

The McAlester City Council met in a Special session on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 5:00 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, December 13, 2019 at 11:35 A.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Browne called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Weldon Smith, Cully Stevens, James Brown, Maureen Harrison, Zach Prichard & John Browne
Absent: Travis Read
Presiding: John Browne, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, City Manager; Stephanie Giacomo, Grant Writer/Public Information Officer; Kirk Ridenour, Economic Development Director; Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director; David Horinek, Public Works Director; Oliver Skimbo, Environmental Program Coordinator; Mel Priddy, Community Services Director; William J. Ervin, City Attorney and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

Scheduled Business

1. Discussion on the annual City of McAlester Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019. (*Toni Ervin, Assistant City Manager*)

CFO Swift addressed the Council reviewing the Auditor's letter to the governing body. She explained that this was the earliest that the City had received its' annual audit. She read from the Auditor's letter to the governing body stating that no material weaknesses, no significant deficiencies were found. She then reviewed the Single Audit Report, explaining that this was required when a municipality received Federal funds. She stated that the City had received Federal grants. She added that the City would be applying for the CAFR award again.

There was discussion concerning the restriction of use, the cost of the audit, why the Hospital used a different auditor than the City, how pension liabilities were reported, the Fire and Police pensions, and the McAlester Economic Development Authority funding.

Carl Gullick, Audit and Finance Advisory Committee Chairman addressed the Council concerning that there was no change in the Infrastructure and Water rights.

Assistant City Manager Ervin explained that land did not have depreciation so a big portion of the infrastructure did not have depreciation or was completely depreciated. She stated that the Water rights contracts did not change.

Manager Stasiak explained that the water rights were what was allocated to the City by the Federal Government.

There was a brief discussion concerning the Parking Authority, what activity transpired in that fund, the balance in the fund, the approved dissolution of the Authority, the difficulties of finding the original trustees of the Parking Authority, revenue from the Parking Authority, and the area of the audit that discussed the Tourism fund.

Dan Bledsoe, Finley & Cook addressed the Council explaining that the City had received a clean or unmodified opinion of its' financial statements and a Single Audit or compliance audit was required on the Airport Grant activities. He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation from the City's staff and the help from Crawford and Associates. He also explained why the City was not considered a low risk audit.

There was no action taken on this item

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Brown 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: Councilmembers Brown, Smith, Stevens, Harrison, Prichard & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 P.M.

ATTEST:

John Browne, Mayor

Cora Middleton, City Clerk