

The McAlester City Council met in a Regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, July 9, 2020, at 3:30 P.M.

Councilwoman Harrison gave the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Browne called the meeting to order.

### **Roll Call**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present in Person: Weldon Smith, Maureen Harrison & John Browne  
Present via Teleconference: Cully Stevens, Steve Cox, James Brown & Zach Prichard  
Absent: None  
Presiding: John Browne, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, City Manager, Sherri Swift, CFO; Toni Ervin, Assistant City Manager; Dalton Carlton, Public Works Director; Oliver Skimbo, Environmental Program Coordinator and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

Staff Attending via Teleconference: William J. Ervin, City Attorney

### **Swearing-in Ceremony**

Judge Deborah Hackler administered the Oath of Office to Weldon Smith, First Ward Councilman.

Councilwoman Harrison addressed the Council thanking them for giving her the opportunity to speak and to serve the community. She then thanked the Lord, her family, her friends, the McAlester School System, the Council and City staff for their support and help.

Mayor Browne presented Councilwoman Harrison with a plaque of appreciation for her service on the Council and encouraged her to continue her involvement in the City.

Judge Deborah Hackler administered the Oath of Office to Billy Jack Boatright, Fifth Ward Councilman.

## **Incoming Council**

Councilman Smith thanked the Ward One voters and stated that he would continue to serve the City to the best of his ability. He added that he would strive to see the City adopt a Five (5) year Strategic Plan.

## **Recognition and Awards**

Mayor Browne presented Sherry Swing as “Employee of the Month” for the month of May, 2020. Ms. Swing received a Certificate of Appreciation, a plaque, a portfolio and one (1) paid day off.

## **Citizens Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

*Residents may address Council regarding an item that is not listed on the Agenda. Residents must provide their name and address. Council requests that comments be limited to five (5) minutes.*

John Titsworth, 1010 Douglas addressed the Council expressing his opinion and concerns regarding information concerning the Coronavirus (Covid-19).

## **Consent Agenda**

*All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the June 23, 2020, Regular Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Approval of Claims for June 17, 2020 through July 7, 2020. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)* In the following amounts: General Fund - \$158,321.81; Nutrition - \$1,410.46; Landfill Res./Sub-Title D - \$10,875.00; Tourism Fund - \$19,940.99; SE Expo Center - \$3,766.23; E-911 - \$16,692.81; Economic Development - \$5,891.77; Grants & Contributions - \$11,070.00; CDBG Grants Fund - \$13,911.20; Fleet Maintenance - \$9,988.82; Worker’s Compensation - \$52,096.00; Dedicated Sales Tax – MPWA - \$1,500.00; CIP Fund - \$26,270.75; Technology Fund - \$1,142.50; Stormwater Fund - \$14,150.83 and Infrastructure Fund - \$113,736.08.
- C. Consider and act upon, acceptance of a bid from Ideal Cleaning in the amount of \$3,000 per month to provide cleaning services to the City of McAlester Buildings. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
- D. Concur with the Mayor’s appointment of Ann Walker, 816 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, to the Ethics Board for a term to expire February, 2024. *(John Browne, Mayor)*
- E. Consider and act upon, approval to enter into a Contract with Mustang Equipment Leasing, Inc. for a copier lease for 1 copier in the City’s Tourism office. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Boatright.

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

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Stevens, Cox, Brown, Prichard & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

A motion to open a Public Hearing to address two (2) proposed ordinances was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Boatright.

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

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Stevens, Cox, Brown, Prichard & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the Public Hearing was opened at 6:19 P.M.

### **Public Hearing**

*All persons interested in any ordinance listed under Scheduled Business shall have an opportunity to be heard in accordance with Article 2, Section 2.12(b) of the City Charter*

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, OF THE MCALESTER CITY CODE, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 94-35, PERMIT FOR INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE STRUCTURES IN STREET DITCHES; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI, FINANCE, DIVISION 4, COST SHARING POLICY FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, SECTION 2-440, STORM DRAINS AND CULVERTS; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2656 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

There were no comments regarding either of the proposed ordinances, and a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boatright, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Cox, Brown, Prichard, Stevens & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:19 P.M.

## **Scheduled Business**

1. Discussion and update on the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the City of McAlester.  
(*John Browne, Mayor*)

Executive Summary  
Discussion.

Mayor Browne began this item by relaying some information regarding the average number of Covid-19 cases per week. He commented that for July 8<sup>th</sup> through July 14<sup>th</sup> the average was 640.8 per day with the high of 993 falling on July 14<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the high case days were falling at the end of the two (2) week cycle and the numbers were definitely going up. He then reviewed the number of cases in Pittsburg County beginning in May with 39 and ending in July with 81. He stated that the number had more than doubled in two (2) months. He then reviewed the U.S. cases of 1,551,841 with fatalities of 138,598, stating that the death rate for those cases had been 8%. He compared the Oklahoma cases of 17,063 with fatalities of 428, with a death rate of 2.5%. He commented that if the numbers were to hold true with the July 14 number of cases at 993 there could be 24.8 deaths in Oklahoma and 79.4 deaths for the U.S.

Mayor Browne commented that what was currently being done to slow the growth of the virus was not working and something else needed to be considered to avoid potentially closing the economy again in the future. He stated that according to experts in the Presidents administration as well as other experts the most effective way to slow the spread was to wear masks. He stated that to help avoid the situation of closing the economy again, individuals needed to protect the workers that interacted with the public on a daily basis. He added that wearing a mask in public was minimal when compared to the benefit it would provide.

Dr. John Tedesco, MRHC addressed the Council stating that the information that Mayor Browne had relayed was very accurate. He commented that the McAlester Hospital was not currently strained by the virus but other communities in the state were. He stated that wearing masks and socially distancing were very important in the slowing of the virus.

Kim Stout, Chief Nursing Officer at MRHA and Dr. Roloff, Hospitalist at MRHC both commented that the masks were not protecting the wearer as much as protecting others. Dr. Roloff commented on the ways that the virus affected each individual differently and how the coming flu season could impact the virus.

There was discussion regarding how long it would be before people could stop wearing masks, the conflicting information that was available, how the virus was constantly changing, how schools would be handling the upcoming school year, if there was any drawback from wearing masks, what could be done to increase the wearing of masks, how the public could react if told to wear masks, asking the public to wear masks, what the Pittsburg County Emergency Management had been doing with the State and Federal before the virus had gotten to Oklahoma, how to support the City, not closing the economy down and working on what can help to prevent the spread of the virus.

There was no action taken on this item.

2. Presentation and acceptance of the McAlester Hydraulic Analysis Report performed by Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC for the City of McAlester. (*Dale Burke, Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC*)

Executive Summary

Staff recommends the acceptance of the McAlester Hydraulic Analysis Report from Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC.

Dale Burke, P.E. President Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC addressed the Council reviewing the Hydraulic Analysis Report that his company had performed. He reviewed the elements of the City's Hydraulic system, stating that there were 989,550 feet of water lines of varying sizes, with an estimated replacement cost of \$100 million. He informed the Council that there were 7,365 residential meters, 1003 commercial meters, 17 Master meters for the Rural Water Districts, 5 water towers with a total storage capacity of 4.2 million gallons, high service pumps at the plant, 2 booster pumps and 915 Hydrants. He reviewed the four (4) conditions that were evaluated which were Peak Hour, Average Day, Max Day, and Fire Flow and how each of those conditions affected that water system. He commented that when the Buffalo Tower was filled the other towers did not fill. He then reviewed the various improvements that could be made to the water system, the cost of those improvements and how those costs could be spread out over three (3) years. He updated the Council on the condition of the pipes in the City's water system.

There was discussion regarding the condition of the pipe and the type of pipe in the water system, the order of improvements, why the Buffalo Tower controlled the filling of the towers in the City, the nineteen (19) most critical issues, if other cities were experiencing the same issues, why spread the improvements over a period of years, when the bulk of the improvements would be completed, how long this project could take, funding options available and why the City needed to develop a Strategic Plan.

There was no further discussion, and a motion to accept the McAlester Hydraulic Analysis Report was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boatright, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Brown, Prichard, Stevens, Cox & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

3. Consider and act upon, approval of a water rate increase for Rural Water Districts and Wholesale Customers. (*Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer*)

Executive Summary

Audit & Finance Committee and Staff both recommend a rate of \$5.79 to begin on August 1, 2020 thru June30, 2021.

