

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark B. Roath
City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: March 5, 2009

General:

1. **Federal Aid:** This week, U.S. Representative Dan Boren's office announced that funds for the City of McAlester were included in the FY 2009 Federal Appropriations Bill. According to Representative Boren's press release, the Appropriations Bill has \$300,000 set aside for Water Treatment Plant improvements.

I would like to embellish on the press release by stating that, in January and February, 2008, the City Council established a Council Subcommittee consisting of Travis Read, Donnie Condit and Sam Mason to work with City Staff to identify potential projects to submit to U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe and U.S. Representative Dan Boren for possible funding through the FY 2009 Federal Appropriations Bill. I would be remiss if I did not mention that former Councilmember Travis Read took the lead on that effort along with George Marcangeli, City Engineer/ Public Works Director—that is, those individuals put in the work that resulted in this potential funding for the City.

2. **Future Federal Aid:** This past week, the City Administration submitted new requests for funding to U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe and U.S. Representative Dan Boren under the FY 2010 Federal Appropriations Bill. The City is seeking money for the following projects: (Listed by Priority)

	<u>Project</u>	<u>Funding Request</u>
1.	WTP (Filter Media and Underdrain Replacement)	\$ 1,000,000
2.	WTP (Filter Process Control Upgrades)	\$ 500,000
3.	WTP (Clearwell Rehabilitation)	\$ 200,000
4.	East Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 875,000
5.	West Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 895,000
6.	Water Distribution Improvements	\$ 1,000,000
7.	Other Water Treatment Plant Improvements	\$ 2,445,000
8.	Street and Drainage Improvements	\$ 2,665,000

9.	Street Repair Reconstruction	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>
	Total Amount of Projects Requested	\$11,580,000

3. Youth Advisory Board: The City Council has a number of boards and committees charged with a variety of issues like Americans with Disabilities Act, Parking, Planning, Trees to name a few. What the City does not have is a board or committee that allows our youth to communicate to the City Council about issues affecting them. I would suggest that the City Council consider establishing a Youth Advisory Board charged with the following responsibilities at a minimum: (a) to gather information from various sources about youth-oriented issues and problems; (b) to document and discuss issues of importance to youth, especially as they affect city-operated services; (c) to review and discuss legislation that may affect youth; and (d) to recommend to the City Council local legislation, policy actions or other changes that would enhance the status of youth in the community.

4. New Planning and Community Development Director and McAlester Economic Development Services, Inc. (MEDS): I have sent a letter to Dr. Kenneth Miller, MEDS President, asking that he present to the Board of Directors a proposal to change the by-laws to allow for Peter Stasiak, our new Planning and Community Development Director, to serve on the Board as my designee—that is, in lieu of me continuing to serve on that Board. In as much as Mr. Stasiak is responsible for economic development, as part of his job duties, it makes sense for him to serve on the MEDS Board.

Departments:

4. Employee Recognitions: **Cora Middleton**, City Clerk, will be completing the education portion (one hundred hours of training) for Municipal Clerk's Certification when she attends the Oklahoma Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute later this month. Once she completes the experience portion, she will be eligible to receive Certification. Jim Lyles, Police Chief, reported that officers **Bobby Coggin, Charlie Rogers, Preston Rodgers and Chuck Sutterfield** recently attended a CLEET sponsored radar school.

5. Cellular Telephone Donation: Sherry Alessi, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, reported that 125 surplus cellular telephones were given to the District Attorney's Office for use in their Victim's Program involving battered women and others. The McAlester City Council had earlier authorized this donation, which was well received by the District Attorney's Office.

6. New Fire Station Design Meeting: Kevin Priddle, Mayor; Chris Fielder, Councilmember; Mark Roath, City Manager; Peter Stasiak, Planning and Community Development Director; Harold Stewart, Fire Chief and Bret Rivas,

Assistant Fire Chief met with the Architects from Boynton-Williams and Associates and the Project Manager for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to discuss the new fire station design.

7. Building Permits: Peter Stasiak, Planning and Community Development Director, reported that this fiscal year forty-five residential building permits have been issued valued at \$5,093,000 and twenty-one commercial building permits have been issued valued at \$24,690,200 for a total of sixty-six permits valued at \$29,783,200.
8. Building Demolitions: Peter Stasiak reported that since August, 2007, the Department has demolished thirty structures; property owners, after being notified, have voluntarily demolished twelve structures and other property owners have brought up to City code ten structures during this period. Presently, his department has identified three additional structures for condemnation and possible demolition.
9. New Garbage Trucks: George Marcangeli, City Engineer/Public Works Director, reported that the City received the two new Rear Loader Garbage Trucks. He further reported that both trucks have been put into operation.
10. Water Treatment Plant Modification (Enhanced Coagulation): David Medley, Utilities Director, reported that the final inspection for the above Water Treatment Plant Project is scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2009.
11. Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: David Medley is looking into whether the City might qualify for grant and loan funding through either of these infrastructure improvement programs—namely, to further make improvements to our Water Treatment Plant and two Wastewater Treatment Plants. If so, he is also looking into what local revenue sources might be used to fund the loan portion of either program.

Upcoming Town Hall and Regular City Council Meetings:

- **Town Meeting**, Ward Six, March 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., site yet to be determined.
- **Regular Meeting**, March 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
- **Regular Meeting**, April 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.