

The McAlester City Council met in a Regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, March 6, 2020 at 11:25 A.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Browne called the meeting to order.

Pastor Colby Clap, Main & Oklahoma Church of Christ gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Weldon Smith, Cully Stevens, Travis Read, James Brown, Maureen Harrison,
Zach Prichard & John Browne

Absent: None

Presiding: John Browne, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, City Manager; Toni Ervin, Assistant City Manager; Stephanie Giacomo, Grant Writer/Public Information Officer; Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director; Kirk Ridenour, Economic Development Director; William J. Ervin, City Attorney and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

Recognition and Awards

Mayor Browne issued a proclamation recognizing March, 2020 as “Women’s History Month”.

Lily Jones, Girl Scout Ambassador and Junior at McAlester High School addressed the Council commenting that she had been awarded “Student of the Year” by Pride In McAlester for her volunteering and the creation of a recycling program at McAlester High School.

Mayor Browne presented Lieutenant Robert Cox as February, 2020 Employee of the Month. Officer Cox received a certificate and plaque of appreciation, a portfolio and a paid day off.

After a video highlighting Justin Few’s award as “Champion Volunteer” from Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, Mayor Browne issued a proclamation recognizing March 11, 2020 as “Justin Few Volunteerism Day”.

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.

There were no citizen comments.

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 February 11, 2020, Regular Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Approval of Claims for February 19, 2020 through March 3, 2020. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)* In the following amounts: General Fund - \$107,115.16; Nutrition - \$2,283.85; Tourism Fund - \$5,021.13; SE Expo Center - \$1,547.76; E-911 - \$5,674.71; Economic Development - \$8,903.44; Grants & Contributions - \$300.00; Fleet Maintenance - \$20,379.68; Dedicated Sales Tax-MPWA - \$500.00; CIP Fund - \$144,468.35; Technology Fund - \$1,408.03; Stormwater Fund - \$6,150.63 and Infrastructure Fund - \$160,487.18.
- C. Concur with the Mayor's appointment of Travis Read to both the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment for terms to expire March 10, 2023. *(John Browne, Mayor)*
- D. Consider and act upon, indefinitely postponing Tort Claim filed by Larry Bishop. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- E. Concur with the Mayor's appointment of David Beall and Paul Perry to the McAlester Library Advisory Board for terms expiring December 31, 2024. *(John Browne, Mayor)*
- F. Consider and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign an Engagement Letter with Finley & Cook, PLLC for audit services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
- G. Consider and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety for and on behalf of DPS Troop/Division XC/Indian Nation Turnpike and Southeaster Expo Center to provide office space to DPS. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- H. Consider and act upon, ratification of the Code of Conduct for the City of McAlester originally adopted October 27, 2009. (There have been no changes to the document.)
- I. Concur with the Mayor's appointment of Randy Wengstrom to the Housing Authority for a term to expire March 31, 2023. *(John Browne, Mayor)*

Vice-Mayor Stevens requested that item “C” be removed for individual consideration and Councilman Prichard requested that item “I” be removed for individual consideration.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda items “A, B, D and E through H” was made by Councilman Cox and seconded by Councilman Smith.

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

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

Items removed from Consent Agenda

C. Concur with the Mayor’s appointment of Travis Read to both the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment for terms to expire March 10, 2023. (*John Browne, Mayor*)

Vice-Mayor Stevens inquired about the reason that former Councilman Read had been nominated.

Mayor Browne stated that Councilman Read had always been extremely involved with zoning was probably one of the most qualified individuals in the City.

Vice-Mayor Stevens expressed his concerns regarding Councilman Read’s appointment.

Councilman Smith expressed his thought and support for Councilman Read’s appointment.

Councilman Prichard expressed his concerns regarding Councilman Read’s appointment.

Mayor Browne commented that he felt it was wise to appoint the best person qualified for the position.

A motion to concur with the Mayor’s appointment of Travis Read to both the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment for terms to expire March 10, 2023 was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Brown. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Brown, Harrison & Mayor Browne

NAY: Councilmembers Stevens & Prichard

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Cox (counted as a no vote)

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

I. Concur with the Mayor’s appointment of Randy Wengstrom to the Housing Authority for a term to expire March 31, 2023. (*John Browne, Mayor*)

Councilman Prichard requested a presentation about the activities of the Housing Authority.

Manager Stasiak stated that a presentation could be put together and placed on an upcoming Council agenda.

There was no other discussion, and a motion to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Randy Wengstrom to the Housing Authority for a term to expire March 31, 2023 was made by Councilman Prichard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Stevens to open a Public Hearing to address a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 82 and Chapter 48. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was opened at 6:23 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 CREATING CHAPTER 82, OFFENSES AND NUISANCES, ARTICLE VII, NUISANCES, DIVISION 5, DISORDERLY HOUSE, THE MCALESTER CITY CODE; AMENDING CHAPTER 48, TO CREATE CHAPTER 82, OFFENSES AND NUISANCES, ARTICLE VII, NUISANCES, DIVISION 5, DISORDERLY HOUSE; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

There were no comments.

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

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:24 P.M.

Scheduled Business

1. Submission and Presentation of the City of McAlester's 5 Year Capital Improvements Plan. (*Peter Stasiak, City Manager*)

Executive Summary
Presentation.

Manager Stasiak presented the 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan for FY 2020/21-2024/25 to the Council. During his presentation Manager Stasiak commented that many of the projects were funded from funding that had been approved by the citizens. He then highlighted Infrastructure projects, he reviewed Storm Water and Street projects and added that they were tying the Pavement Index study with traffic counts.

There was discussion regarding plans for the Cemetery, use of the Perpetual Care Fund and its' restrictions, and a better way of addressing issues at the Cemetery.

Manager Stasiak then reviewed the proposed Utility and Community Services projects. He mentioned miscellaneous projects like sidewalks along heavily pedestrian traveled streets, bike lanes and the walking track at Rotary Park. He commented that this proposed CIP Plan had done a good job of identifying the needs of the City.

There was discussion regarding asphalt overlay projects, the material used, the overlay process and where the materials were purchased, the new construction in the Storm Water projects and the actual proposed location of the proposed sidewalk construction and its' costs. The cost of the sidewalk construction on Choctaw and Main Street was discussed as well as the cost and use of the Roll-off Truck and if the City was paid for the recycling, the amount of money being spent on water line projects, the location of those projects and the cost of those projects, and putting more funds toward water line repairs and replacement. The Public Works Facility improvements were discussed as well as the proposed purchase of Turbidity Meters and what they did.

Councilman Cox asked to start receiving mileage information, the number of vehicles and equipment and an impact statement.

Manager Stasiak commented that the information was available and would be furnished to the Council.

There was no action taken on this item.

2. Consider and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order #2 from Built Right Construction, LLC for a reduction in contract value of (\$3,420.00) for the Washington Avenue Improvements. (*Dale Burke, Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC*)

Executive Summary

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #2 from Built Right Construction, LLC for a reduction in contract value of (\$3,420.00) for the Washington Avenue Improvements.

Dale Burke, P.E. President Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC addressed the Council explaining the changes that were included in the Change Order adding that it was a reduction in the cost of the project.

Vice-Mayor Stevens inquired about the increase that had previously been made to the contract.

Mr. Burke explained that increase had been to replace a water line.

There was no further discussion, and a motion was made by Councilman Smith to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #2 from Built Right Construction, LLC for a reduction in contract value of \$3,420.00 for the Washington Avenue Improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

3. Consider and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Contractor's Final Pay No. 4 and Certificate of Substantial Completion for the contract with Collins Waterworks, LLC for the Section A – Raw Water Main & Transmission Line Improvements and accept the project as completed. (*Dale Burke, Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC*)

Executive Summary

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contractor's Final pay No. 4 in the amount of \$30,747.50 and the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the contract with Collins Waterworks, LLC for the Section A - Raw Water Main & Transmission Line Improvements and accept the project as completed.

Dale Burke, P.E. President Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC addressed the Council explaining that this was the project that moved the 30" water line on McAlester dam. He stated that the final inspection had been performed on February 7, 2020. He added that the two (2) year warranty period would begin on the effective date of completion, February 5, 2020.

There was no discussion, and a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contractor's Final pay No. 4 in the amount of \$30,747.50 and the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the contract with Collins Waterworks, LLC for the Section A - Raw Water Main & Transmission Line Improvements and accept the project as completed was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

4. Consider and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Contractor's Final Pay No. 2 and Certificate of Substantial Completion for the contract with Sunrise Construction,

LLC for the Canal Wall Mitigation – Sandy Creek and accept the project as completed.
(*Robert Vaughan, Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC*)

Executive Summary

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contractor's Final pay No. 2 in the amount of \$2,866.50 and the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the contract with Sunrise Construction, LLC for the Canal Wall Mitigation – Sandy Creek and accept the project as completed.

Dale Burke, P.E. President Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC addressed the Council explaining that this was one of the projects to reinforce the canal walls. He commented that the walls were braced in areas where needed. He added that the final inspection had been performed on February 13, 2020 with the two (2) year warranty period would begin on January 8, 2020, the effective date of completion.

Mayor Browne asked if the previous projects had been looked at to see how the bracing was working.

Manager Stasiak stated that a drone could be used to view the canals.

Councilman Smith moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contractor's Final pay No. 2 in the amount of \$2,866.50 and the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the contract with Sunrise Construction, LLC for the Canal Wall Mitigation – Sandy Creek and accept the project as completed. The motion was seconded by Mayor Browne, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

5. Consider and act upon, accepting the bid amount of \$390,880.00 from WWJB Contracting and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for 102 Saunier Way Canal Bank Stabilization Project. (*Robert Vaughan, Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC*)

Executive Summary

The recommendation is to accept the bid from WWJB Contracting for a total amount of \$390,880.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for 102 Saunier Way Canal Bank Stabilization Project.

Dale Burke, P.E. President Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC addressed the Council explaining that this was a Storm Water project and bids were received and opened on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 with three (3) contractors submitting bids. He commented that WWJB Contracting from McAlester had been the apparent low bidder. He stated that by awarding this project to WWJB the money was staying in McAlester.

There was discussion regarding possibly involving the Corp of Engineers, damage to private property, what the alternative bids were for, the length of the warranty and what it covered, how the project would be funded, information about the contractor, how diverting the water would be handled during the construction and what replacing the vegetation would do.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Brown to accept the bid from WWJB Contracting for a total amount of \$390,880.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for 102 Saunier Way Canal Bank Stabilization Project. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Brown, Stevens, Cox, Harrison & Mayor Browne

NAY: Councilman Prichard

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

6. Consider and act upon, accepting the bid amount of \$149,600.00 from Built Right Construction, LLC and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for the UPS Lift Station Improvements Project. (*Robert Vaughan, Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC*)

Executive Summary

The recommendation is to accept the bid from Built Right Construction for a total amount of \$149,600.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for the UPS Lift Station Improvements Project.

Dale Burke, P.E. President Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC addressed the Council explaining that this was a sewer lift station out by the Airport. He stated that bids for this project were received and opened on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 with six (6) contractors submitting bids. He commented that the low bidder was Built Right Construction, LLC with a base bid of \$114,600.00 and an alternate bid of \$35,000.00 for a total bid of \$149,600.00. He added that the bid had also come in under budget.

After a brief discussion concerning the City's ability to fund this project, a motion was made by Councilman Smith to accept the bid from Built Right Construction for a total amount of \$149,600.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for the UPS Lift Station Improvements Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

7. Consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of McAlester by creating Property Maintenance Standards. (*Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director*)

Executive Summary

Staff recommends that the City Council give a second reading of a draft ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of McAlester by creating Property Maintenance Standards.

Director Clifton addressed the Council stating that this was the second reading of the proposed ordinance and that changes would be incorporated. She then briefly reviewed the definitions section of the proposed ordinance.

There was a brief discussion regarding penalties for violations.

No action was taken on this item.

8. Consider and act upon, an Ordinance of the City of McAlester creating a Disorderly House Nuisance Ordinance, and the process in which to abate such nuisances. (*Peter Stasiak, City Manager*)

Executive Summary

Motion to pass and approve an Ordinance creating a Disorderly House Nuisance Ordinance, which establishes the process for which the City may address residential nuisances caused by criminal activities involving theft and illegal substances.

