

McAlester City Council **NOTICE OF MEETING**



Regular Meeting Agenda **Tuesday, December 23, 2025 - 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
Randy Roden	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 December 9, 2025, Regular Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Cora Middleton, CMC)*
- B. Approval of Claims for 12/23/25 *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
- C. Indefinitely postpone Notice of Tort Claim No. 217942-1-AW, filed by Rusty Smith, Smith Barkett Law Group on behalf of Lavanda Padilla. *(Cora Middleton, CMC)*
- D. Concur with Mayor's appointment of Trevor Spence to the McAlester Audit & Finance Advisory Committee for a term to expire March 31, 2027. *(Cora Middleton, CMC)*

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.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order Number 5 in the deduction amount of \$56,494.83 for S3 Construction, LLC for DWSRF Project #10, Carl Albert Waterline Improvements. *(Dale Burke, P.E., President, Infrastructure Solutions Group LLC/Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)*
2. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Change Order Number 2 in the deduction amount of \$71,950.00 for Lone Hickory Cattle Co. for DWSRF Project #8A, Stonewall Railroad Crossing Water System Improvements. *(Dale Burke, P.E., President, Infrastructure Solutions Group LLC/Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)*

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Firefighting Bunker Gear from Casco Industries, in the amount of \$3,774.00 with the funds to be used from the City of McAlester Fire Department's portion of the county quarter excise tax for fire services. *(Brett Brewer, Fire Chief)*
4. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of (2) Ladder Belts for \$548.00 from Casco Industries, with funds to be used from the City of McAlester's Fire Department's portion of the county quarter excise tax for fire service. *(Brett Brewer, Fire Chief)*
5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Fire Chief and Fire Marshal to attend the Motor Vehicle Fire Investigation training in Muskogee, Oklahoma, March 10 through March 12, 2026, in the amount of \$1,400.00 with the funds to be used from the City of McAlester Fire Department's portion of the county quarter excise tax for fire services. *(Brett Brewer, Fire Chief)*
6. Discussion on Financial Update for November 2025 *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
7. Presentation on research obtained from the Oklahoma Historical Preservation Office and the National Park Service. *(Clarence Ellis Jr., Vice President, L'Ouverture Historical Committee)*
8. Discussion only regarding property at 723 W. Jackson owned by Diane Tyler. *(Chris Stone, Ward 3 Councilor)*
9. Discussion and possible action to reschedule the April 14, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting. *(Justin Few, Mayor)*
10. Discussion on BUILD Grant. *(Robin Woodley, Councilor)*

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 from Eric Suski, Airport Manager

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. City Manager's Monthly 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 December 9, 2025, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Airport Authority. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item B, regarding Claims ending December 16,

2025. *(Sherri Swift, CFO)*

CONVENE AS MCALESTER PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2025, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Public Works Authority. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item B, regarding Claims ending December 16, 2025. *(Sherri Swift, CFO)*
- C. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item No. 1, authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order Number 5 in the deduction amount of \$56,494.83 for for S3 Construction, LLC DWSRF Project #10, Carl Albert Waterline Improvements. *(Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)*
- D. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item No. 2, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Final Change Order Number 2 for Lone Hickory Cattle Co. in the deduction amount of \$71,950.00 for DWSRF Project #8A, Stonewall Railroad Crossing Water System Improvements. *(Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)*

CONVENE AS MCALESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2025, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Economic Development Authority. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item B, regarding Claims ending December 16, 2025. *(Sherri Swift, CFO)*

CONVENE AS MCALESTER RETIREMENT AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from the November 25, 2025, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Retirement Trust Authority. *(Cora Middleton, City Clerk)*
- B. Approval of Retirement Benefit Payments for December 1, 2025. *(Sherri Swift, CFO)*

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. Motion to recess the regular meeting for an Executive Session in accordance with Title 25, Sec. 307.B.1; Discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee, more specifically: Ken Wimer, Interim City Manager
- B. Pursuant to 25 OS 307(C)(11), consider convening in executive session to discuss matters pertaining

to economic development relating to Peaceable Road Development, and take appropriate 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