

The McAlester City Council met in a Regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, August 13, 2018 at 2:44 P.M.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Browne called the meeting to order.

Lance Yeley gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Weldon Smith, Cully Stevens, Travis Read, James Brown, Buddy Garvin, Zach Prichard & John Browne

Absent: None

Presiding: John Browne, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, City Manager; Toni Ervin, CFO; Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director; David Horinek, Public Works Director; Kirk Ridenour, Economic Development Director; Gary Wansick, Police Chief; Billy Sumner, Tourism/Expo Manager; George Estrada, Building Inspector; William J. Ervin, City Attorney and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

### **Recognition and Awards**

A video of the City of McAlester Police Department's Facebook Lip Sync Challenge was played, after which Mayor Browne presented Master Patrolman Chuck Sutterfield as July, 2018 Employee of the Month. Officer Sutterfield received a certificate of appreciation, a \$25.00 gift certificate, a pen set, and a City of McAlester padfolio.

Chief Wansick commented that the Department had received help from Lance Weeks for the production of the video. He explained that Lance was the son of Officer Mitch Weeks, who had passed away while on duty. He then presented Lance with a plaque of appreciation.

Officer Sutterfield presented Lance with a gift certificate in appreciation of the help he had given in the production of the video.

### **Citizens Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

*Residents may address Council regarding an item that is not listed on the Agenda. Residents must provide their name and address. Council requests that comments be limited to five (5) minutes.*

There were no comments for the evening.

### **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.*

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the July 16, 2018, Special Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the July 24, 2018, Regular Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- C. Approval of Claims for July 18, 2018 through August 7, 2018. *(Toni Ervin, Chief Financial Officer)* In the following amounts: General Fund - \$106,838.39; Nutrition - \$2,470.49; Police Grant Fund - \$748.00; State Forfeiture Fund - \$748.00; Educational Fund - \$383,746.32; Tourism Fund - \$25,909.30; SE Expo Center - \$11,664.61; E-911 - \$17,637.85; Economic Development - \$17,862.48; Grants & Contributions - \$8,097.90; Fleet Maintenance - \$12,539.46; CIP Fund - \$36,022.00; Federal Forfeiture Fund - \$500.00; Technology Fund - \$2,788.05; Stormwater Fund - \$85,541.29 and Infrastructure Fund - \$8,764.42.
- D. Accept and place on file the Pride in McAlester Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. *(Stephanie Giacomo, Executive Director)*
- E. Accept and place on file the McAlester Main Street Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. *(Christine Hermsmeyer, Executive Director)*
- F. Concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Primus Moore, Carl Gullick, and Karen Stobaugh to the McAlester Planning Commission for terms to expire on August 31, 2021. *(John Browne, Mayor)*
- G. Concur with the Mayor's appointment of Sandra Henslee to the Audit & Finance Committee for a term to expire March 31, 2019. Ms. Henslee will be completing the term left vacant by Ms. Brandi McWilliams. *(John Browne, Mayor)*
- H. Consider and act upon, authorization for the Mayor to sign the addendum requested from the County Commissioners to the 911 Agreement with the County. *(Toni Ervin, Chief Financial Officer)*
- I. Consider and act upon, authorizing the City Manager to sign the Proposed Award from the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security - 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program; QRae III Project; #860.043 in the amount of \$2,999.76. *(Brett Brewer, Fire Chief)*

Councilman Smith requested that "Item D" be removed for individual consideration and Manager Stasiak requested that "Item C" be pulled for individual consideration.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda items “A, B and E through I” was made by Councilman Prichard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Prichard, Smith, Stevens, Read, Brown, Garvin & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

**Items removed from Consent Agenda**

- C. Approval of Claims for July 18, 2018 through August 7, 2018. (*Toni Ervin, Chief Financial Officer*) In the following amounts: General Fund - \$106,838.39; Nutrition - \$2,470.49; Police Grant Fund - \$748.00; State Forfeiture Fund - \$748.00; Educational Fund - \$383,746.32; Tourism Fund - \$25,909.30; SE Expo Center - \$11,664.61; E-911 - \$17,637.85; Economic Development - \$17,862.48; Grants & Contributions - \$8,097.90; Fleet Maintenance - \$12,539.46; CIP Fund - \$36,022.00; Federal Forfeiture Fund - \$500.00; Technology Fund - \$2,788.05; Stormwater Fund - \$85,541.29 and Infrastructure Fund - \$8,764.42.