Mayor Browne explained that this came about because of the ordinances of the City that charge residents with maintaining their property but nothing to address someone running a criminal organization out of their property. He stated that this would create a method to address this issue. He reviewed the steps that would be taken including the ability for the citizen to appeal.

Councilwoman Harrison asked for input from Police Chief Wansick and commented about law enforcement being called in to address the issues.

Mayor Browne stated that this was a civil matter not a criminal matter.

Chief Wansick addressed the Council commenting that he was initially concerned with the ordinance. He explained that he didn't want the ordinance to be too broad, he wanted it to be specific with numerous appeals processes. He stated that one hundred twenty (120) days was not too long but he hoped that it would not be used very often.

There was a brief discussion of when law enforcement would be involved in this matter, officers not getting involved in a neighborhood feud, if the Chief supported in its' form, if there was a lot of theft of utilities and the language in section 82-194.

Councilman Prichard commented that he did not like the appeals process where the Council acts in a quasi-judicial process. He stated that he was fine with the Council being the final appeal, but the rendering in writing an opinion within sixty (60) days he did not know how the Council would do that. He added that he would rather it take a yes or no vote in public.

There was discussion regarding the Council appeal process.

Attorney Ervin commented that the appeal process was correct and could be changed to a yes or no vote. He added the appeals that were heard in District Court would be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Mayor Browne asked if the minutes of the Council meeting could be the opinion.

Attorney Ervin commented that the minutes of the meeting to uphold the Director's decision or not could be the Council's written opinion. He then asked if they wanted to modify the ordinance.

There was further discussion of changing the language of section 82-194 A from a resident to “any property owner”, removing the language “made by a resident of McAlester”, and the Chief wanting the complaint made by someone that was disturbed.

Director Clifton suggested changing the language to “complaint made by a resident or an entity living or operating in McAlester”. She added that would cover residents and businesses.

There was a brief discussion about changing the word “residents” to “complainants” in the last sentence of section 82-194 A.

ORDINANCE NO. 2681

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 82, OFFENSES AND NUISANCES, ARTICLE VII, NUISANCES, DIVISION 5, DISORDERLY HOUSE, THE MCALESTER CITY CODE; AMENDING CHAPTER 48, TO CREATE CHAPTER 82, OFFENSES AND NUISANCES, ARTICLE VII, NUISANCES, DIVISION 5, DISORDERLY HOUSE; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Mayor Browne moved to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 2681**, with the amended language. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

9. Discussion of the City of McAlester’s water infrastructure and the possible implementation of a Water Line Replacement Program. (Cully Stevens, Ward Two Councilman)

Executive Summary
Discussion.

Manager Stasiak explained that Vice-Mayor Stevens had requested this item be placed on the agenda. He stated that after Vice-Mayor Stevens’ comments, he wanted to spend a little time addressing what had been accomplished, what was being worked on and where the City was headed with the water, sewer and street systems in the City.

Vice-Mayor Stevens stated that the City has some issues. He commented that there had been half a dozen advisory and /or precautionary boil orders in the last couple of years and two (2) or three (3) in the last year. He stated that every time there was a water break there was an issue and the Council should be addressing this matter. He added that in the proposed CIP he did not see anything addressing the water lines. He stated that at some time there would be a break and the City would go dry. He commented that the Council needed to discuss this and start making

a plan to get ahead of this matter. He added that Manager Stasiak had been speaking with a company to value the water lines and figure out what this matter would cost. He proposed that the Council discuss this tonight and then have Manager Stasiak contact the company and have them give the Council a presentation.

Mayor Browne asked if the City had that study going on now.

Manager Stasiak stated that there was a hydrology study that was about 90% complete at this time. He commented that the City had been working on this, identifying the needs, concerns and problem areas and currently valuing what those needs were. He added that the City had hired ISG to work on the hydrology of the City, where the issues were, what the pressures were and he stated that there was about \$7.2 million worth of water projects that had been completed in the City since 2013, but no one ever saw the sum of the projects. He commented that everyone pointed the finger at the water treatment plant but it wasn't the plant it was the lines. He agreed that in the last year there had been three (3) water boil advisories which were all due to water line breaks, some in remote areas and what kept staff up at night was the main feeder lines coming into the City. He stated that about thirty (30) very fragile areas of the community and where the City was heading in the future. He commented that the number of water lines in the City had been revised to one hundred ninety one (191) miles of water lines in the City and the replacement cost for the average eight (8) inch line would be \$55 million in today's dollars. He added that there was no reason to replace a water line and not replace the sewer line three feet away from it. He stated that the most vulnerable areas in the City were identified. He then turned the update over to Dale Burke, P.E. President Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC.

There was a brief discussion concerning the amount of funds received from CDBG grants, what areas of the City qualified for those grants and tying those areas together.

Dale Burke, P.E. President Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC addressed the Council presenting them with a map that depicted what projects had been completed since 2013. He clarified that this was only the major work that had been done. He stated that his firm had been employed about three (3) to four (4) months ago to prepare an engineering report and a hydraulic model of the City. He commented that they wanted to speak with the employees to see what was going on. He then presented the Council with a second map that depicted the major concerns of staff.

There was discussion among the Council, Manager Stasiak and Mr. Burke the areas of the City that needed to be addressed, the work that had been done with Dudley and Associates was located, needing a plan and it being built into the Capital Plan, there not being any of what was on the map in the Capital Plan, the limitations of the CDBG grants, the debt load of the City, needing to address water rates, cost to replace the lines coming from the Water Plant into the City, what the contingency plan was if the twenty four inch (24") line broke, how the shopping center effect the system, charging enough to cover the cost to produce drinkable water, the information that would be available in the study, the material of the lines, the cause of the last line break, knowing not only the cost but also the value, and if dead end lines were found they could be capped off.

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 that the new website was up and running. He added that it was not completed and work was continuing on it.

Remarks and Inquiries by City Council

Vice-Mayor Stevens asked when the City would bid the mowing and he asked for an update on the shopping center.

Manager Stasiak commented that the mowing would be bid soon. He stated that the developer had been in last week, they were about two (2) weeks from having the civil plans completed, then the banks would release the funds.

Councilman Cox asked when the intersection of "C" and Ottawa would reopen.

Manager Stasiak stated he would find out.

Councilwoman Harrison thanked Girl Scout Troop #78 for attending during the reading of the proclamation of "Women's History Month". She congratulated Councilman Brown for receiving a life time achievement award from McAlester ASU along with Primus Moore. She added that McAlester ASU was going to make a scholarship that would be honoring both gentlemen. She asked Attorney Ervin about the train situation in Ward 5.

Attorney Ervin commented that both Federal and State regulations and City regulations. He stated that the State had recently passed legislation stating that trains could not block crossings for more than ten (10) minutes. He commented that the whistle/horn was the railroads decision to sound the horn or not. He added that he could supply her with a contact at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to file complaints.

Councilwoman Harrison asked if he had found any city that had been successful.

Attorney Ervin stated he had not inquired.

Councilman Prichard asked about the status of Second Street and commented on the placement of a tree on Choctaw in the Streetscape area.

Manager Stasiak stated that a contractor had pulled out but the manhole was supposed to be here tomorrow and a new contractor. He added that there was only going to be one (1) manhole installed at that site. Manager Stasiak commented that the City would look at the area of that planned tree.

Councilman Prichard asked if the City had done any planning in response to the Corona virus.

Manager Stasiak stated that he would be looking at.

Mayor Browne stated that there was a training tomorrow that was being put on by the Health Department.

Councilmembers Smith and Brown did not have any comments for the evening.

Mayor's Comments and Committee Appointments

Mayor Browne informed the Council that McAlester had been recognized as a Tree City USA. He reported that the Audit & Finance Advisory Committee had voted to take out, at the top of the market, enough money to pay the retirement obligations for the next six (6) months.

Recess Council Meeting

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

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

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 8:24 P.M.

Reconvene Council Meeting

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:25 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 Brown.

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

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

John Browne, Mayor

Cora Middleton, City Clerk