

The McAlester City Council met in a Regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, April 23, 2020 at 1:53 P.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Browne

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 and Cora Middleton, City Clerk
Staff Attending via Teleconference: William J. Ervin, City Attorney

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

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 March 31, 2020, Special Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the April 14, 2020, Regular Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- C. Approval of Claims for April 8, 2020 through April 21, 2020. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)* In the following amounts: General Fund - \$69,763.91; Educational Fund - \$38,580.11; Tourism Fund - \$7,773.71; SE Expo Center - \$2,273.08; E-911 - \$3,133.18; Grants & Contributions - \$37,952.29; CDBG Grants Fund - \$60,056.49; Fleet

Maintenance - \$430.84; Worker's Compensation - \$1,750.00; CIP Fund - \$5,126.73; Stormwater Fund - \$23,874.00; Infrastructure Fund - \$34,882.30 and MRHC – Cancer Center Fund - \$38,580.11.

- D. Consider and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Annual Engagement Letter with Crawford & Associates, P.C., for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
- E. Accept and place on file the McAlester Defense Support Association Third Quarter Report for FY19-20. *(Jessica Gregg, Executive Director)*
- F. Concur with the Mayor's reappointments of Dr. Michael Boyer, Stephen Otis, David Verner, Mike Hogan, Randy Walters, and Les Cashmere to the Airport Advisory Board for terms to expire April 30, 2022. *(John Browne, Mayor)*
- G. Concur with the Mayor's appointment of John Alford as a replacement for Ben Kennedy to the Airport Advisory Board for a term to expire April 30, 2022. *(John Browne, Mayor)*

Councilwoman Harrison requested that items "C, D and F" be removed for individual consideration.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda items "A, B, E and G" was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Mayor Browne.

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

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

Items removed from Consent Agenda

- C. Approval of Claims for April 8, 2020 through April 21, 2020. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)* In the following amounts: General Fund - \$69,763.91; Educational Fund - \$38,580.11; Tourism Fund - \$7,773.71; SE Expo Center - \$2,273.08; E-911 - \$3,133.18; Grants & Contributions - \$37,952.29; CDBG Grants Fund - \$60,056.49; Fleet Maintenance - \$430.84; Worker's Compensation - \$1,750.00; CIP Fund - \$5,126.73; Stormwater Fund - \$23,874.00; Infrastructure Fund - \$34,882.30 and MRHC – Cancer Center Fund - \$38,580.11.

Councilwoman Harrison inquired about Economic Development and Payroll not being on the report, the Meriweather Group, payments made for a building that was not being used, the Capital Outlay payments, the Expo expenditures, what Grant Funds could be used for, who Consolidated Benefits was, and the notes written on three (3) of the pages on the report. She

inquired about the total of the claims paid and the breakdown of the payments on page nineteen (19) of the payables report. She also inquired about the use of purchase cards and P.O.s and the Banks that the City had loans with.

Manager Stasiak explained that payroll was not on claims, there were no payments out of the Economic Development Fund, the Meriweather Group had performed a compensation and benefits study that the Council had approved, the expenses related to the OKLA Theater being transferred to the City, had been made prior to COVID-19, and repairs and maintenance at Chadick Park. He explained the Expo expenses, that grant funds could only be used for what they were allocated for, Consolidated Benefits was the third party administrator for the City's worker's compensation claims, and claims were only paid after work completed and invoices were processed. He explained the total page of the claims report, how purchase cards were used, the use of P.O.s and he reviewed the banks that the City had loans with.

- D. Consider and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Annual Engagement Letter with Crawford & Associates, P.C., for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (*Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer*)

Councilwoman Harrison inquired about the agreement with Crawford & Associates, P.C.

Manager Stasiak explained that Crawford & Associates, P.C. was the firm that the City had contracted with, for eleven (11) years, to prepare its' financial statements for the auditors and the auditors gave the assurances. He added that it was the Council's responsibility to review the Audit and financial statements.

- F. Concur with the Mayor's reappointments of Dr. Michael Boyer, Stephen Otis, David Verner, Mike Hogan, Randy Walters, and Les Cashmere to the Airport Advisory Board for terms to expire April 30, 2022. (*John Browne, Mayor*)

Councilwoman Harrison inquired about what the Airport Advisory Board did.

Manager Stasiak stated that the Board made recommendations.

Mayor Browne explained that the members terms had expired, and he had spoken with the Chairman who confirmed the members had all wanted to continue to serve on the Board except for one.

There was no further discussion, and a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items "C, D and F" was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Mayor Browne, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

A motion to open a Public Hearing to address three (3) ordinances was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Mayor Browne, 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 and the Public Hearing was opened at 6:30 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 THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA; PROVIDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA; PROVIDING FOR VESTING SCHEDULES; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCALESTER TEMPORARILY REDUCING CERTAIN FEES AUTHORIZED IN CHAPTER 106, UTILITIES, ARTICLE V, STORMWATER UTILITY PROGRAM, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, THE MCALESTER CITY CODE; AMENDING CHAPTER 48, FEES FOR CHAPTER 106, UTILITIES, ARTICLE V, STORMWATER UTILITY PROGRAM, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY; TEMPORARILY REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCALESTER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING CERTAIN FEES AUTHORIZED IN CHAPTER 106, UTILITIES, ARTICLE V, STORMWATER UTILITY PROGRAM, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, THE MCALESTER CITY CODE; AMENDING CHAPTER 48, FEES FOR CHAPTER 106, UTILITIES, ARTICLE V, STORMWATER UTILITY PROGRAM, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY; TEMPORARILY REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

There were no comments.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Mayor Browne. 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 Public Hearing was closed at 6:31 P.M.

Mayor Browne commented that since there were a number of people present that wanted to speak on the item and with the potential severe weather, he was changing the order of business and moving item six (6) to be addressed first.

Scheduled Business

6. Discussion and possible action on the local modification of Governor Stitt's guidelines for re-opening the economy. (*John Browne, Mayor*)

Executive Summary

Discussion and possible action.

Mayor Browne commented that nothing had changed about COVID-19, it was still as contagious and deadly as it was prior to re-opening. He then reviewed the ways that the virus could be spread and explained that flattening the curve was to keep the healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed with patients. He added that this would not keep people from contracting the virus but would continue to help control the number of patients in the hospital. He continued saying that there was no cure or vaccine for this virus at this time.

Mayor Browne stated that with the Governor reopening the State, the City had no choice but to follow his guidelines. He commented that if McAlester did not reopen also, citizens would be traveling elsewhere to purchase goods and possibly increase the number of citizens contracting the disease with the interaction with a larger circle of people. He added that he felt that even with the recommendations made by the Governor, the City of McAlester should take some of the recommendations further to protect not only the customer but the employees of the businesses also.

Mayor Browne then made the following recommendations in the form of a motion "Continue to follow the guideline concerning social distancing and sanitation and disinfection as given in the Governor's re-opening plan OURS; require anyone, employees and customers, entering a re-opening business have their temperature checked by an infra-red touchless thermometer, anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be allowed access; anyone entering a business will be required to wear a mask or other type of barrier covering both their mouth and nose and be required to keep the barrier in place while in the business, with the exceptions of dining, cutting hair when needed to complete the cut, and other special situations particular to said business; hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol be available to both employees and customers when paying for merchandise or services." Mayor Browne added that this proposal was not intended to replace The OURS Plan but would be in addition to the plan.

There was no second to the motion.

Dr. John Tedesco, 19 Colonial Circle addressed the Council briefly about re-opening the City. He urged the City to use caution and stated that there was not enough evidence to scientifically know the correct way to go. He added that data indicates that McAlester was still on the upswing. He then reviewed guidelines that were still being recommended.

There was a brief discussion among the Council including Dr. Tedesco regarding the number of tests that had been administered, the percent of positive test, what the current requirements were for getting tested, the Choctaw Nation's requirements, the percent of the State's residents that had been tested, if any children had been tested, the National Guard decontaminating a Nursing Home, elective surgeries beginning again, how deaths were being listed at this time and who would make that determination.

Blake Jennings, 308 Bluebird Lane addressed the Council requesting clarity on how churches would be regulated regarding nurseries and social distancing.

Mayor Browne recommended that Mr. Jennings go to OKCommerce.gov to find the information he needed.

Lesa Curry, 1400 E. College Ave. addressed the Council explaining that the Health Department was working with a team to create resources for citizens and making educational videos for businesses. Ms. Curry reviewed items that would be included in a packet that the Health Department was creating.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Health Departments work with the Hospital, what other services were being offered and how those services would be offered.

There was no vote on this item.

Manager Stasiak commented that this had been a collaboration between several groups.

1. Consider and act upon, an ordinance amending the City of McAlester Defined Contribution Retirement Plan. (*Peter Stasiak, City Manager*)

Executive Summary

Motion to adopt and authorize the Mayor to sign an ordinance amending the City of McAlester Defined Contribution Retirement Plan and Joinder and to become effective April 1, 2020.

Roll was called at 6:57 P.M.

Manager Stasiak addressed the Council explaining that this would amend the City's Defined Contribution Plan changing the vesting schedules from seven (7) years to five (5) years. He commented that the City had employees that were taking advantage of the early retirement program and the seven (7) year vesting did not allow them to be 100% vested. He added that this was money that the employee had contributed and money that the City had contributed also. He stated that there would be no additional cost to the City.

Councilwoman inquired about the benefits that the employees would receive, if severance pay, accrued sick and vacation would affect the compensation paid, how forfeitures would affect the Plan, how Worker's Compensation could affect an employee's vesting and if employees were allowed to take loans against their retirement funds.

Manager Stasiak explained that benefits would be the same with the five (5) year vesting schedule, that retirement benefits would not be paid on severance, sick or vacation pay, and that while an employee was on worker's compensation the time would count toward vesting. He then explained how the loan against an employee's retirement funds was handled.

Councilman Prichard asked how many additional employees and much more money would this add.

Manager Stasiak stated that this was not for the Defined Benefit Plan but for the Defined Contribution Plan and would not add any additional money.

ORDINANCE NO. 2684

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA; PROVIDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA; PROVIDING FOR VESTING SCHEDULES; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Smith moved to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 2684**, amending the City of McAlester's Defined Contribution Retirement Plan by changing the vesting schedule from seven (7) years to five (5) years. The motion was seconded by Mayor Browne, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

A motion approving 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, Brown, Harrison, Prichard, Stevens, Cox & Mayor Browne
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

2. Consider and act upon, a Resolution to adopt the Capital Improvement Program 2020/2021-2024/2025. (*Peter Stasiak, City Manager*)

Executive Summary

Motion to approve the Resolution adopting the Capital Improvement Program for 2020/2021-2024/2025.

Manager Stasiak addressed the Council explaining that all steps had been taken and he had not received any new feedback on the proposed Capital Improvement Program 2020/2021-2024/2025.

Councilwoman asked if there had been any adjustments after March 25, 2020 or had this been put together before that date.

Manager Stasiak commented that the Plan had been put together prior to the Pandemic and it was what had been identified as the list of needs. He added, the adoption of the Plan did not mean that the City had funding for all of it.

There was no other discussion, and a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 20-12, adopting the Capital Improvement Plan 2020/2021-2024/2025 was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Mayor Browne, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

3. Consider and act upon, authorizing the purchase of a new cardboard baler from Sebright Products Inc. of Hopkins, MI. (*Mel Priddy, Community Services*)

Executive Summary

Motion to approve and authorize the purchase of one new cardboard baler from Sebright Products, Inc. for the low bid of \$11,070.00.

Manager Stasiak addressed the Council explaining that this had been part of a grant opportunity that had been identified by the City's Grant Writer and the application had been done about four (4) months ago. He stated that it was for a new Cardboard Baler for the Recycling Center, it had been advertised and the bids had been opened April 16, 2020.

Councilwoman Harrison commended Stephanie Giacomo, Grant Writer/Public Information Officer for applying for the grant.

A motion to award the bid for a new Cardboard Baler and authorize its' purchase from Sebright Products, Inc. of Hopkins, MI was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Mayor Browne, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

Mayor Bowne commented that the Choctaw Nation was starting their recycling program back up and hopefully the City could do the same soon.

4. Consider and act upon, a temporary reduction or suspension of the Stormwater Service Charge Fee to last until June 30, 2020, at 11:59pm. (*Cully Stevens, Ward 2 Councilman*)

Executive Summary

Motion to approve a temporary reduction or suspension of the Stormwater Service Charge Fee until June 30, 2020, 11:59 pm.

Vice-Mayor Stevens addressed the Council commenting that they had discussed multiple ways to help citizens. He then proposed two (2) things that could be done, one was to eliminate the stormwater fee until the end of the fiscal year or to reduce the fee to \$2.00 until the end of the fiscal year.

There was discussion concerning donating funds through the water utility bill payments, having that information added to the City's Facebook page, and funds available through the banks.

Councilman Smith moved to reduce the stormwater fee to zero until June 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Stevens.

Before the vote, Mayor Browne commented that there were a number of projects planned for the stormwater fee and he asked if the Council would be willing to defer the fee until the end of the fiscal year to allow the projects to continue.

Councilman Smith withdrew his first motion and changed it to defer the stormwater fee until the end of June.

Vice-Mayor Stevens stated that he would not be willing to second that motion. Councilman Cox commented that he thought that would be burdensome for the citizens and businesses.

Councilwoman Harrison asked for clarity between suspension and deferment.

Mayor Browne explained that suspension would mean that you would not have to pay the fee for the last two (2) months of the fiscal year and the fee would not need to be repaid. He explained that deferment meant that you would not have to pay the fee for the last two months of the fiscal year but would have to pay it back over the next year.

Mayor Browne asked Attorney Ervin for clarity of what actions could be taken.

Attorney Ervin stated that there was a motion and a second, then the first motion was withdrawn, and a new motion was made but there was no second on the new motion.

Mayor Browne seconded the motion to defer the stormwater fee until the end of June, 2020.

Vice-Mayor Stevens moved to suspend the stormwater fee for the rest of the fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox.

Councilman Prichard asked if the City could handle the suspension or the deferral of the stormwater fee. He also asked what the fee was based on.

There was a brief discussion regarding projects that were dependent on the stormwater funds for the last two (2) months of the fee, the possibility of some accounts not being there when the fee is reactivated, and the amount of the current stormwater fee.

There was no further discussion on the motion to defer the payment of the stormwater fee until the end of June, 2020. The motion was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilmembers Smith, Brown & Mayor Browne

NAY: Councilmembers Cox, Harrison, Prichard & Stevens

Mayor Browne declared the motion failed.

There was no further discussion on the suspension of the stormwater fee until the end of June, 2020, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

NAY: Mayor Browne

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 further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

5. Presentation and discussion of Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget. (*Peter Stasiak, City Manager*)

Executive Summary

Presentation.

Manager Stasiak presented the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 to the Council. During his presentation he reviewed effects of the decline of the local oil and gas industry, how the COVID-19 Virus had effected the local economy, how revenues were modeled and how there was no details of sales tax revenue past March 15th. He stated that the Budget reflected a \$3.5 million to \$4 million decrease. He thanked all of the staff that had been involved in the production of the preliminary Budget. He informed the Council that the Budget was balanced and met the required 10% in the Emergency Fund. He then reviewed the decreases in Sales Tax and Use Tax. He commented that there was equipment back at the Retail Development site and it was working. He reviewed the General Fund Expenditures by Department, he compared the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 expenditures to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 preliminary expenditures, he reviewed the Public Works revenues and stated that all of those accounts were projected to decrease.

Councilman Smith asked why a decrease was projected.

Manager Stasiak explained that the receipts had been annualized and the City had identified Water District master meters that needed to be replaced. He continued with a review of the Public Works projected expenses and the funding of the other agencies. He added that funding to those agencies had been cut twenty percent (20%) if they were funded at all. He continued the presentation with a review of the Nutrition program, the Airport and commented that there was no plan in place at this time for the Expo. He reviewed the City's bond payments and how those would be covered, he reviewed the personnel benefits for the 2020/2021 fiscal year, the number of employees in each department, and the Capital Fund Budget and the Infrastructure Fund Budget. He informed the Council that the bulk of the reductions fell on the employees and that there was currently sixty-five (65) to seventy (70) employees to run the City. He reviewed the items that would be frozen, the number of furloughs that would be taken, by all employees, over the next ten (10) months, the number of early retirements, the number of vacant and frozen positions and that the City would continue to pay the health, dental, vision and life insurance premiums for all employees including those that were furloughed.

Mayor Browne commented that it was important that all furloughed employees knew it was the City's intent to bring them back.

Manager Stasiak reviewed the requirements of the Budget process and stated that all Charter requirements would be met.

There was discussion regarding repayment into the Emergency Fund, if any Department heads were furloughed or took early retirement, having a table of contents and page numbers for the budget, if all furloughed employees would come back at the same time, and if they would be eligible to take another position.

Manager Stasiak stated that critical positions would be filled. He announced that he had appointed Captain Kevin Hearod as Interim Police Chief with the retirement of Chief Wansick.

Roll was taken at 8:15 P.M.

Manager Stasiak explained that no cuts had been made to the Fire or Police Departments, they had been asked for reductions of \$500,00.00 in total.

He asked the Council to review the budget and send any questions or comments to him prior to the workshop with the Audit and Finance Advisory Board, so they could have the answers for the meeting.

Vice-Mayor Stevens asked when the City would receive the most recent sales tax numbers and if there could be an Emergency meeting when those numbers were received.

Mayor Browne stated that the information would be sent out and then it would be determined if there was a need for an Emergency meeting.

Manager Stasiak stated that even with receipt of the numbers the detail would not be received until later.

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 stated that the initial letter he had issued to shut the city facilities down ended at midnight on April 30th, and he would be issuing another letter to extend the shutdown until the middle of May. He commented that next week he would be looking at what was needed to reopen Municipal buildings. He added that it had not been determined that any of the buildings would reopen in mid-May, he wanted to ensure that everything was in place to protect employees and citizens. He informed the Council that the CARES Act included money for airports and the City's airport had received \$69,000.00 for materials, supplies, payroll, and benefits for the next year. He commented that money would help fund some of the operations at the Airport.

He commented that he had asked Chief Wansick to be interim Police Chief about five (5) or seven (7) years ago and that decision had turned into a wonderful relationship during this time. He thanked Chief Wansick for the job that he had done and his ability to work with all departments in the City. He stated that he was excited about Captain Kevin Hearod stepping into the Interim Chief's position and commented that he felt he would do a great job. He finished his report by thanking Chief Wansick again.

Remarks and Inquiries by City Council

Councilman Smith thanked Manager Stasiak and his staff for the work that had been put into the Budget, he thanked all of the City employees and he expressed his appreciation for Chief Wansick.

Vice-Mayor Stevens thanked the Council for the action that was taken to help the citizens. He expressed his appreciation for the City's employees and encouraged everyone to continue to follow the guidelines that were currently in place to help reduce the spread of the virus.

Councilman Cox wished Chief Wansick congratulations on his retirement. He thanked all of the City employees for everything they do every day.

Councilman Brown thanked the City employees and Manager Stasiak for the Budget and he wished Chief Wansick congratulations on his retirement and wished Captain Hearod good luck in the Interim Police Chief position.

Councilwoman Harrison thanked Chief Wansick for his service. She thanked the schools for their ability to make the transition to distance learning. She expressed her appreciation for the City's employees, she reminded the local businesses to approach the banks for the available stimulus funds and she thanked the health care workers for all they were doing. She then asked Manager Stasiak about the April 30th expiration date and who would be allowed to reopen.

Manager Stasiak stated that he would be reissuing a letter extending the public facility closings and the businesses could go to the Department of Commerce website for a complete list and the requirements to reopen.

Councilman Prichard did not have any comments for the evening.

Mayor's Comments and Committee Appointments

Mayor Browne congratulated Chief Wansick for his retirement and commented that he felt that Captain Hearod would do a great job for the City. He commented that if there was a way to do things differently, they would, but this is a bad time, but the City employees were a priority to get back to work. He thanked Mike Pruitt and his brother for going into neighborhoods playing music. He then requested that everyone going into businesses to wear masks and take all the necessary precautions.

Recess Council Meeting

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

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 8:32 P.M.

Reconvene Council Meeting

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:35 P.M.

A motion to recess the Regular meeting for an Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) for confidential communications between a public body and its attorney to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee, more particularly City Manager, Peter Stasiak, was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Mayor Browne.

Before the vote, Councilman Prichard asked how long this session would take. He expressed concern over the impending weather.

Mayor Browne commented that he did not think it would last very long.

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

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 8:37 P.M.

Executive Session

Recess into Executive Session in compliance with Section Title 25 Section 307 B.1 et.seq. Oklahoma Statutes, to wit:

- Consider and Act to convene in executive session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) for confidential communications between a public body and its attorney to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee, more particularly City Manager, Peter Stasiak.

Reconvene into Open Session

The Council returned to Open session at 8:53 P.M. Mayor Browne stated that the Council had recessed the Regular meeting for an Executive Session in accordance with Title 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) for confidential communications between a public body and its attorney to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee, more particularly City Manager, Peter Stasiak. Only that matter was discussed, no action was taken, and the Council returned to Open session at 8:53 P.M., and that constitutes the minutes of the Executive Session.

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 Councilwoman Harrison.

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

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

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

ATTEST:

John Browne, Mayor

Cora Middleton, City Clerk