Mayor Browne addressed the Council explaining that the Audit & Finance Advisory Board had been looking at the City's water revenues and had noticed that the numbers for the Rural Water

Districts had been flat for several months. He added that it was discovered that the City was selling water to the Water Districts for less than what it cost to produce the water.

CFO Swift addressed the Council explaining that as of July 1, 2020, the rate that was being charged was \$3.79 and according to the water and sewer cost calculation provided by Crawford & Associates, PC, the cost to treat water was much higher than what was currently being billed to the Rural Water Districts.

There was discussion concerning what was included in the analysis that had been performed by Crawford & Associates, PC, what the rates were that the Rural Water Districts were billing their customers and if the Council had the authority to modify a contract.

Attorney Ervin stated that the City did not have the authority to unilaterally modify the contracts. He explained that when this information had been brought to staff's attention, they immediately revoked the offer that was sent out with the contracts. He stated that he believed that one contract had been signed and they immediately notified the other Districts that the City was rescinding the offered contract and they would be receiving a replacement. He added that the one that had been signed there was a severability clause that addressed anything that was found to be unconstitutional.

There was discussion regarding how to address the contract that had been signed, that the City had received an additional contract, and the date on the letter that was sent rescinding the original contract.

Jim Henley with Rural Water District #5 addressed the Council stating that his contract had been signed June 11<sup>th</sup> and dropped in the Utility payment drop box. He added that he did not know what day he signed for the letter of revocation. He questioned the items that were now being included in the cost to produce the water, explaining that in the past the rates were increased when improvements were made to the water treatment plant and when those improvements were paid for the rate was lowered.

There was a discussion concerning what was included in the calculation of the revised water rate and what costs would be included in future rates, how the rates got to be so far off within just a few years, where the figures came from, if this increase could be phased in over time, and waiting to send the contracts out until the rates had been reviewed.

A motion to accept the increased rate of \$5.79 billed to the Rural Water Districts and Wholesale Customers was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boatright.

Before the vote Councilman Prichard asked if this rate would also be billed to the customers that has already been signed. Attorney Ervin stated that there would be one (1) rate for all Water Districts.

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

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Prichard, Stevens, Cox, Brown & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

There was a brief discussion concerning how the City Attorney should address the Rural Water Districts that may have been signed and received prior to the revocation letter being sent out.

No action resulted from that discussion.

4. Consider and act upon, accepting the bid amount of \$559,247.60 from APAC Central, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for the Street Overlay Project. *(Dalton Carlton, Public Works Director)*

Executive Summary

The recommendation is to accept the bid from APAC Central, Inc. for a total amount of \$559,247.60 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for the Street Overlay Project.

Public Works Director Carlton addressed the Council explaining how the list of streets were selected for this project and how an amount was calculated for a proposed budget for the project. He further explained that 2 bids had been received and opened at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, June 29, 2020 with APAC Central, Inc. being the apparent low bidder. He added that the City's crews could not do this number of streets in one (1) year and this project covered streets in each Ward.

There was discussion concerning if any of the streets on the project list had been compared to the water study, how many streets on the list were in Ward 5, which item this project was in the 5 Year CIP, that \$209,000.00 in funds had been left from the fiscal year 2019/2020 overlay program which had been added to this project and if this would fall into the Street prevention section of the CIP Plan.

A motion to accept a bid from APAC Central, Inc. in the amount of \$559,247.60 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for the Street Overlay Project was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Boatright. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Prichard, Stevens, Cox, Brown & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

5. Consider and act upon, a resolution to adopt the terms and conditions of the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant in the amount of \$9,700 and authorizing the City Manager to sign and execute the agreement. *(Stephanie Giacomo, Grant Administrator)*

Executive Summary

Staff recommends adoption of the resolution and grant agreement.

Manager Stasiak addressed the Council explaining that this was for the \$64,000.00 project to replace the roof at the Stipe Center, that had been discussed and accepted at the previous Council meeting. The resolution would adopt the terms and conditions of the grant in the amount of \$9,700.00.

A motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 20-14, adopting the terms and conditions of the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant in the amount of \$9,700.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the agreement was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Boatright. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Stevens, Cox, Brown, Prichard & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

6. Consider and act upon, an amendment to an ordinance of the City of McAlester to clarify the repair, replacement, and maintenance of tin horns, etc. on commercial property.  
(*Oliver Skimbo, Environmental Projects Coordinator*)

Executive Summary

Motion to pass and approve an Ordinance amendment establishing the responsibility of repair, replacement, and maintenance of tin horns, etc. to commercial property owners.

Environmental Projects Coordinator Skimbo addressed the Council explaining that the Council had recently adopted an ordinance that allowed the City to help residences with the installation and maintenance of tin horns. He stated that some interest from commercial property owners had been expressed in joining the program and this ordinance would address that interest. He added that this ordinance established that it was the commercial property owner's responsibility to repair, replace and maintain tin horns on their property.

There was discussion regarding who would approve the permits, raising fees and authorizing the City Manager or his designated representative to approve the permits.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2688**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, OF THE MCALESTER CITY CODE, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 94-35, PERMIT FOR INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE STRUCTURES IN STREET DITCHES; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI, FINANCE, DIVISION 4, COST SHARING POLICY FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, SECTION 2-440, STORM DRAINS AND CULVERTS; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

A motion to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 2688**, amending Section 94-35 and 2-440 of the City of McAlester Code of Ordinances was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Boatright.



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

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Brown, Prichard, Cox & Mayor Browne

NAY: Councilmember Stevens

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

7. Consider and act upon, an amendment to a Professional Service Owner-Consultant Agreement with the City of McAlester (owner) and Meshek & Associates, LLC (consultant). This amendment will serve as an extension of the original contract by providing additional funding, updated billing rates (A1), with a similar scope of work. *(Oliver Skimbo, Environmental Projects Coordinator)*

Executive Summary

Motion to pass and approve a Professional Service Agreement amendment with Meshek & Associates, LLC for continuing the scheduled services and activities as both parties agree for a fee not to exceed \$50,000 or funds remaining.

Environmental Projects Coordinator Skimbo addressed the Council explaining that in July of 2008, the City Council had approved an agreement with Meshek & Associates, LLC as the engineering consultant for the Phase II Stormwater Management Program. He stated that since then the agreement has allowed Meshek & Associates to continue to keep the City in compliance with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). He informed the Council that the agreement also allowed assistance with the City's Stormwater Management Program and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) reporting and permitting. He commented that there was currently a balance of \$4,731.15 remaining in the agreement and that amount would be carried over with the approval of this amendment. He added that this would be the first amendment to the original agreement and the City would be applying for a new permit.

there was no discussion, and a motion to amend the Profession Service Agreement with Meshek & Associates, LLC for continuing the scheduled services and activities as both parties agree for a fee not to exceed \$50,000 or funds remaining was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boatright, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Stevens, Cox, Brown, Prichard & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

8. Consider, and act upon, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2656 which established the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020; repealing all conflicting ordinances; providing for a severability clause; and declaring an emergency. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*

Executive Summary

Motion to approve the budget amendment ordinance.

CFO Swift addressed the Council explaining that this amendment was to move funds for Severance and Unused leave over \$25,000.00 that the City has incurred with the various retirements that have taken place over the past few months.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2689**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McALESTER, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2656 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

There was no other discussion, and a motion to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 2689**, was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boatright, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Stevens, Cox, Brown, Prichard & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

A motion to approve the EMERGENCY CLAUSE was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Mayor Browne. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Cox, Brown, Boatright, Prichard, Stevens & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

9. Discussion on the option of using ad valorem taxes to fund the City of McAlester Capital Improvement Plan. (*Zach Prichard, Councilman Ward Six*)  
Executive Summary  
Discussion.

Councilman Prichard addressed the Council commenting that he had been looking at the CIP Program for this fiscal year and would like to look at the possible use of Ad Valorem tax to help fund Capital Improvements. He added that this might be a good time to look into this.

