

Council Chambers
Municipal Building
March 23, 2017

The McAlester City Council met in a Special session on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 5:00 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, March 22, 2017 at 10:00 A.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 & John Browne
Absent: Buddy Garvin & Jason Barnett
Presiding: John Browne, Mayor

Staff Present: Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager; Missy Garrett, Paralegal for the City of McAlester and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

Scheduled Business

1. Consider and act to Authorize the release of Internal Personnel Disciplinary Investigation recordings of Jerry Lynn Wilson interviews and documents produced by Jerry Lynn Wilson and Safety/Human Resources to the McAlester Personnel Board and Jerry Lynn Wilson for use in conjunction with Ms. Wilson's pending appeal to the McAlester Personnel Board, or in the alternative to designate said Internal Personnel Disciplinary Investigation recordings of Jerry Lynn Wilson interviews and documents produced by Jerry Lynn Wilson and Safety/Human Resources as confidential personnel records.

Executive Summary

The City Attorney recommends that the City Council authorize the release of Internal Personnel Disciplinary Investigation recordings of Jerry Lynn Wilson interviews and documents produced by Jerry Lynn Wilson and Safety/Human Resources to the McAlester Personnel Board and Jerry Lynn Wilson for use in conjunction with Ms. Wilson's pending appeal to the McAlester Personnel Board.

Mayor Browne briefly updated the Council with some background on this item. He stated that during the Personnel Board meeting on March 21, 2017, the Board interviewed Doug Basinger and Sheila Maldonado regarding the investigation they had conducted per the City Manager's request. Ms. Wilson's attorney had also questioned both of the employees. At that meeting the Personnel Board had requested that the audio recordings be made available to them. He added that Attorney Ervin felt the recordings should be released to Ms. Wilson's attorney also.

There was discussion concerning the release of the audio to the public, if it would be played in the Personnel meeting, if there were any issues with the release of the audio, the City Attorney's recommendation to release, and that the transcription of the audio had already been released.

Ms. Garrett commented that the release of the recordings to both the Personnel Board and Ms. Wilson's attorney would insure that the City did not appear to be withholding information.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Read to authorize the release of Internal Personnel Disciplinary Investigation recordings of Jerry Lynn Wilson interviews and documents produced by Jerry Lynn Wilson and Safety/Human Resources to the McAlester Personnel Board and Jerry Lynn Wilson for use in conjunction with Ms. Wilson's pending appeal to the McAlester Personnel Board. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

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 Read.

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

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

ATTEST:

John Browne, Mayor

Cora Middleton, City Clerk