

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building  
May 12, 2015

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, May 8, 2015, at 3:45 P. M.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Weldon Smith, John Titsworth, Travis Read, Robert Karr, Jason Barnett & Steve Harrison

Absent: Buddy Garvin

Presiding: Steve Harrison, Mayor

Staff Present: Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager; Toni Ervin, CFO; Gary Wansick, Police Chief; Brett Brewer fire Chief; Leroy Alsup, Community & Economic Development Director; Mel Priddy, Community Services Director and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

**Public Hearing**

**A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF MCALESTER PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET.**

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Vice-Mayor Read to open a Public Hearing on the City of McAlester proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Operating Budget. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Read, Titsworth, Karr, Barnett & Mayor Harrison

NAY: None

Mayor Harrison declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was opened at 5:32 P.M.

**Scheduled Business**

**WORKSHOP**

1. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget.

CFO Ervin addressed the Council explaining that the City would be getting an additional .5%, in sales tax, back from the State of Oklahoma. She added that the State had lowered the percentage they kept for collecting and administering sales tax. She commented that the additional .5% would make the sales tax receipts budgeted for 2015-2016 as a 3.5% increase. CFO Ervin then informed the Council that four (4) additional summer part-time employees had been added to the Street Departments budget to help address more maintenance issues.

There was discussion among the Council including Public Works Operations Foreman, Timmy Don Adams, Manager Stasiak regarding how the proposed budget for the Streets Department would be used during the coming fiscal year. They discussed proposed street maintenance, how the CIP projects had damaged surrounding streets and the repairs needed for them, having a map at the next meeting to illustrate the planned maintenance, streets that needed to be addressed before they needed to be completely rebuilt, getting more money for streets, what it would take to catch up on maintenance, how important the Police and Fire departments, the water and streets in the City were and shrinking other areas if necessary to cover, working more efficiently, and contracting out most of the projects.

Councilman Garvin arrived at 5:53 P.M.

There was further discussion, regarding funding infrastructure repairs, storm water improvements, having a "Master Plan" for street repair and maintenance, if the additional summer help could be used for a longer time frame and identifying additional money in the budget that could be put toward the streets.

The Special Meeting was recessed at 5:59 P.M. to convene the Regular Meeting. The Special meeting was reconvened at 6:03 P.M.

CFO Ervin addressed the Council explaining that the City was moving ahead of the schedule to allow for more time to address any questions. She commented that representatives of the groups that requested funding from the City were in attendance and available to answer questions.

Each of the representatives addressed the Council regarding their specific requests, needs and proposed plans and projects for the next fiscal year.

There was discussion among the Council regarding the groups activities, how their budgets were used, if the requested increases were to be funded or if the funding levels would remain the same as the past years funding, where some of the groups funding came from in the budget and if they received funding from other sources.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Smith moved to close the Public Hearing and adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Read and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Read, Titsworth, Karr, Garvin, Barnett & Mayor Harrison

NAY: None

Mayor Harrison declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Steve Harrison, Mayor

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk