

McAlester City Council **NOTICE OF MEETING**



Regular Meeting Agenda **Tuesday, August 11, 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	City Manager
Cora M. Middleton	City Clerk
John T. Hammons	City Attorney

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Official action can only be taken on items which appear on the agenda. The public body may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, amend, strike, or continue any agenda item. When the public body desires more information on an item, the public body may refer the matter to City staff or back to a committee. Under certain circumstances, items may be deferred to a specific date or stricken from the agenda entirely.

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 July 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Approval of Claims July 22, 2026 through August 04, 2026 *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
- C. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a no-cost Change Order No. 1 to add 30 calendar days to the SE Oklahoma Softball Complex Levee Project. *(Sophia West, Environmental Resources Manager)*
- D. Accept and place on file Keep McAlester Beautiful Annual Report for Fiscal Year 25-26. *(Lace Fields, Executive Director)*
- E. Concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Adam Gronwald to the McAlester Tourism Board, for a term to expire May 31, 2029. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- F. Concur with the Mayor's appointment of Nicole Stanfield to the McAlester Tourism Board, for a term to expire May 31, 2028. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*

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.**

B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62, LAND DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS, ARTICLE II, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, DIVISION 3, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, OF THE MCALESTER CITY CODE; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

1. 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)*
2. Discussion and possible action for an ordinance amending Chapter 62 Land Development, Planning, Zoning and Subdivisions, Article II, Administration and Enforcement, Division 3, Board of Adjustment, of the McAlester City Code; repealing all conflicting ordinances; and providing for severability. *(Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director)*
3. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of ten hand-held radios with mics from Muskogee Communications in the amount of \$8,910.00 with funds to be used from the City of McAlester Fire Department's portion of the county quarter tax for fire service. *(Benny Brooks, Assistant Fire Chief)*
4. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of five Barriair Hoods from Casco Industries in the amount of \$665.00 with the funds to be used from the City of McAlester Fire Department's portion of the county quarter excise tax for fire service. *(Benny Brooks, Assistant Fire Chief)*
5. Discussion and possible action to accept the Resignation of Ward Four (4) Councilor Mike Brooks. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Mayor's nomination of Janet Wansick for the vacant Council seat of Ward 4, formerly held by Mike Brooks. *(Justin Few, Mayor)*
7. Administration of the Oath of Office for Janet Wansick, Ward 4 Councilor. *(John Hammons, City Attorney)*
8. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution declaring a vacancy in Ward 4 Council Seat and setting the date for a Special Election. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
9. Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution authorizing the calling of a Special Election in the City of McAlester, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of McAlester, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, the question of their approval or rejection of proposed Tax Ordinance, and for other purposes. *(John Hammons, City Attorney)*
10. Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) Compatible Use and Resilience Program, authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary for submission of the application for the Regional Water Supply Resilience and Capacity Planning Initiative, and committing the required local match. *(Billy Sumner, Economic Development Director)*

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.

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 July 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Airport Authority. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Concur with action taken on City Council Consent Agenda Item B, regarding Claims July 22, 2026 through August 04, 2026 *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*

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CONVENE AS MCALESTER PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from the July 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Public Works Authority. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Concur with action taken on City Council Consent Agenda Item B, regarding Claims July 22, 2026 through August 04, 2026 *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*

ADJOURN

CONVENE AS MCALESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from the July 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Economic Development Authority. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Concur with action taken on City Council Consent Agenda Item B, regarding Claims July 22, 2026 through August 04, 2026 *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*

ADJOURN

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

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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)(4), consider convening in Executive Session to discuss: confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest, specifically an invoice for payment submitted by USG for tower maintenance and take any action in open session.

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

Take Any Action Necessary From Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

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Cora M. Middleton, City Clerk