

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 5:15 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, September 21, 2015, at 3:03 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, Robert Karr & Steve Harrison
Absent: John Titsworth, Buddy Garvin & Jason Barnett
Presiding: Steve Harrison, Mayor

Staff Present: Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

Scheduled Business

1. Discussion and presentation of the McAlester Regional Hospital Emergency Room Expansion. *(David Keith, CEO, McAlester Regional Hospital)*

David Keith, CEO McAlester Regional Health Center addressed the Council introducing members of his staff that would be presenting the proposed expansion project to them. He commented that after the presentation there should be a high level of trust in the project and any questions should be answered.

Chris Whybrew, COO McAlester Regional Health Center addressed the Council and reviewed the project with the Council informing them of the increase in the number of annual Emergency Department visits and how the current Emergency Department was no longer adequate to handle the number of patients. He explained that the Emergency Department had been built in 1978 with only two (2) trauma rooms and nine (9) exam rooms. He highlighted how the new Emergency Department would aid the hospital in becoming the only Certified Level 3 Trauma Center in Southeastern Oklahoma. He reviewed the layout of the new Emergency Department and the various phases of the project.

There was a brief discussion concerning improved services, how becoming a Level 2 Trauma Center would improve services, the number of Emergency Room visits that were actually emergencies, how this would address the patient wait time, the increase in staff and doctors.

Darryl Linnington, CFO McAlester Regional Health Center addressed the Council reviewing the financial side of the project. During his review Mr. Linnington explained the estimated costs of

the Emergency Department construction, how the project would be funded through the hospital's revenues generated by operations, and the Credit worthiness of the hospital.

There was further discussion concerning the plans for adequately staffing the new Emergency Department, the anticipated increase in the number of patients, and alternative financing options.

Mayor Harrison recessed the Special to convene the regularly scheduled meeting at 5:59 P.M.

The Special Meeting was reconvened at 6:02 P.M. with Councilmen Titsworth, Garvin and Barnett arriving at 6:00 P.M.

The discussion continued with Mr. Keith commenting that this project would not only increase the capacity of the Emergency Department but would also improve patient services.

There was a final brief discussion concerning plans for the existing Emergency Department once this new facility was constructed.

No action was taken on this item.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Smith moved for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Read and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Read, Titsworth, Karr, Garvin, Barnett & Mayor Harrison

NAY: None

Mayor Harrison declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

ATTEST:

Steve Harrison, Mayor

Cora Middleton, City Clerk