

Council Conference Room
Municipal Building
March 4, 2010

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, March 1, 2010, at 4:09 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Priddle led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: John Browne, Donnie Condit, Buddy Garvin & Mayor Priddle
Absent: Chris Fiedler, Haven Wilkinson & Sam Mason
Presiding: Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, Acting City Manager; Gayla Duke, Chief Financial Officer; John Modzelewski, City Engineer/Public Works Director and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

1. Presentation and Discussion, Sanitation and Landfill Request for Proposals (RFPs).

Councilman Browne moved to open the floor for the Presentation and Discussion, Sanitation and Landfill Request for Proposals (RFPs). The motion was seconded by Councilman Condit.

John Modzelewski addressed the Council regarding the two (2) Sanitation RFP's. He presented the comparison information with a PowerPoint, stating that because the Sanitation Service and the Landfill went hand-in-hand they would both be reviewed. In the presentation, Mr. Modzelewski separated the commercial and residential information. He explained that the personnel expense, fuel cost and maintenance had all been increased for the comparisons. His comparisons were of the twice per week curb side pickup for residential customers and of the various options for commercial dumpster pickup. This comparison showed the City of McAlester as the least expensive for both residential and commercial service. Mr. Modzelewski reviewed the current fiscal year revenues and expenditures and compared the projections for the next two (2) fiscal years. He distributed information sheets to the Council that detailed the expenses for both Sanitation and the Landfill for the current fiscal year and the next two (2) fiscal years.

During Mr. Modzelewski's review of the Landfill activities he explained to the Council that Fiscal Year 2010-2011 included the construction of a new landfill cell. He added that the beginning fund balance would be used to begin construction of the landfill cell. He informed the

Council that he had been communicating with DEQ about the possible construction of the new landfill cell and he had been addressing some of the DEQ findings. He commended Tim Adams, Street Superintendent, for the great job he had done coordinating cover material for the landfill to help address one of the DEQ findings. He added that there had not been an increase in the landfill fees in thirty years. Mr. Modzelewski reviewed three (3) options that he foresaw in the future of the landfill, which were A. Continue City collection and disposal at City landfill until October 2010 and build a new cell, B. Continue City collection and disposal at City landfill until October 2010 and begin disposal at Alderson landfill, and C. Contract with Allied Waste for collection and disposal at City landfill until October 2010 and then begin disposal at Alderson landfill. He added that he had some specific goals for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department, and those goals were to implement an Integrated Solid Waste Management Program and to review the current fee structure.

There was considerable discussion between the Council, Mr. Modzelewski, Mr. Stasiak and several members of the audience regarding the compactor, the three (3) options, segregated collections, curb side collections, the construction of the new landfill cell, the commercial dumpsters, containers for the residential customers, comparing the City of McAlester's services with other towns and running the Solid Waste Division as a business.

Mayor Priddle asked Mr. Modzelewski if he had a recommendation. Mr. Modzelewski answered that he would recommend that the City continue to run the Solid Waste Division, construct the new landfill and run the Division like a business. Ms. Duke stated that the Auditors had mentioned this as well.

Mr. Stasiak commented that the rates had been discussed and it was estimated that the City of McAlester was about 50% below the norm. The revenue from the landfill helps fund other departments that do not bring revenue into the City. He stated that he was encouraged by the employees; they had come up with many good ideas. Even the citizens have helped. He added that staff was looking at how other cities were providing this service, getting input from employees and citizens. He commented that as the proposals had been reviewed, many opportunities had been brought to light. He stated that his goal was to bring this to the Council the second meeting in March with recommendations.

Mayor Priddle asked the Council and others in attendance to get their questions and comments to Mr. Stasiak with in the next week so he would be able to address them before the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Priddle asked that since this would be Councilman Condit's final meeting the he make the motion to adjourn and the City Clerk call his name last. Councilman Condit moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mayor Priddle. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Browne, Garvin, Mayor Priddle & Councilman Condit

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cora Middleton, City Clerk