

Council Chambers
Municipal Building
January 13, 2009

The McAlester City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted January 6, 2009, at 4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Priddle called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- **Charles Neff, Pastor, Grand Avenue United Methodist Church**

ROLL CALL

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Chris Fiedler, Donnie Condit, John Browne, Buddy Garvin, Haven Wilkinson, Sam Mason & Mayor Priddle

Absent: None

Presiding: Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

Staff Present: Mark Roath, City Manager; George Marcangeli, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Mel Priddy, Community Services Director; William J. Ervin, Jr., City Attorney and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

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.

- Approval of the Minutes from the December 2, 2008, Special Meeting of the City Council.** *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- Approval of the Minutes from the December 9, 2008, Regular Meeting of the City Council.** *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- Concur with Mayor's reappointment of Stephanie Mowat to the Community Tree Board for a term to expire September 2010.** *(Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor)*
- Concur with Mayor's reappointment of Doris Hackler to the Community Tree Board for a term to expire September 2010.** *(Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor)*

- E. Concur with Mayor's reappointment of John Proctor to the Cemetery Board for a term to expire December 2011. (Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor)**
- F. Concur with Mayor's reappointment of Larry Bishop to the Cemetery Board for a term to expire December 2011. (Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor)**
- G. Concur with Mayor's reappointment of John Goodyear to the Cemetery Board for a term to expire December 2011. (Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor)**
- H. Concur with Mayor's reappointment of Clark Ward to the Cemetery Board for a term to expire December 2011. (Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor)**
- I. Approval of Claims for December 24, 2008 through January 13, 2009. (Sherry Alessi, Assistant City Financial Officer)** In the following amounts: General Fund - \$166,606.96; Nutrition - \$659.41; Revolving Evidence - \$24,998.00; SE EXPO Ctr/Tourism Fund - \$7,058.69; E-911 - \$158.00; Economic Development - \$5,140.20 and CDBG Grants Fund - \$3,054.00.

Mayor Priddle stated that Mr. Roath had requested two claims, totaling \$437.36, that had been submitted for Darrell Miller be withdrawn at this time.

Mayor Priddle commented that all of the appointments were reappointments at the requests of the current chairmen.

Councilmen Mason and Browne requested that item "G" be removed for individual consideration.

Councilman Wilkinson moved to approve Consent Agenda items "A through F, H and I with the removal of the two (2) items from the claims". The motion was seconded by Councilman Fiedler.

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

AYE: Councilman Fiedler, Condit, Browne, Wilkinson, Garvin, Mason & Mayor Priddle
NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- G. Concur with Mayor's reappointment of John Goodyear to the Cemetery Board for a term to expire December 2011. (Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor)**

Councilman Browne commented that he thought Mr. Goodyear was a fine, upstanding man but he was currently on the Audit and Finance Advisory Committee and that committee oversaw the finances for all of the boards. He added that the Cemetery Board had the Perpetual Care fund and it was a sizeable fund. He recommended that Mr. Goodyear not be reappointed to the Cemetery Board but remain on the Audit and Finance Advisory Committee.

Mayor Priddle explained to the audience that there was no limitation to the number of boards a person could be appointed to except for the Ethics Board. He stated that the members of the Ethics Board could not be on any other board.

Councilman Condit requested clarification of the vote.

Mayor Priddle stated that a yes vote was to concur with the appointment.

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

AYE: Councilman Condit, Wilkinson, Fiedler & Mayor Priddle

NAY: Councilman Browne & Garvin

ABSTAIN: (Counted as no) Councilman Mason

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried

Mayor Priddle stated that Agenda Item 1 required a Public Hearing.

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.

Councilman Fiedler moved to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Mason.

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

AYE: Councilman Browne, Wilkinson, Garvin, Mason, Fiedler, Condit & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried, and the Public Hearing was opened at 6:08 P.M.

Mr. Roath commented that this was a reimbursement from the insurance for hail damage to some or our AC units and what we are doing is acknowledging the receipt of the money, putting it into the Budget and making it available to be used for the repairs.

There were no other comments made regarding the Ordinance by the audience or the Council.

Councilman Wilkinson moved to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garvin, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Wilkinson, Garvin, Mason, Fiedler, Condit, Browne & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:09 P.M.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

- 1. Consider, and act upon, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2299, which Established the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; Repealing all conflicting Ordinances; Providing for a Severability Clause; and Declaring an Emergency.**
(George Marcangeli, City Engineer/Public Works Director)

Executive Summary

This agenda item involves a budget amendment to appropriate an insurance reimbursement for damage to several A/C units at various City facilities.

ORDINANCE NO. 2311

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McALESTER, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2299 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Browne moved to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 2311**, seconded by Councilman Fiedler.

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

AYE: Councilman Garvin, Mason, Fiedler, Condit, Browne, Wilkinson & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

Councilman Mason moved to approve the EMERGENCY CLAUSE, seconded by Councilman Condit.

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

AYE: Councilman Mason, Fiedler, Condit, Browne, Wilkinson, Garvin & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

- 2. Consider, and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with the Federal Aviation Administration regarding a ground lease at the McAlester Municipal Airport.** *(Mel Priddy, Community Services Director)*

Executive Summary

This agenda item involves a contract with the FAA for a ground lease.

Councilman Wilkinson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with the Federal Aviation Administration regarding a ground lease at the McAlester Municipal Airport. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mason.

Before the vote, Mel Priddy explained that this was for a storage building at the Airport that had been there for several years. He commented that there had been a contract before for no compensation and the Airport Manager decided it was time the FAA paid for the building. They had agreed on an amount of \$100.00 per month.

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

AYE: Councilman Fiedler, Condit, Browne, Wilkinson, Garvin, Mason & Mayor Priddle
NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Roath commented he would hold his report until the next meeting.

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Wilkinson had nothing to report but he hoped that everyone tuned into the Crystal Darkness Program tonight.

Councilman Garvin asked that everyone be aware of your neighborhood and if they saw something unusual to please report it to the Police.

Councilman Mason and Condit had no comments.

Councilman Fiedler echoed the comment made by Councilman Wilkinson.

Councilman Browne thanked Keith McCullar of McCullar Motor Sports for volunteering to paint the hoods of the Police cars that needed painting.

Mayor Priddle thanked for helping coordinate the audio and visual for the program tonight.

RECESS COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Priddle asked for a motion to recess the Regular Meeting to convene the Authorities.

Councilman Mason moved to recess the Regular Meeting and convene the Authorities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garvin and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Fiedler, Condit, Browne, Wilkinson, Garvin, Mason & Mayor Priddle
NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried, and the Regular Meeting was recessed at 6:12 P.M.

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:13 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Fiedler moved for the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Browne. The vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Browne, Wilkinson, Garvin, Mason, Fiedler, Condit & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cora Middleton, City Clerk