

Council Chambers
Municipal Building
January 29, 2013

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, January 25, 2013, at 5:05 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Council Roll Call was as follows:

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

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

Scheduled Business

1. Presentation and Discussion of 9th Street and Illinois Master Drainage Plan.

Mayor Harrison addressed the audience asking them to wait to ask question or make comments until they are given the microphone. He informed them that this would be broadcast on the City's television channel.

Manager Stasiak explained that the meeting tonight was to discuss the Sandy Creek Tributary C. He stated that the City had contracted with Meshek and Associates, they had given their final report and he was turning the meeting over to John Modzelewski.

Mr. Modzelewski explained that the presentation would be give by Brandon Claborn from Meshek and Associates. He added that the company had been working with the City of McAlester to develop a Stormwater program and he then turned the microphone over to Mr. Claborn.

Mr. Claborn introduced himself and gave the audience some background information on his qualifications. He then began his presentation explaining the steps taken to identify problems that affected the area of the City that his firm had been asked to study. He informed the Council and audience of the four (4) problem areas that had been identified as follows:

1. Mallard and Flamingo
2. Quail Drive
3. 9th and MacArthur Intersection

4. 9th and Illinois
5. The culvert at South Street

Mr. Claborn explained that the terms 100 year event actually meant that there was a 1% chance of the event occurring, 10 year event meant that there was a 10% chance of the event occurring and a 2 year event meant that there was a 50% chance of the event happening. He commented that those terms were not as commonly used and it was possible to have those events sooner than their names implied.

Mr. Claborn then reviewed each of the problem areas going over the various alternatives to address each of them. He then reviewed the costs to repair each of the problems.

Gary Dismuke, Jeff Price, Jerry Mathews and Vickie Brown expressed their concerns about the drainage problems in the area.

There was a brief discussion among the Council concerning retention ponds, if that cost included the acquisition of any land, how that area could be beautified, how developers were required to detain any additional runoff that their development might create, and the possibility of a Stormwater fee to help fund the repair or correction of the drainage problems.

Mayor Harrison commented that before charging a fee the study would need to be expanded to cover the entire City of McAlester.

Adjournment

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

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

NAY: None

Mayor Harrison declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

ATTEST:

Steve Harrison, Mayor

Cora Middleton, City Clerk