

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, May 9, 2015, at 11:23 P. M.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Weldon Smith, Travis Read, Buddy Garvin, Jason Barnett & John Browne  
Absent: Robert Karr  
Presiding: John Browne, Mayor

Staff Present: Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager; Toni Ervin, CFO; Brett Brewer, Fire Chief and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

A motion was made by Councilman Read and seconded by Councilman Smith to open a Public Hearing on the City of McAlester Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Operating Budget. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Read, Smith, Garvin, Barnett & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was opened at 5:31 P.M.

**Public Hearing**

**A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF MCALESTER PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET.**

**Scheduled Business**

**WORKSHOP**

1. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget.

Manager Stasiak addressed the Council reminding them that the fiscal year 2016/2017 Budget had been distributed two (2) weeks ago. He then proceeded to review the proposed budget, highlighting two (2) changes that had been made internally. He explained that there would be 2 additional part-time employees in the Parks Department and health insurance premiums would increase 7.5 % instead of the 2.5 % that had originally been thought. He reviewed the personnel changes that would be in this budget, explained that there would not be a COLA in this budget for any employee, but the step/merit increases were still in place. He commented that both the FOP and the IAFF contracts should be ready at the next Council meeting. Manager Stasiak reviewed the funding for the outside agencies. He explained that the budget was very conservative and he then reviewed the City's accomplishments over the past five (5) years.

Vice-Mayor Karr arrived at 5:41 P.M.

Manager Stasiak informed the Council that the City continued to do more with less and the coming fiscal year the City would focus more on the Water Treatment Plant and the City's streets. He then reviewed the Economic Development Department and the progress that the City had made since it had been moved in house.

Councilman Garvin commented that the City had come a long way in the time he had served on the Council and he felt it was moving in the right direction.

Councilman Smith asked about what had been accomplished with the City's debt over the past five (5) years.

Manager Stasiak commented that the City had been able to reduce its' bond debt but it still would not terminate the debt until 2030, 2031 and 2033.

Vice-Mayor Karr commented that he felt that economic development had been doing a good job. Councilman Read and Councilman Barnett both commented on the efforts of the City Manager, CFO, staff and the Audit & Finance Advisory Committee and that the City had done a great job on the budget.

Mayor Browne commended the City for a reasonable budget in such a volatile atmosphere.

Head Librarian, Kathy McGilberry addressed the Council concerning the library and requested that the City consider furnishing a part-time custodian.

**Adjournment**

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

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

NAY: None

Mayor Harrison the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

ATTEST:

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John Brown, Mayor

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk