

Council Chambers
Municipal Building
May 27, 2010

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Thursday, May 27, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, May 25, 2010, at 3:29 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Priddle called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Chris Fiedler, Steve Harrison, John Browne, Robert Karr, Buddy Garvin & Mayor Priddle

Absent: Louis Smitherman

Presiding: Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, City Manager; Gayla Duke, Chief Financial Officer; John Modzelewski, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Mel Priddy, Community Services Director; David Medley, Utilities Director; Darrell Miller, Assistant Police Chief; and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

Workshop

1. Discussion on Proposed Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011.

Councilman Harrison moved to open the Workshop to discuss the proposed Annual Budget for fiscal year 2010/2011. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smitherman.

Councilman Harrison commented on the decrease in worker's compensation. Manager Stasiak stated that hopefully the employees were working more safely. He then commented that instead of going line by line, staff was open for any questions.

Manager Stasiak explained the \$5.00 administration fee for the sanitation service billing.

There was a lengthy discussion among the Council and the Department Directors concerning the Roll Off service, the changes in the Fleet Maintenance, the price per gallon that fuel was budgeted at, the Fuelman program, the decreases in the expenses related to the Landfill, the date that Allied Waste would begin the refuse collection, training in the Engineering Department, changes in the Utilities Department, how funding for work comp had been divided between the General Fund and MPWA, replacement of the air conditioning at the FAA building, splitting tourism from the Expo, and the City's intentions of paying off the debt associated with the Expo.

Assistant Police Chief Miller reviewed the E-911 Fund commenting about the request to add two (2) more dispatchers to help with the work load and training the 911 Coordinator and dispatchers to map and enter that information into the system. Manager Stasiak reviewed the Economic Development Fund and the funding for some of the groups that the City funds. There was a brief discussion among the Council concerning a review of all of the City's bonds. Manager Stasiak reviewed the Planning and Community Development Department commenting that funding for the Strategic plan was in this department. Mr. Modzelewski reviewed Fleet Maintenance explaining that all of the revenue and expense to maintain the City's fleet was in the area of the budget and that as work was performed on the various vehicles that expense would be transferred to each department.

There was continued discussion among the Council concerning the Nutrition centers, the estimated life of the landfill, adjustments to the Employee Retirement Fund, allocating allowed expenses to the Juvenile Fund, anticipated grant to purchase police vests, the restrictions on expenditures on State Forfeiture funds, the anticipated bond payments, the Educational Fund, the Gifts and Contributions fund, updating the City's investment policy, and how payments for the BKD debt were applied through the CIP Fund.

Manager Stasiak commented on his recommendations to the proposed budget. Among those recommendations were to increase revenue for ambulance from \$380,000. to \$420,000., increase administration revenue to \$17,100., increase sales tax revenue from \$7,365,211. to \$7,405,211., decrease the contingency amount from \$120,000. to \$0 to fund employee health insurance at the fully insured rate, close the wading pools at "B" and Jefferson and Hunter Park and close the pool at Mullen Park, change the personnel budget to show privatization occurring on July 15, 2010 instead of September 1, 2010, changing the Utility Billing Clerk position back to full-time, include a Capital outlay grant match of \$5,750. for the Airport, reinstating the voluntary retirement program and decreasing each of the outside agencies funding by 16% as follows: Pride in McAlester from \$60,000. to \$50,400, McAlester Main Street from \$30,000. to 25,200., McAlester Economic Development from \$219,849. to \$184,673., Oklahomans for Independent Living from \$24,000. to 20,160. and Emergency Management from \$50,000. to \$42,000.

There was a brief discussion concerning closing the pools and the Council indicated that they wanted both of the wading pools opened and Councilman Garvin agreed that if Mullen Park pool was not used it should not be opened. They also asked that the employees at the pools monitor attendance.

Councilman Harrison commented that he felt confident about this budget seemed to be based on realistic numbers.

Mayor Priddle thanked the senior staff for the work that had been put into the proposed budget.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Councilman Fiedler moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cora Middleton, City Clerk