

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building  
June 7, 2011

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, June 3, 2011 at 4:20 P.M.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Priddle called the meeting to order.

### **ROLL CALL**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Weldon Smith, Steve Harrison, John Browne, Robert Karr, Buddy Garvin, Sam Mason & Mayor Priddle

Absent: None

Presiding: Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, City Manager; John Modzelewski, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Gayla Duke, Chief Financial Officer; William J. Ervin, City Attorney and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

### **Public Hearing**

#### **1. Receive Public comment on City of McAlester Proposed Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Annual Operating Budget.**

Councilman Harrison moved to open the floor for a Public Hearing to receive comments on the City of McAlester's proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Operating Budget. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Harrison, Browne, Karr, Garvin, Mason & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was opened at 6:37 P.M.

Steve Belcher addressed the Council expressing his concerns about the amount of funding the City was going to furnish to MPower.

There were no other comments concerning the proposed Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Annual Operating Budget.

Councilman Harrison moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne. The vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Harrison, Browne, Karr, Garvin, Mason, Smith & Mayor Priddle  
NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:40 P.M.

**Scheduled Business**

- 1. Consider, and act upon, a standard Agreement for Engineering Services with Mehlburger Brawley, Inc. to provide professional engineering services, as needed, for a period of one year.**

Councilman Karr moved to approve a standard Agreement for Engineering Services with Mehlburger Brawley, Inc. to provide professional engineering services, as needed, for a period of one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harrison.

Before the vote, Mr. Ervin reviewed the recommended changes on page ten (10) of the agreement with the Council. He informed the Council that these changes had been discussed with Mehlburger Brawley and that they had no problems with the changes.

Councilman Harrison pointed out another change on page nine (9) of the agreement. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Browne, Karr, Garvin, Mason, Smith, Harrison & Mayor Priddle  
NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

- 2. Consider, and act upon, a Work Order with Mehlburger Brawley, Inc. to provide professional engineering services for the design of Elks Road Improvements and Extension.**

Councilman Karr moved to approve a Work Order with Mehlburger Brawley, Inc. to provide professional engineering services for the design of Elks Road Improvements and Extension. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garvin.

Before the vote, there was discussion among the Council about obtaining the easements before any work started, how the road would be designed, how far the road would extend into the property and if there would be any concerns with the City's ability to furnish water to the area.

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

AYE: Councilman Karr, Garvin, Mason, Smith, Harrison, Browne & Mayor Priddle  
NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

### **3. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the operation and associated business of the municipal landfill**

Councilman Harrison moved to open the floor for discussion and possible action on the operations and associated business of the municipal landfill. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Browne.

Before the vote, Mr. Modzelewski distributed updated information to the Council. He reviewed the recent history of the landfill's projected life. He commented that the site life had extended because of the measures that had recently been implemented. He added that his estimate for the life of the landfill was to the end of 2011.

There was discussion among the Council including Manager Stasiak and Mr. Modzelewski regarding landfill's daily revenue and expenses, how those calculations had been made, the steps that had been taken recently to help extend the life of the landfill, the equipment necessary to maintain the landfill, various options available to the City, the costs related to permitting for a new cell, the length of time it could take to receive a permit to construct a new cell and the costs related to closing the landfill and how long that process could take. The Council also discussed what could be done with the amount of limbs and brush that was accumulating at the landfill and the lack of adequate dirt for cover at the landfill.

Mayor Priddle asked what the Council would recommend. He then asked Manager Stasiak for his recommendation.

Manager Stasiak recommended that effective July 1, 2011 the landfill be open one (1) Saturday per month from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. He added that this would limit the volume and allow time to be used working on DEQ compliance issues.

Councilman Mason moved to limit the landfill to one (1) Saturday per month from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, effective July 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harrison.

Before the vote, Councilman Harrison commented that the rates would have to come before the Council before they could be modified. Mayor Priddle asked if the Council wanted to modify the motion. He then restated the motion to read "approve the City Manager's recommendation to limit the landfill use to the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, available to City of McAlester residents only, effective July 1, 2011."

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

AYE: Councilman Mason, Smith, Harrison, Garvin & Mayor Priddle

NAY: Councilman Browne & Karr

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

Mr. Modzelewski commented about the Roll-Off business of the City asking if the Council wanted to discuss that matter.

The Councilman commented that they would need more information regarding the Roll-Off business. Mayor Priddle stated that the next landfill meeting would be about the Roll-Off business and he asked that any questions or comments be sent to the City Manager.

**Adjournment**

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

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

AYE: Councilman Smith, Harrison, Browne, Karr, Garvin, Mason & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

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Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk