

Council Chambers
Municipal Building
December 6, 2016

The McAlester City Council met in a Special session on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, December 1, 2016 at 3:41 P.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Browne called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Weldon Smith, Cully Stevens, Travis Read, Robert Karr, Buddy Garvin, Jason Barnett & John Browne

Absent: None

Presiding: John Browne, Mayor

Staff Present: Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager; Leroy Alsup, Community & Economic Development Director; William J. Ervin, City Attorney and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

Scheduled Business

1. Consider and authorize the Mayor to exercise the 180 day fourth option term in the "Second Amendment to Option to Purchase Real Property dated June 18, 2015" agreement with Jimmie D. Key and Evy Laverne Key, Trustees of the J & L Revocable Trust for the Retail Connection Development at 14th Street and U.S. Highway 69 and approve the issuance of a \$5,000 check for the option consideration to Jimmie D. Key and Evy Laverne Key, Trustees of the J & L Revocable Trust. (*Leroy Alsup, Director, Community & Economic Development*)

Executive Summary

Motion to act upon and authorize the Mayor to exercise the 180 day fourth option term in the "Second Amendment to Option to Purchase Real Property dated June 18, 2015" agreement with Jimmie D. Key and Evy Laverne Key, Trustees of the J & L Revocable Trust for the Retail Connection Development at 14th Street and U.S. Highway 69 and approve the issuance of a \$5,000 check for the option consideration to Jimmie D. Key and Evy Laverne Key, Trustees of the J & L Revocable Trust.

Director addressed the Council explaining that the third Option to Purchase Real Property agreement with Jimmie D. Key and Evy Laverne Key, Trustees of the J & L Revocable Trust for the Retail Connection Development at 14th Street and U.S. Highway 69 would expire on December 11, 2016. This fourth Option to Purchase Real Property agreement with Jimmie D.

Key and Evy Laverne Key, Trustees of the J & L Revocable Trust for the Retail Connection Development at 14th Street and U.S. Highway 69, if approved would extend the agreement through June 9, 2017. He added that this item also included a \$5,000.00 for the option consideration.

After a discussion concerning \$5,000.00 payment going toward the purchase price of the property, the possibility of a traffic signal at the intersection and the area businesses supporting a traffic signal at the intersection a motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Read to authorize the Mayor to exercise the 180 day fourth option term in the “Second Amendment to Option to Purchase Real Property dated June 18, 2015” agreement with Jimmie D. Key and Evy Laverne Key, Trustees of the J & L Revocable Trust for the Retail Connection Development at 14th Street and U.S. Highway 69 and approve the issuance of a \$5,000 check for the option consideration to Jimmie D. Key and Evy Laverne Key, Trustees of the J & L Revocable Trust. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Read, Stevens, Karr, Barnett & Mayor Browne

NAY: Councilman Garvin

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

2. Discussion of the McAlester Defense Support Association (MDSA) Executive Director position. (*Gene Walker, Vice Chairman, McAlester Defense Support Association*)

Executive Summary

Discussion.

Gene Walker, Vice Chairman, McAlester Defense Support Association addressed the Council reviewing the various events that have taken place in the years since the McAlester Defense Support Association (MDSA) had been formed. He commented that the Association had grown and now needed someone that would work full time for the Association. He added that many of the current members were volunteers with jobs and could not make the contacts that a full-time employee could.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning possible future Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC), local support for the Ammo Plant, where the McAlester Defense Support Services would be housed, having other entities besides the City to help fund the organization, creating a position within the City of McAlester instead of an outside organization, how much control the City would have, who would direct the Director, getting the other surrounding communities involved in the funding of the organization and cleaning up some of the details that seem to be open ended in the draft agreement.

There was no vote 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 Councilman Stevens.

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

AYE: Councilman Smith, Stevens, Read, Karr, Garvin, Barnett & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:045P.M.

ATTEST:

John Browne, Mayor

Cora Middleton, City Clerk