

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building  
April 6, 2010

The McAlester City Council met in Special session on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, April 1, 2010, at 5:30 P.M.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Priddle called the meeting to order.

## **ROLL CALL**

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Chris Fiedler, Steve Harrison, John Browne, Robert Karr, Buddy Garvin & Mayor Priddle

Absent: Louis Smitherman

Presiding: Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

Staff Present: Pete Stasiak, Acting City Manager; John Modzelewski, City Engineer/Public Works Director and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

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

Mayor Priddle commented that tonight's item was for discussion only and no vote would be taken.

## **SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

### **1. Discussion, Sanitation and Landfill services.**

Councilman Fiedler move to open the floor for the discussion concerning the Sanitation and Landfill services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Karr.

Mr. Modzelewski presented the Council with updated information regarding the Sanitation and Landfill expenses. He briefly reviewed the comparison information submitted by the two (2) companies and the City of McAlester. He restated the three (3) options furnished for the Council's consideration and reviewed the goals he had developed for the Solid Waste Division.

Councilman Smitherman arrived at 5:45 P.M.

There was a lengthy discussion among the Council including Mr. Modzelewski regarding the use of poly carts, the recently purchased equipment, closing the landfill and related expenses, the Sub-Title D fee, the remaining life of the landfill, the Roll-Off Division of the Solid Waste, the fill dirt that was being currently used and the maintenance cost of the equipment.

Mr. Stasiak commented that the landfill was a balancing act. Mothballing the landfill would not give a lot of use and there would still be a large amount of debt after the sale of the equipment. He added that if any type of revenue was given up, it would cause services to not be provided. He stated that Allied Waste did not run their business at break even or at a loss. The City could change its methodology.

There was further discussion among the Council regarding the use of poly carts, changing the number of weekly trash pickups and modifying two (2) of the trash trucks.

John Titsworth, Harold King, Vicki Brown, Sam Mason and Joyce Carlson addressed the Council to voice their concerns regarding the landfill and the City's sanitation services.

Bob Mathis and other representatives from Allied Waste addressed the Council presenting the information concerning their Solid Waste Collection Services and their employee benefits.

After the presentation from Allied Waste, there was discussion between the Council and the Allied Waste Representatives concerning their employee benefits, how trash pickup was handled on Holidays, recycling, reduction in the use of the City's landfill, cost of the service, and how customer service complaints would be addressed.

Mayor Priddle asked Mr. Mathis that he and Mr. Stasiak look over the City's equipment to determine its Fair Market Value and submit samples of Allied Waste's health care benefits. Mayor Priddle commented that the Council needed to make a decision that would be the right thing for the citizens. He thanked the City staff for all of their work and Mr. Mathis and the other Allied Waste representatives for their time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, Vice-Mayor Browne moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fiedler. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Browne, Karr, Smitherman, Fiedler, Harrison & Mayor Priddle

NAY: None

Mayor Priddle declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cora Middleton, City Clerk