

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building  
March 24, 2011

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, March 22, 2011 at 5:08 P.M.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Mayor Browne called the meeting to order.

Councilman Karr gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Weldon Smith, Steve Harrison, Robert Karr, Buddy Garvin, Sam Mason & Vice-Mayor Browne  
Absent: Kevin E. Priddle  
Presiding: John Browne, Vice-Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, City Manager; John Modzelewski, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Mel Priddy, Community Services Director; David Medley, Utilities Director; Brett Brewer, Fire Chief; Jim Lyles, Police Chief; Darrell Miller, Assistant Police Chief; William Ervin, City Attorney and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

Mike Kern from the Audit & Finance Advisory Board was also in attendance.

#### 1. Discussion of 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Manager Stasiak explained that this was to get the Council's input on the Five (5) year and one (1) year CIP. He stated that the information had been supplied to the Council and that the critical needs had been listed in order of priority for each department. He added that there was not a presentation but each of the department heads would review their lists and answer any questions that may arise.

Councilman Harrison asked if the requested funding amounts had been adjusted for future year's expense. Manager Stasiak commented that they may have been adjusted for inflation. He then asked Mr. Modzelewski to begin the review of the Public Works critical needs. Mr. Modzelewski reviewed the first four (4) items that he had considered as critical for the continued functions of the Public Works Department.

There was a brief discussion among the Council about the Mallard/Flamingo Drainage Project concerning policies and procedures to insure this was repaired to the City's specifications, the type of pipe that would be used, and if there were any other drainage problems that could be considered critical.

They then reviewed the proposed purchase of a Portable Compact Milling Machine and a Vibratory Compactor. There was a brief discussion among the Council regarding how the street repairs had been prioritized, if there were enough resources and personnel for the problems with the City streets, possibly adding personnel in the future and bidding some of the more major work out and how summer help might aid in the man power problem for a time.

They then discussed the need for a Skid Steer Loader. Stressing that it would be important to purchase one that was big enough to load a dump truck and that would have a cab so it could be used during inclement weather.

David Medley then began the review of the critical needs in the Utilities Department. There was a brief discussion among the Council regarding the Water Treatment Plants consent order, and the US Highway 69 water and sewer utility relocation.

Mel Priddy reviewed the critical needs for the Community Service Department. There was a brief discussion among the Council concerning the “ADA” improvements, the Airport Grant match, the Hotel/Motel tax audits and air conditioning at the Expo.

Chief Brewer reviewed the critical needs for the Fire Department.

Councilman Karr was excused at 6:35 P.M.

Chief Lyles reviewed the critical needs for the Police Department. Manager Stasiak commented that the Police Department was working on a possible lease with Digiticket for eleven (11) automated ticket writers that would be shared among the three (3) shifts. He explained that this equipment would improve the ticket writing process and increase the efficiency of the officers and the data entry personnel.

There was a lengthy discussion among the Council regarding the general needs of the City, how the staff would need to decide what could be done with the funding that was available, prioritizing the needs, adding a trail system to the CIP, improving the audio/visual for the Council Chambers and rebroadcasting the meeting on a regular basis.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Council, Councilman Mason moved adjournment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harrison.

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

AYE: Councilman Smith, Harrison, Garvin, Mason & Vice-Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

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Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk