

Council Chambers
Municipal Building
June 15, 2010

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, June 11, 2010, at 10:10 A.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, Buddy Garvin, Louis Smitherman & Mayor Priddle
Absent: Robert Karr
Presiding: Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, City Manager; Gayla Duke, Chief Financial Officer; John Modzelewski, City Engineer/Public Works Director; David Medley, Utilities Director; Jim Lyles, Police Chief and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

Others Present: Members of the Audit & Finance Advisory Committee

Workshop

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

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

Manager Stasiak furnished the Council with the number of current positions with in the City employment. He stated that there were 246 full-time positions, 222 current and 221 budgeted.

Councilman Karr arrived at 5:43 P.M.

There was considerable discussion among the Council regarding the number of police officers, reductions in force, length of time an employee could choose the retirement incentive program, if administration was tracking the number of tickets written per officer, changing the HR/Grant Writer to HR Manager/Grant Writer, the adjustments related to the decrease in health insurance and retaining funds in both the Street Department and the Utilities Department for street repair.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the strategic plan, educating the public about the need for a strategic plan, the process to develop the plan, the cost of the plan, what had been budgeted

to begin that process and not spending any of the appropriated money until after the mid-year budget review.

The Council then briefly discussed the Facilities Maintenance Department, the economy and the various equipment needs of the City. Mayor Priddle commented that he felt the economy would be flat through 2011.

Manager Stasiak stated that he felt the budget was realistic, achievable and had opportunities in it. Councilman Garvin commented that he had been on the Council for five (5) and he felt very comfortable with Mr. Stasiak on board.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Vice-Mayor Browne moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fiedler. 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 6:52 P.M.

Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cora Middleton, City Clerk