

The McAlester City Council met in a Special session on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, May 14, 2018 at 1:05 P.M.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Browne called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Weldon Smith, Travis Read, James Brown, Jason Barnett & John Browne  
Absent: Cully Stevens & Buddy Garvin  
Presiding: John Browne, Mayor

Staff Present: Peter Stasiak, City Manager; Toni Ervin, CFO; William J. Ervin, City Attorney and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

Audit & Finance Advisory Committee Members: Carl Gullick, Mike Kern & Paul Bishop

**Scheduled Business**

**WORKSHOP**

1. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget.

Manager Stasiak addressed the Council commenting about the proposed changes in the health insurance that is being offered to the City employees.

CFO Ervin addressed the Council to review the proposed changes to the health insurance and other benefits offered to City employees. She informed the Council that a committee had reviewed the healthcare options and looked at raising the deductible, the out of pocket costs decreasing some, the advantages of participating in Insure Oklahoma, prescription coverage, Dental staying the same but costing less, Vision offering an enhanced coverage and basic life and disability costing less.

There was discussion concerning the employee's ability to acquire coverage for their families, eventually having the employees contribute to the cost of their health insurance, the cutoff age for dependent coverage, an opt out option for employees that have coverage through another source, getting input from employees, which employees were covered and the difficulty in comparing companies and options.

Manager Stasiak then reviewed the questions that Councilman Read had and explained the changes in the various departments in the General Fund, the Public Works Authority and some miscellaneous items that had changed.

There was a brief discussion concerning the salary of the Assistant City Manager position, the requirements for that position, the changes in Municipal Court, Legal, Criminal Investigation Division, Patrol, Fire, Planning & Community Development, Human Resources and Streets in the General Fund. The discussion included the changes in Landfill and Engineering in Public Works, Tourism and Expo. There was discussion concerning the funding needs of Economic Development, a Small Business Development Center partnership, Pittsburg County Emergency Management and a Crack Sealing project that would be funded through the infrastructure sales tax. There was also a brief discussion on the decrease in the amount of funding in the Grants fund.

There was no vote on this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Read to recess the Special Meeting for an Executive Session in accordance with Title 25, Section 307.B.2, to discuss negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employee groups: IAFF. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Brown, Read, Smith, Barnett & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was recessed at 6:12 P.M.

### **Executive Session**

*Recess into Executive Session in compliance with Section Title 25 Section 307 B.2 et.seq. Oklahoma Statutes, to wit:*

- Proposed Executive Session pursuant to Title 25, Sec. 307 (B) (2), to discuss negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employee groups: IAFF

### **Reconvene into Open Session**

The Special meeting was reconvened at 6:35 P.M. Mayor Browne reported that the Council had recessed the Special Meeting for an Executive Session to discuss negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employee groups: IAFF, in accordance with Title 25, Section 307.B.2. Only that matter was discussed, no action was taken and the Council returned to open session at 6:35 P.M., and this constituted 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 Councilman Read.

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

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

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

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John Browne, Mayor

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk