

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building  
February 5, 2013

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, February 1, 2013, at 4:22 P. M.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Weldon Smith, John Titsworth, Travis Read, Robert Karr, Buddy Garvin, Sam Mason & Steve Harrison

Absent: None

Presiding: Steve Harrison, Mayor

Staff Present: Peter Stasiak, City Manager; John Modzelewski, City Engineer/Public Works Director, Mel Priddy, Community Services Director and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

**Scheduled Business**

1. Discussion on Marketing Alliance proposal presented at the City Council Meeting on January 8, 2013.

Mayor Harrison stated that there had been interest in having a Workshop to discuss the proposal that had been presented to the Council at a Regular Meeting on January 8, 2013, including the possible funding if the Council were to proceed with the plan. He then asked Manager Stasiak to begin with his presentation.

Manager Stasiak addressed the Council reviewing a power point presentation that summarized the latest figures for the Expo Center which included the activities and how the funds were spent on Tourism and the Expo. He stated that in 2010/2011 the City separated Tourism from the Expo so there was a better accounting of the revenues and expenses. He then reviewed both the Expo's and Tourism's revenues and expenses in detail.

During Manager Stasiak's presentation there was discussion among the Council regarding the travel trailer park at the Expo, Capitol Outlay for the Expo, the increase in revenue for the Expo, how much of the General Fund was used to maintain the Expo, and how much revenue was created from visitors.

The following individuals addressed the Council expressing their concern and support of keeping the Expo open: Ed Palmer, Howard Thompson, Randy Crone, Wendell Marley, Mike Graham, Kevin Smith, David Cantrell, Paul McDaniel, Bob Impson, Bradley Hamilton and Trent Myers.

There was further discussion among the Council regarding what the Workshop was for, how the tourism tax was spent, hiring someone to promote tourism in McAlester, getting more people off the highways and into the motels, using the marketing plan as a tool, promoting the Expo and the City, and having a full-time Expo manager and a full-time tourism director.

**Adjournment**

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

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

Mayor Harrison declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Steve Harrison, Mayor

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk