

McAlester City Council **NOTICE OF MEETING**



Regular Meeting Agenda **Tuesday, August 25, 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
Janet Wansick	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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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 August 11, 2026, Regular Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Approval of Claims for August 05, 2026 through August 18, 2026 *(Sherri Swift, CFO)*
- C. Acknowledge the destruction of the listed found property in accordance with the City of McAlester City Code Section 66-28 b and c. *(Kevin Hearod, Chief of Police)*
- D. Indefinitely postpone Tort Claim No. 219102-1-LR, filed by the City of McAlester. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- E. Concur with Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) recommendation to deny Tort Claim No. 218787-1-LR, filed by John Hardy. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- F. Approval of a three (3) year service agreement with Velocity EHS for renewal of SDS/chemical management services. *(Wendy Knight, Human Resources 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 THE MCALESTER CITY CODE, CHAPTER 26, CEMETERIES; DIVISION 2, CEMETERY BOARD; RELATING TO THE MEMBERS AND MEETINGS OF THE CEMETERY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

- B. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2878, AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO FINANCE AND TAXATION, AMENDING THE MCALESTER CITY CODE, CHAPTER 98, TAXATION; ARTICLE IV, HOTEL TAX, BY INCREASING THE LODGING TAX TO TEN PERCENT (10.00%) AND BY PERMITTING REVENUES GENERATED THEREFROM TO BE USED FOR TOURISM PROMOTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING THE FULL TEXT BE PUBLISHED.**

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

1. Presentation and acceptance of the Actuarial Funding Report as of July 01, 2026, and the GASB Financial Reporting Statements 67 & 68 as of June 30, 2026, for the City of McAlester Defined Benefit Retirement Plan & Trust. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer & Bruce Nordstrom with Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC)*.
2. Discussion and possible action to accept DWSRF Project #13, Kinkead Water System Improvements, as complete and authorize the Mayor to sign the Owner's Statement of Project Completion, Certificate of Substantial Completion, Pay Application #5A in the amount of \$26,908.75, and Final Pay Application #5 in the amount of \$85,331.65 for Pinnacle Construction. *(Dale Burke, P.E., Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC)*
3. Discussion and possible action to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #1 in the amount of \$66,750.00 to Lone Hickory Cattle, LLC for DWSRF Project #20A Phase I, Choctaw Water System Improvements. *(Dale Burke, P.E., Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC)*
4. Discussion and possible action to approve an application for a sidewalk café permit for Urban Wineworks located at 115 E Choctaw Ave. *(Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director)*
5. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution to name a public facility, the McAlester Archery Park located at 2350 West Highway 270, as "The Bill Derichsweiler Archery Park". *(Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director)*
6. Discussion on Financial Update for July 2026 *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve amended Ordinance Chapter 26, Cemeteries, Div. 2, Section 26-48 and Section 26-52. *(Doug Basinger, Community Services Director)*
8. Discussion and possible action to amend Ordinance No. 2878, approved on June 9, 2026, increasing the Lodging Tax of the City of McAlester to ten percent (10%). *(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

- A. Update to City Council on Land Development Code Update. *(Jayme Clifton, Community Development Director)*

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. City Manager's Report for July 2026

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 August 11, 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 from August 5, 2026, through August 18, 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 August 11, 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 from August 5, 2026, through August 18, 2026. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
- C. Concur with action taken on City Council Agenda Item No. 2, regarding acceptance of DWSRF Project #13, Kinkead Water System Improvements, as complete and authorization of the Mayor to sign the Owner's Statement of Project Completion, Certificate of Substantial Completion, Pay Application #5A in the amount of \$26,908.75, and Final Pay Application #5 in the amount of \$85,331.65 for Pinnacle Construction. *(Jared Cottle, P.E., Interim Utilities Director)*
- D. Concur with action taken on City Council Agenda Item No. 3, regarding the approval and authorization of the Mayor to sign Change Order #1 in the amount of \$66,750.00 to Lone Hickory Cattle, LLC for DWSRF Project #20A Phase I, Choctaw Water System Improvements. *(Jared Cottle, P.E., Interim Utilities Director)*

ADJOURN

CONVENE AS MCALESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from the August 11, 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 from August 5, 2026, through August 18, 2026. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*

ADJOURN

CONVENE AS MCALESTER RETIREMENT AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from the July 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Retirement Trust Authority. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Approval of Retirement Benefit Payments for August 1, 2026. *(Sherri Swift, CFO)*

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RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

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Cora M. Middleton, City Clerk