

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building  
June 8, 2010

The McAlester City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, June 4, 2010, at 2:50 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Priddle called the meeting to order.

Robert Tate, First Indian Baptist Church, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Chris Fiedler, Steve Harrison, John Browne, Robert Karr, Louis Smitherman & Kevin Priddle

Absent: Buddy Garvin

Presiding: Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

Staff Present: Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager; Gayla Duke, Chief Financial Officer; John Modzelewski, City Engineer/Public Works Director; David Medley, Utilities Director; Mel Priddy, Community Service Director; Jim Lyles, Police Chief; William J. Ervin, City Attorney and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

**Citizen's Comments on Non-agenda Items**

Nick Babcock from Allied Waste addressed the Council to give them a quick update on the privatization of the City's sanitation service. Vice-Mayor Browne asked if the City's sanitation employees would be given first shot at any openings that Allied Waste might have. Jimmy Skipper addressed the Council explaining that a few of the interested City employees had passed the first reviews but a date had not been set regarding their transition from the City to Allied.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the May 18, 2010, Special Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the May 20, 2010, Special Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- C. Approval of Claims for May 12, 2010 through June 8, 2010. *(Gayla Duke, Chief Financial Officer)* In the following amounts: General Fund - \$88,902.88; Nutrition - \$5,978.32; Landfill Res./Sub-Title D - \$5,445.00; Police Grant Fund - \$4,110.67; SE

Expo Ctr./Tourism - \$713.97; E-911 - \$9,432.00; Economic Development - \$1,184.49; Gifts & Contributions - \$5,729.00 and Federal Forfeiture Fund - \$2,130.77.

Councilman Smitherman requested item "A" be removed for individual consideration. Councilman Harrison requested item "C" be removed for individual consideration.

Councilman Smitherman moved to approve Consent item "B". The motion was seconded by Councilman Harrison. There was no discussion and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, Karr, Smitherman & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

**Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:**

A. Approval of the Minutes from the May 18, 2010, Special Meeting of the McAlester City Council. (*Cora Middleton, City Clerk*)

Councilman Smitherman moved for approval of item "A". The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne.

Before the vote, Councilman Smitherman asked about being shown as absent but voting during the meeting. It was explained that in the minutes it is recorded that he came in during the meeting. There was no other discussion and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Harrison, Browne, Karr, Smitherman, Fiedler & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

C. Approval of Claims for May 12, 2010 through June 8, 2010. (*Gayla Duke, Chief Financial Officer*) In the following amounts: General Fund - \$88,902.88; Nutrition - \$5,978.32; Landfill Res./Sub-Title D - \$5,445.00; Police Grant Fund - \$4,110.67; SE Expo Ctr./Tourism - \$713.97; E-911 - \$9,432.00; Economic Development - \$1,184.49; Gifts & Contributions - \$5,729.00 and Federal Forfeiture Fund - \$2,130.77.

Councilman Karr moved to approve the Claims for May 12, 2010 through June 8, 2010. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harrison.

Before the vote, Councilman Harrison inquired about payments made to Traffic Signals, Inc. and Diamond Trophy. Manager Stasiak commented that he would look into those payments and get the information to Councilman Harrison.

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

AYE: Councilman Browne, Karr, Garvin, Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison & Mayor Priddle  
NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

Mayor Priddle asked for a motion to open the public hearing for comments on the City of McAlester Proposed Annual Operating Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011, and two (2) Ordinances annexing land into the City limits.

Councilman Harrison moved to open the Public Hearing for comments on the City of McAlester Proposed Annual Operating Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011, and two (2) Ordinances annexing land into the City limits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Karr. There was no discussion and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Karr, Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison, Browne & Mayor Priddle  
NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was opened at 6:11 P.M.

### **Public Hearing**

- A Public Hearing to receive public comment on the City of McAlester Proposed Annual Operating Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011.
- An Ordinance of the City of McAlester, Oklahoma, adding to said City of McAlester, Oklahoma, territory adjacent to the city limits, providing for zoning of said property and declaring an emergency. (i.e., Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 94, Townsite Addition No. 5, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma)
- An Ordinance of the City of McAlester, Oklahoma, adding to said City of McAlester, Oklahoma, territory adjacent to the city limits, providing for zoning of said property and declaring an emergency. (i.e., A tract of land in Lots 16, 17 and 18, in Townsite Addition No. 2, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma.)

Harold King addressed the Council expressing concerns that the proposed Annual Operating Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 did not reflect the Five (5) Year Capital Plan. He then expressed his concerns regarding the available capacity of both Water Treatment Plants and their ability to properly handle any more inflow or development. Mark Emmons addressed the Council regarding both annexations stating that when a City annexes property there had to be a ten (10) year plan to service that area. He also stated that the question at the Planning Commission meeting had not been about the housing development but if the City wanted some control on how it was developed.

Michael Osborn representative for Zimmerman Investments addressed the Council stating that he would be available to answer any questions the Council might have. Dan Angeli addressed the Council expressing his opposition to the annexation. Wayne Stipe addressed the Council stating

that no one had mentioned the need for housing in the City and it made sense to have the development in the City limits. Vice-Mayor Browne commented that the apartments were going to be built; it was a neighborhood around that area that did not want to be annexed. There was no further discussion.

Councilman Smitherman moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne. There was no other discussion and the vote was taken as follows;

AYE: Councilman Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, Karr & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:43 P.M.

### **Recognition**

Mayor Priddle presented a plaque to Bob Wallace for Outstanding Dedicated Service to the People and Youth in our Community. Mr. Wallace commented that God had blessed him in his business endeavors and he thought it was time to start giving back to the community.

### **Scheduled Business**

1. Consider, and act upon, a resolution naming a portion of Connelly Park - Bob Wallace Skatepark. (*Mayor Kevin E. Priddle and Mel Priddy, Director Community Services*)

#### Executive Summary

Motion to approve the naming of a portion of Connelly Park - Bob Wallace Skatepark

Mayor Priddle requested this item removed explaining that the City of McAlester had an Ordinance preventing the naming of City property after a living individual.

2. Presentation; accept and place on file report by the Americans with Disabilities Act Board Vice Chairman. (*Mike Ward, Vice Chairman and Mel Priddy, Director Community Services*)

#### Executive Summary

Report by the Americans with Disabilities Act Board.

Councilman Harrison moved to accept and place on file the report by the Americans with Disabilities Act Board Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne.

Before the vote, Mayor Priddle briefly reviewed the projects that had been completed and the pending projects that had been planned. He added that there was a carry over balance of \$2,521.09 from the 2009-2010 fiscal year. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, Karr & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

3. Consider, and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign agreements with Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) for General Liability, Property, Auto Fleet and Equipment Insurance coverage. (*Cora Middleton, City Clerk*)

Executive Summary

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign agreements with Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) for General Liability, Property, Auto Fleet and Equipment Insurance coverage.

Councilman Harrison moved to authorize the Mayor to sign agreements with Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) for General Liability, Property, Auto Fleet and Equipment Insurance coverage. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fiedler.

Before the vote, Ms. Middleton, City Clerk explained that on May 17, 2010 the City of McAlester had opened sealed bids for insurance services for General Liability, Property, Auto Fleet and Equipment Insurance coverage. She stated that only two (2) bids had been received, one (1) from Tippit Insurance Agency and one (1) from OMAG. She then briefly reviewed the comparison worksheet that had been included in the agenda packet and commented that approximately 90% of the cities in Oklahoma had insurance through OMAG. She highlighted the differences in the two (2) bid proposals, stressing the \$60 thousand difference or savings and added that OMAG had licensed agents on staff. She then stated that if there were any questions, there were two (2) representatives from OMAG in attendance. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, Karr, Smitherman & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action for a repair and maintenance agreement on City of McAlester water storage tanks. (*Mayor Priddle and Vice Mayor Browne*)

Executive Summary

Motion to approve setting a date and time for a workshop to discuss possible funding sources for the repair and maintenance of the City of McAlester water storage tanks.

Councilman Harrison moved to approve a repair and maintenance agreement on City of McAlester water storage tanks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fiedler.

Before the vote, Mayor Priddle explained that he and Vice-Mayor Browne had placed this item on the agenda. He asked the Council to review the information that had been distributed and he would call a Special meeting to consider and address the matter.

There was a brief discussion among the Council concerning the cost of the repairs, money previously budgeted for the repair of one (1) of the water tanks, and funding for the continued maintenance.

Mayor Priddle commented that the water tanks were an important part of the City's health and security. He then commented that the motion should be to set a date for a Special meeting to

address the repair and maintenance of the City of McAlester's water storage tanks. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Karr, Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

5. Consider, and act upon, a Change Order request for the 14<sup>th</sup> St. & Village Blvd. Utility Extensions Project with Bravo Construction Inc. of Wilburton, Oklahoma. (*David Medley, P.E. & Director of Utilities*)

Executive Summary

**Motion to NOT approve a Change Order request to the 14<sup>th</sup> St. & Village Blvd. Utility Extensions** to add miscellaneous costs and additional days to the Contract time. These various items are deemed by the Engineer and City Staff to be part of the Contractor's normal scope of work.

Councilman Karr moved to not approve a Change Order request for the 14<sup>th</sup> St. & Village Blvd. Utility Extensions Project with Bravo Construction Inc. of Wilburton, Oklahoma. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smitherman.

Before the vote, David Medley explained that the Change Order had been requested by Bravo Construction. He added that none of the items were considered out of the normal scope of the project. Robert Vaughan from Melburger Brawley concurred with Mr. Medley recommending that the Council not approve the Change Order. He added that the City Attorney had recommended that the Council take formal action on this matter.

There was a brief discussion among the Council concerning the amount of the Change Order. Mayor Priddle moved to not approve the Change Order request for the 14<sup>th</sup> St. & Village Blvd. Utility Extensions Project with Bravo Construction Inc. of Wilburton, Oklahoma. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smitherman.

Before the vote, Councilman Harrison asked if this had happened previously. Mr. Medley stated that this had not happened before and the Council had given the company extra work days. Councilman Harrison stated for clarification on the vote, that yes was voting to not approve. Vice-Mayor Browne asked if this would leave the City open to liability. Mr. Ervin stated that it would as any contract would.

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

AYE: Councilman Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, Karr, Smitherman & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

6. Consider, and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign a Renewal Letter with Unitedhealthcare, in the amount of \$572.45/per full time regular employee for the period

July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, and execute the Letter of Agency authorizing the agent for the City of McAlester health insurance. *(Gayla Duke, CFO)*

Executive Summary

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Renewal Letter with United healthcare and execute the Letter of Agency for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Vice-Mayor Browne moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a Renewal Letter with Unitedhealthcare, in the amount of \$572.45/per full time regular employee for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, and execute the Letter of Agency authorizing the agent for the City of McAlester health insurance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harrison.

Before the vote, Mayor Priddle commented that the cost per employee had decreased.

Manager Stasiak stated that the recommendation from staff was to continue with United Health Care with at 3.1% decrease in premium from the previous year and to execute a letter of Agency with Apex Global. There was a brief discussion among the Council concerning the change from the current broker, and coverage for all employees except for Fire personnel and some retirees that chose not to participate. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Harrison, Browne, Karr, Smitherman, Fiedler & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

7. Consider, and act upon, taking action to place workers compensation judgments on the property tax rolls of the County. *(Gayla Duke, CFO)*

Executive Summary

Staff recommends establishing a debt service fund for reimbursement of judgments against the City. Asks for a motion to take action and vote upon whether to place judgments on the property tax rolls. Said tax will only apply to property located within the city limits of the City of McAlester.

Councilman Fiedler moved to take action to place workers compensation judgments on the property tax rolls of the County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Karr.

Before the vote, Ms. Duke commented that this had been briefly discussed at the Budget Workshop. She stated that state statutes were in place that enabled municipalities that were self insured for their workers compensation to be able to request reimbursements for judgments to be funded by the property tax rolls of the County where the municipalities were located. She explained that the process was similar to the communities that issue GO bonds or budget by the estimate of needs act. A judgment request was returned over a three (3) year period.

There was a lengthy discussion among the Council including the City Attorney and Ms. Duke concerning how this would affect property taxes, how long this option had been available, the Auditors recommendation, if going backward in time would be appropriate, and how every other tax required an Ordinance. Mayor Priddle moved to table this item pending further research and discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smitherman.

Before the vote, Councilman Harrison inquired as to how this tax was applied in other cities. Mayor Priddle commented that it appeared to be a fairly budgetable number. Ms. Duke stated that it was intended to protect cities against unbudgeted judgments. There was no other discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Browne, Karr, Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

8. Consider, and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Virginia Ramsey, giving Ms. Ramsey grazing rights to a tract of land in the easterly part of Section 9, T5N, R14E, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma. (*Cora Middleton, City Clerk*)

Executive Summary

Motion to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Virginia Ramsey, giving Ms. Ramsey grazing rights to a tract of land in the easterly part of Section 9, T5N, R14E, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma.

Councilman Harrison moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Virginia Ramsey, giving Ms. Ramsey grazing rights to a tract of land in the easterly part of Section 9, T5N, R14E, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne.

Before the vote, Manager Stasiak stated that this was part of the land at Steven Taylor Industrial Park. It was a pie shaped section west of the turnpike. Mayor Priddle commented that this was the same lease as presented in prior years. There was no further discussion and the vote was taken on this item.

AYE: Councilman Karr, Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison, Browne & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

9. **TABLED** - Consider and act upon an Ordinance authorizing the City of McAlester to proceed with the annexation of additional lands adjacent to the City. (Dahlgren Annexation) (*Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager*)

Executive Summary

Motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of McAlester, Oklahoma, adding to said City of McAlester, Oklahoma, territory adjacent to the city limits, providing for zoning C-5 (Highway Commercial and Commercial Recreation District) and declaring an emergency.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2358**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA, ADDING TO SAID CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA, TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS, PROVIDING FOR ZONING OF SAID PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Councilman Harrison moved for approval of **ORDINANCE NO. 2358**, adding to said City of McAlester, Oklahoma, territory adjacent to the city limits, providing for zoning C-5 (Highway Commercial and Commercial Recreation District) and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smitherman.

Before the vote, Manager Stasiak explained that the Planning Commission had met at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 20, 2010 and voted unanimously to recommend the annexation of the land described. He added that on May 11, 2010 the City Council had met and directed staff to prepare the necessary documents for annexation. Mr. Stasiak stated that this land was north of Peaceable Road and adjacent to commercial corridors. There was a very lengthy discussion among the Council concerning the zoning of the property, the zoning of an adjacent lot, which water district this land was in, the difference in C-2, C-3, C-4 and C-5 zoning, what kind of buffer would be added between this property and the residential area it butted against, and how long it might be before any development actually took place. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, Karr & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

Councilman Smitherman moved to approve the EMERGENCY CLAUSE, seconded by Councilman Harrison. There was no discussion and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, Karr & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

10. **TABLED** – Consider, and act upon, an Ordinance authorizing the City of McAlester to proceed with the annexation of additional lands adjacent to the City. (Stipe Annexation)  
*(Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager)*

Executive Summary

Motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of McAlester, Oklahoma, adding to said City of McAlester, Oklahoma, territory adjacent to the city limits, providing for zoning R-3 (Multi Family Residential) and declaring an emergency.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2359**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA, ADDING TO SAID CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA, TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS, PROVIDING FOR ZONING OF SAID PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Councilman Karr moved for approval of **ORDINANCE NO. 2359**, adding to said City of McAlester, Oklahoma, territory adjacent to the city limits, providing for zoning R-3 (Multi

Family Residential) and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smitherman.

Before the vote, Manager Stasiak stated that the Planning Commission had met at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 20, 2010 and voted 6 to 1 to recommend to the City Council the annexation of the land described. He commented that the City Council met on May 11, 2010 and directed staff to prepare the necessary documents for annexation. Mr. Stasiak stated that this land was south of Carl Albert Parkway and west of the Parkway Village apartments. He added that this project had been approved through the County and will proceed even if not annexed, but the City would not provide any controls over the construction or permitting. There was a lengthy discussion among the Council concerning the amount of income based housing that was located in that area of the City, some of the residents in that area not wishing to be annexed, the cost to the City to provide services to that area, who would furnish the law enforcement in that area if not annexed, the number of property owners that were contacted, how many had responded, how long the owners would be responsible for this property and if a fence had been planned to separate this development. Vice-Mayor Browne commented that the company would not invest in this if there was not a need.

Dan Angeli again expressed his opposition to this annexation.

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

AYE: Councilman Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, Smitherman & Mayor Priddle

NAY: Councilman Karr

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

Councilman Smitherman moved to approve the EMERGENCY CLAUSE, seconded by Councilman Harrison. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison, Browne & Mayor Priddle

NAY: Councilman Karr

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

11. Consider, and act upon, a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Hickory Ridge, Phase II.  
(*Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager*)

Executive Summary

Motion to approve and act upon changing the existing zoning R-3 (Multi-Family Dwelling) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) and authorizing the Mayor to sign the attached Ordinance.

Councilman Smitherman moved for approval of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Hickory Ridge, Phase II. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fiedler.

Before the vote, Manager Stasiak explained that the applicant proposed to construct a fourteen (14) unit development owned by the developer that will contain 28 dwelling units. He stated that the Zoning Ordinance outlined the reasons for the Planned Unit Developments stating that they

should promote a flexible but unitary site development plan for residential development and permit a clustering of units for the presentation of landscaping features and efficient use of open space. He added that the Planning Commission had met and approved the final plat unanimously.

There was a brief discussion among the Council regarding how this development would be effected if the PUD was not approved, if everything was okay as far as the notices and if Phase 1 was a PUD.

Manager Stasiak stated that when this went back to the Planning Commission there would be a complete check off list that had to be followed. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, Karr, Smitherman & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

12. Consider, and act upon, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of McAlester and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local No. 2284, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and to include 2009-2010 Memorandum of Understanding. (*Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager*)

Executive Summary

Motion to accept the IAFF 2009-2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement; this includes a 2009-2010 Memorandum of Understanding.

Vice-Mayor Browne moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of McAlester and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local No. 2284, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and to include 2009-2010 Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smitherman.

Before the vote, Manager Stasiak requested this item pulled due to terminology differences in the MOU concerning employees. He stated that this would be brought back at the next meeting.

13. Discussion and presentation of revised proposed budget amendments. (*Gayla Duke, CFO*)

Executive Summary

Revised proposed budget amendments for 2010-2011.

Councilman Harrison moved to open the floor for discussion and presentation of revised proposed budget amendments. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne.

Before the vote, Manager Stasiak explained that there had been a request to identify all of the exempt employees and that information was contained in the spreadsheet that had been updated in the budget. Ms. Duke explained that the proposed budget did not reflect the approved changes in insurance.

There was a brief discussion among the Council including Mr. Ervin regarding the time, the possible length of discussion for this particular item and recessing the meeting until a later time. Mayor Priddle moved to recess the meeting until a later time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smitherman. The Council chose to finish the other sections of the meeting then recess to address this item at a later time.

### **New Business**

None

### **City Manager's Report**

Manager Stasiak expressed his appreciation for all of the efforts the Council with working with the staff as they make all the changes.

### **Remarks and Inquiries By City Council**

Councilman Fiedler, Harrison and Karr had no comments for this meeting.

Vice-Mayor Browne commented on City employee Helen Peters and stated that he wanted something done regarding her situation. He further commented that the street sweeper had done a great job but there is a problem with citizens sweeping everything into the street.

Councilman Smitherman stated that former Council member Shorty Repass had passed away.

Mayor Priddle stated he did not have any comments for this evening.

### **Recess Council Meeting**

Mayor Priddle asked for a motion to recess the Regular Meeting to convene the Authorities. Councilman Fiedler moved to recess the Regular Meeting and convene the Authorities. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Karr, Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison, Browne & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried, and the Regular Meeting was recessed at 8:55 P.M.

### **Reconvene Council Meeting**

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:56 P.M.

Due to the time and previous discussion, Mayor Priddle moved to recess the Regular meeting until Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harrison. There was no discussion and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, Karr & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the Regular meeting was recessed at 8:57 P.M.

The Regular meeting was reconvened at 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, June 9, 2010, all Councilmen were present. Vice-Mayor Browne moved to reconvene the Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smitherman.

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

AYE: Councilman Fiedler, Harrison, Browne, Karr, Garvin, Smitherman & Mayor Priddle  
NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the meeting was reconvened at 5:30 P.M.

13. Discussion and presentation of revised proposed budget amendments. (*Gayla Duke, CFO*)

Executive Summary

Revised proposed budget amendments for 2010-2011.

Manager Stasiak briefly reviewed the changes made to the proposed budget since the last workshop. He explained that the contingency account in the City Manager's department had been removed because of the change in insurance, the Hunter Park wading pool and the "B" and Jefferson wading pool would be opened and Mullen Park pool would remain closed this summer, re-instatement of the early retirement incentive program at \$625.00 per month, decreasing funding to the outside agencies by 16% and funding the Sunbelt Classic Tournament at \$7,000.00. Manager Stasiak reviewed the most recent spreadsheet concerning employee positions and benefits. He added that there would be a total decrease in health insurance premium of 3.1% and the \$60,000.00 savings for changing the City's liability insurance to OMAG was not reflected in the figures.

He then reviewed the proposed changes in the Finance Department explaining that with these changes there would be an increase of one employee in that department. There was a lengthy discussion among the Council including Mr. Stasiak and Ms. Duke regarding the proposed changes, ensuring separation of duties, what duties would be added, what the Chief Accountant would be doing and the number of employees that were previously in the Finance Department.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the number of part-time employees in parks, the change or addition of an HR Director that was also a grant writer, the Revenue Officer in the Utility Office and their duties, the City's current bonding structure, the Landfill, consolidating Traffic Control into the Streets Department, the number of full-time employees, the difference between incentives and longevity, how the budget is affected when employees retire, the number of facilities the Facility Maintenance Department maintains, and the Strategic Plan and its' funding.

Councilman Karr was excused at 6:55 P.M.

There was a brief discussion among the Council concerning the City becoming proactive instead of remaining reactive, setting the tone for future Councils and setting another budget workshop for Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. in the Conference Room.

**Adjournment**

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

AYE: Councilman Harrison, Browne, Garvin, Smitherman, Fiedler & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

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Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk