

Council Chambers
Municipal Building
October 20, 2010

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, October 15, 2010 at 5:00 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 & Mayor Priddle
Absent: Buddy Garvin
Presiding: Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, City Manager; John Modzelewski, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Gayla Duke, Chief Financial Officer and Karen Boatright, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Priddle explained that the Audit & Finance Advisory Board meeting was still in session and since he and Vice-Mayor Browne were members of that board he would like to recess the Council's Special Meeting until after the conclusion of the Audit & Finance Advisory Board meeting.

Vice-Mayor Browne moved to recess the Special Meeting of the City Council to conclude the Audit & Finance Advisory Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fiedler. There was no discussion and the vote was taken as follows:

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

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the Special Meeting was recessed at 5:31 P.M.

The Special Meeting was reconvened at 5:45 P.M.

Worksession

1. Discussion concerning City of McAlester Municipal landfill; ie... life expectancy, operations and pricing.

A motion was made by Councilman Karr and seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne to open the floor for discussion concerning City of McAlester Municipal landfill; ie... life expectancy, operations and pricing.

John Modzelewski distributed an informational handout regarding various aspects of the City's Landfill. He explained that the City had some issues with DEQ, violations that the City was in the process of addressing. He commented that they had met with DEQ last Wednesday, there had been a sight inspection this morning and the City was headed in the right direction. Mr. Modzelewski stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to discuss the life expectancy of the Landfill and future operations. He added that with the changes that had already been made at the Landfill the life expectancy was February 2, 2011. He then presented the Council with a proposed operations timeline that could possibly extend the Landfills life past the February 2, 2011 estimate. Which were as follows:

- November 1, 2010 Allow only Residential customers, with proof of residency in Pittsburg County.
- November 1, 2010 Submit Permit Modifications to ODEQ
- December 1, 2010 Allow only Residential customers, with proof of residency in the City of McAlester.

Evaluate monthly tonnage to determine proper hours of operation.
- January 3, 2011 Review monthly tonnage, hours of operation, and Life of Site to determine if "mothball" operation was necessary.

Mr. Modzelewski informed the Council that he would be presenting them with updates on a regular schedule and he would bring to Council a proposal for adjusted rates the first meeting in November.

There was discussion concerning minimizing what was accepted at the Landfill, increasing the life expectancy of the Landfill, changing the way the new cell would be constructed, how long it would take DEQ to review and approve the permit, how long it would take to construct the cell after approval, how long it could take the City to get into substantial compliance, how long the City had been in noncompliance, what was Alderson's commercial rate, limiting access to the landfill and which dates the City was comfortable with on the proposed timeline.

Councilman Karr commented that the commercial customers were normally charging for what they were bringing to the landfill.

There was further discussion among the Council concerning what would happen if the current landfill filled before the new cell could be constructed, how long the City had been aware of this problem, what the original permit allowed, what method the City was using to monitor the landfill, what was the Sub-Title Fee on the utilities bill and who paid that fee. The Council also discussed how much revenue a possible increase in fees at the Landfill could create, what fees the City was charging, how the City residents were already paying more to use the landfill than other citizens and increasing those fees in the future and possibly starting some form of recycling at the Landfill.

Mr. Modzelewski commented that from what he gathered from the discussion he could have a notice out for November 1, 2010 that only Pittsburg County residents and commercial could use the Municipal Landfill. Mayor Priddle confirmed that as of November 1st only Pittsburg County residents could use the Landfill. He added discussing with Allied a possible discount on gate fee if we move our roll-off work to them for a while. He agreed with developing a rate schedule increase for residential and commercial use of the landfill.

Councilman Harrison moved to recess the Special Meeting for an Executive Session to discuss negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employees groups: IAFF, in accordance with Title 25, Sec. 307.B.2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fiedler.

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

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

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the Special Meeting was recessed at 6:18 P.M.

Executive Session

- **Section 307 (B) (2)** – Discuss negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employees groups: IAFF

The Special Meeting was reconvened at 7:40 P.M. Mayor Priddle reported that the Council had recessed the Special Meeting for an Executive Session to discuss negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employees groups: IAFF, in accordance with Title 25, Sec. 307.B.2. Only that matter was discussed, no action was taken and the Council returned to open session at 7:40 P.M., and this constituted the Minutes of the Executive Session.

Councilman Karr asked to be excused during the Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Councilman Fiedler moved adjournment. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne.

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

AYE: Councilman Fiedler, Harrison, Browne & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Boatright, Deputy City Clerk