

The McAlester City Council met in a Special session on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, April 10, 2019 at 10:56 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, James Brown, Zach Prichard & John Browne

Absent: None

Presiding: John Browne, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, City Manager; Toni Ervin, Asst. City Manager; An-Chen Lai, CFO; Stephanie Giacomo, Grant Writer/Public Information Officer; William J. Ervin, City Attorney and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Read to open a public hearing to receive comments and answer questions concerning the proposed 5 Year Capital Improvement Program for FY 2019/2020-2023/2024 for the City of McAlester. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Read, Stevens, Brown, Prichard & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was opened at 5:31 P.M.

Public Hearing

All persons interested in commenting on the Capital Program shall have an opportunity to be heard in accordance with Article 5, Section 5.12(a) of the City Charter.

- A Public Hearing on the proposed 5 Year Capital Improvement Program for FY 2019/2020-2023/2024 for the City of McAlester.

Vice-Mayor Stevens asked if the Capital Improvement Program would be on the next regular Council meeting for consideration.

Manager Stasiak stated that it would be as required by the City Charter.

There were no other comments.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Read and seconded by Councilman Smith. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Read, Smith, Stevens, Brown, Prichard & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the Public Hearing was closed at 5:32 P.M.

Scheduled Business

1. Consider and act, to declare a vacancy in the Ward 5 Council Seat on the McAlester City Council and to setting a deadline for acceptance of applications. (*Cora Middleton, City Clerk*)

Mayor Browne stated that the Council would accept resumes from interested individuals until 5:00 P.M., Thursday, April 18, 2019. He commented there would be a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 5:30 P.M., with an Executive Session, to interview the interested parties. He added that another Special Meeting would be scheduled for 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 prior to the Regular Council meeting. He explained that the individual chosen at the April 18, 2019 Special Meeting would be sworn in during the April 23, 2019 Special Meeting, so they could participate in the Regular Meeting.

Councilman Read asked who the resumes should be turned into.

Mayor Browne commented they could be turned into the receptionist in the front window or to the City Clerk.

Councilman Smith asked how the notice would be sent out.

Mayor Browne stated that an announcement would be placed in the newspaper, on the City's website, on the City's Facebook page and on the radio.

Councilman Brown asked if the interviews would be conducted in open session.

Mayor Browne stated that the interviews would be conducted in an Executive Session.

A motion declaring a vacancy in the Ward 5 Council Seat on the McAlester City Council, accepting resumes until Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 5:00 P.M., calling a Special Meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 to conduct interviews and calling a Special Meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 to swear in the newly appointed Council member was made by Councilman Prichard. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Stevens.

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

AYE: Councilman Prichard, Stevens, Read, Brown, Smith & 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 Brown. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Brown, Prichard, Stevens, Read & Mayor Browne
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

John Browne, Mayor

Cora Middleton, City Clerk