Mayor Browne stated that he had researched the possibility and had not found where Ad Valorem could be used for Capital Improvement Plans but where it could be used for public utilities. he commented that until he had researched this topic, he was under the understanding that cities could not be used. He stated that he was waiting for a call from the Oklahoma Municipal League to get information on this. He added that it would have to be approved by the voters and it could not be more than 5% of the value of the property. He stated that he was interested in this option.

Councilman Prichard stated that Oklahoma City had done this.

Vice-Mayor Stevens stated that he would be interested in more information on this.

Mayor Browne asked that Councilman Prichard continue to research this.

No action was taken on this item.

### **New Business**

*Any matter not known, or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the Agenda in accordance with Sec. 311.9, Title 25, Oklahoma State Statutes.*

There was no new business.

### **City Manager's Report**

- Report on activities for the past two weeks.

Manager Stasiak reported unemployment in Oklahoma was at 12.6%, the Sales Tax receipts for July had been \$325,000.00 over budget and Use Tax receipts had been \$51,000.00 over budget. He stated that several employees had been brought back to work in addition to supplies being added back for those employees. He reported that Thursday, the City had received \$1,250,413.93 from the CARES Act and was in the final stages of outlining what to do with those funds. He stated that the fees that had been reduced or waived for the citizens until the first of June had totaled \$332,000.00. He commented that all three (3) basins at the West Wastewater Treatment plant had been cleaned and 1,272 yards of sludge had been removed. He stated that work had started on the East Plant today. He updated the Council on the activities at the Coal Creek Pump Station, and the road project on Pierce Avenue. He commented that Phase 2 of the ODOT project on Highway 69 was anticipated to be bid in October, award of the project should be in November and construction begin early in 2021. He added that the City had submitted an \$80,000.00 grant project for Rotary Park Walking Trail and new outdoor exercise equipment and had been tentatively received a \$64,000.00 grant for that project.

### **Remarks and Inquiries by City Council**

Vice-Mayor Stevens asked if the criteria for spending the funds from the CARES Act could be emailed to the Council and he encouraged everyone to wear masks in public.

Manager Stasiak stated that those funds were reimbursement and came with no direction on how to spend it. He added that other cities had contacted the City to find out how to apply for those funds.

Councilman Brown welcomed Councilman Boatright to the Council.

Councilman Boatright thanked everyone and stated that he was looking forward learning more and to doing more projects.

Councilman Prichard asked if the ODOT project that was going out for bid would include the traffic signal at the Retail Development, when he expected to receive a proposal from the FOP and he would like to see an ordinance drafted regarding masks and a Special Meeting scheduled to address that matter.

Manager Stasiak stated that the signal light was not part of the ODOT bid it was the overpass that completes Phase 1 and the traffic signal was the responsibility of the developer. He stated that they met with the FOP last Friday but were not in a position to accept their proposal and the FOP was going back to their members. He added he hoped that another meeting could be scheduled later this week.

Mayor Browne encouraged any Council member interested in having a Special Meeting to address the use of masks to email the City Manager's office and it could be determined if it was the will of the Council to hold a Special Meeting.

Councilmen Smith and Cox did not have any comments for the evening.

### **Mayor's Comments and Committee Appointments**

Mayor Browne welcomed Councilman Boatright to the Council and commented that the first six (6) months would be a learning experience. He added that any of the other Councilmembers would be willing to help in any way. He congratulated Councilman Smith on his re-election and commended the other candidates for their work during the election. He stated that had met with a citizens committee at Hunter Park. He stated that they would like to make that park viable again and he commented that Michael J. Hunter had been a Vietnam veteran, was a Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal recipient and had died helping another soldier. He added that there was a Facebook group, "The Hunter Park Project" that was working toward the cleanup and improvement of that Park. He ended by encouraging everyone to wear masks when in public.

### **Recess Council Meeting**

Councilman Smith moved to recess the Regular Meeting and convene the Authorities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boatright.

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

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Brown, Prichard, Stevens, Cox & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 8:27 P.M.

### **Reconvene Council Meeting**

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:27 P.M.

**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 Boatright.

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

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Boatright, Brown, Prichard, Stevens, Cox & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

ATTEST:

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John Browne, Mayor

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk