire Chief Brewer and Director Modzelewski regarding the schedule of street repairs, the funding for street repairs, finding additional funding for street repairs, the funding of the outside organizations, a correction of the Main Street funding to \$27,400.00, why the City seemed to be the only community funding Emergency Management, having the Old Town Festival removed and brought back to the Council with an agreement, where the funding for the Old Town Festival would be put and having the City to look back at the historical funding of Main Street.

There was no action taken on this item.

New Business

There was no new business.

City Manager's Report

- Report on activities for the past two weeks.

Manager Stasiak reported that the Parks Department would begin spraying for mosquitoes next week and that the Health Department had given a three (3) month supply of the poison to the City. He informed the Council that he would be in Broken Arrow on Thursday and he would be taking vacation the week of June 8th but he would be at the June 9th Council meeting. Manager Stasiak commented that "A" Street was open with just a few items left to address, the City would be opening bids for the completion of CIP #1 this week and the Expo had been working with CenterPoint Energy and had been awarded a \$19,617.00 grant to update the Chillers.

Remarks and Inquiries by City Council

Councilman Karr commented on the spraying for the summer.

Vice-Mayor Read commented on the problem with residents parking in their yards and asked if the committee that had been working on the problem would be interested in getting back together to work on a solution for that problem.

Councilman Garvin commented on the status of the "Electric Chair" and asked that Park Street from 4th Street to 7th Street be looked at. He stated that it had to be the worst street in the City.

Councilman Barnett, Titsworth and Smith did not have any comments for the evening.

Mayor's Comments and Committee Appointments

Mayor Harrison did not have any comments for the evening.

Recess Council Meeting

Mayor Harrison asked for a motion to recess the Regular Meeting to convene the Authorities. Vice-Mayor Read moved to recess the Regular Meeting and convene the Authorities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garvin.

There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Read, Garvin, Karr, Barnett, Titsworth & Mayor Harrison

NAY: None

Mayor Harrison declared the motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 7:02 P.M.

Reconvene Council Meeting

The meeting was reconvened at 7:04 P.M. Vice-Mayor Read moved to recess the Regular meeting for an Executive Session in accordance with Title 25, Sec. 307.B.1, to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee: City Manager, Peter Stasiak and City Clerk, Cora Middleton. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garvin. There was no discussion and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Read, Garvin, Karr, Barnett, Titsworth & Mayor Harrison
NAY: None

Mayor Harrison declared the motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 7:04 P.M.

Executive Session

Recess into Executive Session in compliance with Section Title 25 Section 307 B.1 et.seq. Oklahoma Statutes, to wit:

- 1) Proposed executive session pursuant to Title 25, Sec. 307 (B) (1), to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee: City Manager, Peter Stasiak
- 2) Proposed executive session pursuant to Title 25, Sec. 307 (B) (1), to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee: City Clerk, Cora Middleton

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 7:20 P.M. Mayor Harrison reported that the Council had recessed the Regular Meeting for an Executive Session to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee: City Manager, Peter Stasiak and City Clerk, Cora Middleton, in accordance with Title 25, Sec. 307.B.1. Only that matter was discussed, no action was taken and the Council returned to open session at 7:20 P.M., and this constituted the Minutes of the Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Garvin moved for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Karr. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Garvin, Karr, Barnett, Titsworth, Read & Mayor Harrison
NAY: None

Mayor Harrison declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

ATTEST:

Steve Harrison, Mayor

Cora Middleton, City Clerk