

McAlester City Council **NOTICE OF MEETING**



Regular Meeting Agenda **Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - 6:00 PM** **McAlester City Hall – Council Chambers** **28 E. Washington**

Attending in Person

Justin Few	Mayor
Levi Gilmore	Ward One
Robin Woodley	Ward Two
Chris Stone	Ward Three
Mike Brooks	Ward Four
Billy J. Boatright	Ward Five
Kevin Beaty-Vice Mayor	Ward Six
Ken Wimer	Interim City Manager
Cora M. Middleton	City Clerk
John T. Hammons	City Attorney

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CALL TO ORDER

Announce the presence of a Quorum.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Choctaw Nation Reservation is located within the original homelands of the Caddo and Wichita

peoples. The Pawnee and Arikara have ancestral ties here. The Shawnee and Quapaw established settlements in this region during the 1700s and early 1800s, while the Osage and Kiowa visited the area. The Quapaw Tribe ceded this land by treaty to the United States, before it was later ceded to the Choctaw Nation. Shortly after being the first to endure the Trail of Tears and Death, the Choctaw people arrived here, followed by the Chickasaw, who lived among them before moving farther west. Through this acknowledgment, we remember those who came before us, honor the sovereignty and traditions of the Native peoples who remain connected to this land, and commit ourselves to respect and partnership with Indigenous communities — past, present, and future.

ROLL CALL

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

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.

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 Minutes from the April 28, 2026, City Council Workshop of the McAlester City Council. *(Elizabeth Neboyia, Chief Executive Assistant)*
- B. Approval of Minutes from the April 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Elizabeth Neboyia, Chief Executive Assistant)*
- C. Approval of Claims for 04/22/26 through 05/05/26 *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
- D. Accept and place on file the Keep McAlester Beautiful 3rd Quarter 2025-2026 Report. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- E. Indefinitely postpone the Tort Claim No. 218577-1-LN, filed by Ronald Collins. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- F. Approve agreement with Mustang Equipment for renewal of copier equipment. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
- G. Approve and authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the McAlester Public Schools and the City of McAlester for operations of the concession stand located at the McAlester Softball Complex. *(Doug Basinger, Community Services Director)*

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Any item pulled from the consent agenda can be discussed and considered with action and/or possible amendments.

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.

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McALESTER, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING

ORDINANCE NO. 2845 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

1. Discussion with Mr. Clarence Ellis regarding the Michael J. Hunter Park Walking Trail and other projects that he is working on. *(Justin Few, Mayor)*
2. Discussion and possible action, to approve an agreement between the City of McAlester and the Pittsburg County Detention Center. *(Kevin Hearod, Chief of Police)*
3. Discussion and possible action to accept the US 69 Sewer Crossing Project as complete and authorize the Mayor to sign Final Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$57,248.00 for Lone Hickory Cattle, LLC. *(Robert Vaughan, P.E., Infrastructure Solutions Group)*
4. Presentation and discussion on Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget *(Ken Wimer, Interim City Manager)*
5. Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance 2845, which established the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026; repealing all conflicting ordinances; providing for a severability clause; and declaring an emergency. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
6. Discussion and possible action, to approve the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Keep McAlester Beautiful with the City of McAlester. *(Lace Fields, Exec. Director; Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*

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.

STAFF REPORT

Community Development Report on Current Projects. (Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director)

- A. Community Development Report on Current Projects. *(Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director)*

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Nothing to Report

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY CITY COUNCIL

MAYORS COMMENTS

RECESS COUNCIL MEETING

CONVENE AS MCALESTER AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from the April 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Airport Authority. *(Elizabeth Neboyia, Chief Executive Assistant)*

- B. Concur with action taken on City Council Agenda Item C. regarding Claims for 04/22/26 through 05/05/26 (*Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer*)

CONVENE AS MCALESTER PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from the April 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Public Works Authority. (*Elizabeth Neboyia, Chief Executive Assistant*)
- B. Concur with action taken on City Council Agenda Item C. regarding Claims for 04/22/26 through 05/05/26 (*Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer*)
- C. Concur with action taken on City Council Agenda Item No. 3, regarding accepting the US 69 Sewer Crossing Project as complete and authorizing the Mayor to sign Final Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$57,248.00 for Lone Hickory Cattle, LLC. (*Jared Cottle, P.E., Interim Utilities Director*)

CONVENE AS MCALESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from the April 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Economic Development Authority. (*Elizabeth Neboyia, Chief Executive Assistant*)
- B. Concur with action taken on City Council Agenda Item C. regarding Claims for 04/22/26 through 05/05/26 (*Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer*)

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

RECESS COUNCIL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recess in Executive Session in compliance with Title 25 Section 307 et.seq. Oklahoma Statutes, to wit:

- A. Pursuant to 25 OS 307(B)(1), Consider convening in Executive Session to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of the City Manager, and take appropriate action in open session. (*John Hammons, City Attorney*)

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

Take Any Action Necessary From Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on this _____ day of _____ 2026 at _____ a.m./p.m. as required by law in accordance with Section 303 of the Oklahoma Statutes and that the appropriate news media was contacted. As a courtesy, this agenda is also posted on the City of McAlester website: www.cityofmcalester.com.

Cora M. Middleton, City Clerk