Manager Stasiak explained that he wanted to address the payment to the McAlester Public School on page sixteen (16). He informed the Council that the amount was for the full payment of the revised amount that the School had requested and in the past the City had requested confirmation of what the funds were to be spent on prior to releasing funds.

There was a brief discussion concerning the process, if the total request would eventually be paid and if the information included with the request would work as confirmation of what the funds would be spent on.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Stevens to disperse the amount in claims to the McAlester Public Schools as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Stevens, Brown, Read, Garvin, Prichard, Smith & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

- D. Accept and place on file the Pride in McAlester Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. (*Stephanie Giacomo, Executive Director*)

Councilman Smith stated that he just wanted to thank Pride In McAlester for the work that they have done for the City.

Mayor Browne agreed with Councilman Smith.

A motion to accept and place on file the Pride In McAlester Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Stevens. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Stevens, Read, Brown, Garvin, Prichard & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

A motion to open the Public Hearing to address a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 48 of the Code of Ordinances and to address the structures on the condemnation list was made by Councilman Read and seconded by Councilman Smith. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Brown, Garvin, Prichard, Stevens, Read & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the Public Hearing was opened at 6:17 P.M.

### **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.*

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA; AMENDING MCALESTER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 48, FEES, CHARGES AND SERVICE RATES, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, OCCUPATION TAX; SECTION 6-66, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2018.**

**CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON STRUCTURES DEEMED BY CITY STAFF TO BE DILAPIDATED BY REASON OF DETERIORATION, AGE OR OBSOLESCENCE, INADEQUATE PROVISION OF VENTILATION, LIGHT, AIR OR SANITATION, NEGLECT, NEED OF REPAIR, OR ACCUMULATION OF DEBRIS, WHERE THE SAME CONSTITUTES A DANGER TO THE SAFETY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND CONSIDER, AND ACT UPON, A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN STRUCTURES AS DILAPIDATED AND DETRIMENTAL TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

There were no further comments and a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garvin, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Garvin, Prichard, Stevens, Read, Brown & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the Public Hearing was opened at 6:19 P.M.

## **Scheduled Business**

1. Consider and act upon, approving a contribution to the McAlester Area Arts & Humanities Council for the CultureFest 2018 in the amount of \$10,335.00. (*Mary Helfenbein, McAlester Area Arts & Humanities*)

### Executive Summary

Motion to approve a contribution to the McAlester Area Arts & Humanities Council for the CultureFest 2018 in the amount of \$10,335.00.

Mary Helfenbein, President of the McAlester Area Arts & Humanities Council addressed the Council requesting that they partner with the McAlester Area Arts & Humanities Council to assist in the production of the annual CultureFest Festival. Ms. Helfenbein reviewed the activities planned for the festival and commented that this year the festival was planned for two (2) days. She reviewed the expenses for the festival, the groups collaborating, the sponsors and income that had been generated to date. She added that this year's request was three thousand (\$3,000.00) less than last year.

There was discussion concerning the funding request, if this had been budgeted, what last years' receipts or report was, how there was no agreement, the development of a written agreement, what department the money would come from and the balance in the Tourism Fund.

Councilman Prichard moved to approve the request pursuant to a written agreement being created. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Stevens, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Prichard, Stevens, Smith, Read, Brown, Garvin & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

2. Consider and act upon, an ordinance of the City of McAlester; amending Chapter 48 Fees, Charges and Service Rates, Chapter 6, Article II, Division 3, Occupation Tax; Section 6-66, repealing all conflicting ordinances; and establishing an effective date of October 1, 2018. (*Peter Stasiak, City Manager*)

### Executive Summary

Motion to pass and approve the ordinance amending occupation tax fees and establishing an effective date of October 1, 2018.

Manager Stasiak informed the Council that this was to adopt new fees for the upcoming liquor laws changes. He stated that the changes reflected Title 37A § 2-101 and updated the Occupations and amounts.

Mayor Browne asked if the City's cost to administer this had increased and if a new employee was being added.

Manager Stasiak stated that cost had increased with the increase in employee benefits but the City would not be adding a new employee to administer this.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2634**

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA; AMENDING MCALESTER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 48, FEES, CHARGES AND SERVICE RATES, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, OCCUPATION TAX; SECTION 6-66, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2018.**

A motion to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 2634**, was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Read. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Read, Stevens, Brown & Garvin

NAY: Mayor Browne

ABSTAIN: Councilman Prichard (counted as a no vote)

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

3. Consider and act upon, to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of McAlester and Eastern Oklahoma State College for the financial support to employ a small business advisor through the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center. (*Kirk Ridenour, Economic Development*)

Executive Summary

Staff recommends approval of the FY19 Memorandum of Understanding.

Director Ridenour addressed the Council reviewing what the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center was, what it would do for the businesses in this area and the advantage of having a second business advisor based in Pittsburg County.

Dana Hugel, OKSBDC Consultant, Small Business Development Specialist housed at Eastern addressed the Council reviewing the requirements for the position, how the individual could affect the small businesses in the area, and what defined a small business.

Dr. Steve Smith, President Eastern Oklahoma State College addressed the Council explaining that this was a 50/50 matching program with Federal funds. He reviewed some of the areas where an advisor could help a new or existing business.

There was discussion, concerning the salary and benefits of the position, the requirements of the position, what was used to measure the effectiveness of the program, the number of clients serviced since October 1<sup>st</sup>, what percentage of those were in McAlester and how the second position could increase the services in this area.

Manager Stasiak informed the Council that the quarterly meeting was coming up and anyone interested in attending were welcome to ride with him and Director Ridenour.

A motion to authorize the Mayor to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of McAlester and Eastern Oklahoma State College for the

financial support to employ a small business advisor through the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Brown, Garvin, Prichard, Stevens, Read & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

4. Discussion of the McAlester Downtown Area Reinvestment Review Committee. (*Kirk Ridenour, Economic Development*)

Executive Summary

No action requested by staff.

Director Ridenour addressed the Council explaining that he had been asked to update the Council on the Downtown TIF. He stated that with the highway development nearing conclusion work on the Downtown TIF could begin. He explained the steps that the Downtown Area Reinvestment Review Committee would have to complete and he added that this process could take six (6) to eight (8) months.

There was discussion concerning Kristen Lloyd's resignation from the Committee, the appointment of a new At-Large member, the number of members on the Committee and who those members represented.

There was no vote on this item.

5. Consider and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Contractor's Final Pay Estimate No. 1 - Final and Certificate of Substantial Completion for the contract with Built Right Construction, LLC for the Canal Wall Repair, Kiowa and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and accept the project as completed. (*Robert Vaughan, Infrastructure Solutions Group*)

Executive Summary

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contractor's Final pay Estimate No. 1 - Final in the amount of \$42,565.32 and the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the contract with Built Right Construction, LLC for the Canal Wall Repair, Kiowa and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and accept the project as completed.

Robert Vaughan, PE, Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC Branch Manager addressed the Council explaining that this completion of another Stormwater project. He stated that the two (2) year warranty period would begin on July 17, 2018, the effective date of completion.

After a brief discussion concerning the work that had been done and clarification of the warranty period, a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contractor's Final pay Estimate No. 1 - Final in the amount of \$42,565.32 and the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the contract with Built Right Construction, LLC for the Canal Wall Repair, Kiowa and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and accept the project as completed was made by Councilman Prichard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Prichard, Smith, Stevens, Read, Brown, Garvin & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

6. Consider and act upon, authorizing the Mayor to sign the State Grant application for Airport Improvements and any other grant related documents for State assistance from the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission. (*David Horinek, Public Works*)

Executive Summary

Motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a grant application and any other grant related documents for State assistance from the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission.

Director Horinek addressed the Council explaining that this item was the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission (OAC) grant application requesting financial assistance to rehabilitate the Airport runway and taxiways. He added that OAC was providing five percent (5%) of the construction costs for the project with the City matching the same.

There was no further discussion, and a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the State Grant application for Airport Improvements and any other grant related documents for State assistance from the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garvin, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Garvin, Stevens, Read, Brown, Prichard & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action, on approval of certain costs related to the Fire Department. (*Brett Brewer, Fire Chief*)

Executive Summary

Motion to approve and accept the bid from Emergency Service Supply in the amount of \$24,720.00 for the remounting of one (1) Type III ambulance to be placed on our Ford E-450 chassis.

Manager Stasiak addressed the Council explaining that the City had purchased a new E-450 Cab and Chassis for the Fire Department and they had recently opened bids for the remount of the Type III ambulance box that was on the old ambulance that the City was replacing. He stated that two (2) bids had been received and after review of both bids, Staff had recommended awarding the bid to Emergency Service Supply. He commented that Emergency Service Supply came highly recommended and their bid included several services that had not been requested in the bid, such as replacing the AC unit in the ambulance box, replacing the siren and making any necessary repairs to the control panel.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Stevens and seconded by Councilman Prichard to approve and accept the bid from Emergency Service Supply in the amount of \$24,720.00 for the remounting of one (1) Type III ambulance to be placed on the City's Ford E-450 chassis.

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

AYE: Councilman Stevens, Prichard, Read, Brown, Garvin, Smith & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

8. Consider and act upon, declaring certain equipment surplus property in accordance with the Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-410 and authorize the City Manager to sell them in accordance with the Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-411. *(Toni Ervin, Chief Financial Officer)*

Executive Summary

Motion to declare certain equipment surplus property and authorize the sale of said equipment.

CFO Ervin addressed the Council stating that this was a routine list. She added that the list had been recommended by the Fleet Maintenance Superintendent and the 2001 Ford Taurus would be sold at the local auction and the other items would be listed on the online auction sites.

There was no other discussion, and Councilman Brown moved to declare certain equipment surplus property in accordance with the Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-410 and authorize the City Manager to sell them in accordance with the Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-411. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Brown, Smith, Garvin, Prichard, Stevens, Read & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

9. Conduct a Public Hearing on structures deemed by City Staff to be dilapidated by reason of deterioration, age or obsolescence, inadequate provision of ventilation, light, air or sanitation, neglect, need of repair, or accumulation of debris, where the same constitutes a danger to the safety of the neighborhood and consider, and act upon, a resolution declaring certain structures as dilapidated and detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the general public. *(Jayme Clifton, Director, George Estrada, Building Inspector)*

Executive Summary

Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, motion to approve a resolution declaring certain structures as dilapidated and detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the general public.

Director Clifton addressed the Council informing them that her department was moving forward with a list of twenty-two (22) structures they are presenting for Council consideration. She stated that notices had been mailed to the owners of record, posting on the properties had been done and publication of notice to the property owners had been placed in the August 4, 2018 McAlester News-Capital she reminded them on the list that was presented to them on June 26, 2018, stating that fourteen (14) structures had been condemned, two (2) had been demolished by the owners and one (1) had requested a variance and rezoning from the Board of Adjustment. She added that her department was advertising for demo bids and would be opening those bids on August 22, 2018 on eleven of those structures.

Mayor Browne asked if anyone present was there to address the Council concerning property presented on the list.

Betty Lowry, 305 Hickory Bend addressed the Council regarding property at 532 W Adams Ave. She informed the Council that the property had been secured and she was planning to empty the structure then demolish it on her own. She asked that this property be removed from the list.

Lance Yeley, 330 E. Choctaw addressed the Council regarding property at 25 W. Kiowa Ave. He informed the Council that he had acquired this property through a County Tax sale and had been advised not to do anything to the property until he had clear title. He requested that this structure be removed from the list so he could get the necessary permits.

Mildred O'Hare and David Gore, 220 W. Kiowa addressed the Council regarding property at 501 S. "A" Street. They requested that this property be removed from the list so they could remodel the structure and keep the City from having another vacant lot.

Brad Barrett, 441 Acorn Road, Ardmore, OK addressed the Council regarding property at 733 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. He stated that the mailing address shown on the list was he had not received any notification from the City and asked that the property be removed from the list so he could move forward with renovations

Deborah Marriott, 714 W. 18<sup>th</sup>, Ada, OK addressed the Council regarding property at 118 E. Polk Ave. She informed the Council that she had purchased the property to repair and into. She stated that there had been issues with the structure being broken into and vandalized. She requested that the property be removed from the list.

Warna Gibson, 1608 Redbud Lane addressed the Council regarding property at 51 W. Ottawa Ave. She stated that she had inherited the property and needed information on how to address demolishing the structure.

Dusty Swing, P.O. Box 1576 addressed the Council regarding property at 305 W. Monroe Ave. He stated that he had owned the property for four (4) years and requested that this property be removed from the list.

Jim Holbird, 1021 S. "A" St., addressed the Council regarding this property. He informed the Council that this was his home and he was currently living in the house. He stated that he could produce ownership documents and he asked that this property be removed from the list.

There was lengthy discussion during this item in which Director Clifton and George Estrada, Building Inspector reviewed the process leading up to a property being placed on the demolition list, how notification was sent to property owners of record, that the properties were posted and notice was also published in the newspaper. During the discussion the property owners were informed of the steps they needed to take to work toward getting their properties removed from the list and that if certain requirements were not or could not be met the property could not be removed. Tabitha Howell, Code Enforcement Officer addressed the Council regarding the issues that property at 1021 S. "A" had and the numerous complaints that were received on the property.

Vice-Mayor Stevens stated that he had received an email from Damon Mascoto requesting that his property at 623 Short Stonewall be removed from the list. In the email Mr. Mascoto stated that he had intentions to renovate the structure.

Donald Brownlee, 620 Short Stonewall addressed the Council regarding the property at 623 Short Stonewall. Mr. Brownlee stated that the property was continuously in a state of disrepair and not secured.

Councilman Read moved to approve the list of properties contained in Exhibit A except items number seven (7) at 305 W. Monroe Ave. and number twelve (12) at 25 W. Kiowa Ave. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Stevens.

Mayor Browne amended the motion to add the removal of item number twenty (20) at 1021 S. "A" St. and to consider that item separately. Both Councilman Read and Vice-Mayor Stevens accepted the amendment.

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

AYE: Councilman Read, Stevens, Garvin, Prichard, Smith, Brown & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

Councilman Read moved to approve the condemnation of the property at 1021 S. "A" St. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Read, Smith, Brown & Garvin  
NAY: Councilman Prichard, Stevens & Mayor Browne

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

### **New Business**

*Any matter not known or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the Agenda in accordance with Sec. 311.9, Title 25, Oklahoma State Statutes.*

There was no new business.

### **City Manager's Report**

- Report on activities for the past two weeks.

Manager Stasiak updated the Council on the City's current projects that were still in process or had been completed. He stated that the Utility Maintenance Department had recently completed that replacement of five hundred feet (500') of twelve inch (12") water line in Steven Taylor Industrial Park along Capital Drive. He explained that the Public Works Department had finished the asphalt overlays in Connolly Addition and were currently working on "B, C and D"

streets off of Miami and Seneca. He stated that Waste Water Plant was at about forty percent (40%) sludge in the clarifiers and that Department was working on cleaning them. He informed them that they were working through the schedule on getting the Coal Creek Pump Station working and it was planned to move the Police Department, CID, 911 and Courts to the Federal Building by December 25<sup>th</sup> of this year.

### **Remarks and Inquiries by City Council**

Councilman Read asked Manager Stasiak to contact A-OK Railroad about the railroad crossing at “A” and “D” streets south of Hwy 31. He commented that those crossings were in terrible condition.

Councilman Garvin thanked the Public Works Department for the work they had done in Connolly Addition and the Codes Department for getting the City cleaned up.

Councilman Prichard asked if an explanation of the process of condemnation could be sent out with all the notices. He commented that this could help reduce the confusion. He then asked if McAlester was planning to apply to bid for the Veteran’s Administration (VA) for the relocation of the facility in Talihina.

Manager Stasiak stated that the City was working diligently with the McAlester Regional Health Center on the matter.

Councilmen Smith, Stevens and Brown did not have any comments for the evening.

### **Mayor’s Comments and Committee Appointments**

Mayor Browne thanked Director Clifton, George Estrada and the Council for the work that had been put into condemnations on tonight’s agenda. He thanked local Attorney Mike Miller and Shared Blessings for the Back to School Backpack program. He thanked the young girl that had also sold lemonade to raise funds for backpacks for children in need. He reminded everyone that School was back in session and asked everyone to keep their eyes open watching for kids. He then asked everyone to be mindful of crosswalks and handicapped parking.

Manager Stasiak reminded the Council of the Town Hall meeting that the State Auditor had conducted and the presentation that he had made on July 31, 2018. He stated that the State Auditor had not had any findings. He then congratulated the employees for the turn around that they had made to the City over the past ten (10) years. He added that the State Auditor had told him that McAlester was the first City that had no findings.

### **Recess Council Meeting**

Councilman Prichard moved to recess the Regular Meeting and convene the Authorities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

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

AYE: Councilman Prichard, Smith, Brown, Garvin, Stevens, Read & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 8:43 P.M.

Reconvene Council Meeting

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:46 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Vice-Mayor Stevens moved for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Stevens, Smith, Read, Brown, Garvin, Prichard & Mayor Browne  
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

ATTEST:

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John Browne, Mayor

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk