

McAlester City Council **NOTICE OF MEETING**



Regular Meeting Agenda **Tuesday, January 13, 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
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

- A. The Sober October Oklahoma Sobriety Support Program (SOO SSP) Proclamation. *(Justin Few, Mayor & Stephanie Ward, Founder & President, Sober October Oklahoma)*
- B. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Proclamation. *(Justin Few, Mayor & Brenda Beed)*

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 23, 2025, Special Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Elizabeth Neboyia, Chief Executive Assistant)*
- B. Approval of Minutes from the December 23, 2025, Regular Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Elizabeth Neboyia, Chief Executive Assistant)*
- C. Approval of Minutes from the December 30, 2025, Special Meeting of the McAlester City Council. *(Elizabeth Neboyia, Chief Executive Assistant)*
- D. Acknowledge receipt of ODEQ Permit Number SL000061251061 for the Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement, 10th Street to 14th Street. *(Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)*
- E. Acknowledge receipt of ODEQ Permit Number SL000061251022 for the Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement, Park/Peachtree Interceptor. *(Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)*
- F. Approval of Community Services Agreement with the City of Krebs regarding the meal delivery. *(Douglas Basinger, Community Services Director)*
- G. Approval of Claims for 12/17/2025 through 01/06/2026 *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
- H. Approval of declaring certain vehicles surplus property in accordance with the Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-410 and authorizing the City Manager to dispose of this property in accordance with the Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-411. *(Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)*
- I. Indefinitely postpone Tort Claim 217982-1-LR filed by Casey Lemons. *(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 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

1. Update to City Council from the McAlester Public Library on their Programs & Statistics in 2025. *(Heath Stanfield, Manager, McAlester Public Library)*
2. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to sign the Work Order for Professional Services to Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC in the amount of \$164,000.00 for Engineering and Surveying for DWSRF Project #20A, Choctaw Avenue Water System Improvements. *(Dale Burke, P.E., President, Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC/Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)*
3. Discussion and possible action authorizing the Mayor to sign a Notice of Award and contract to Lowe Construction in the amount of \$311,363.00 for the Mullen Park Improvements RFP# 2025-008. *(Douglas Basinger, Director, Community Services)*
4. Direct City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to make the City responsible for maintaining City right-of-ways instead of the property owners' responsibility. *(Billy Jack Boatright, Councilor)*
5. Direct City Attorney to draft an ordinance to alter the Sewer Connection Fees. *(Randy Roden, Councilor)*
6. Discussion only, on City Landfill restrictions. *(Patricia O' Leary/ Randy Roden, Councilor)*
7. CREOKS First Quarterly Report. *(Michael Allen, Grant Administrator, Ashley Ridge, CREOKS)*
8. Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance 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. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer).*
9. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Mayor to sign the General Warranty Deed and Waiver of Surface Rights Contract between the City of McAlester and GreenCam America DBA American Li-Ion. *(Billy Sumner, Economic Development Director)*
10. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of 2 CAT275 skid steers from Warren CAT at a unit price of \$145,100.00 for a total of \$290,200.00 with the funds to be used from the Community Wildfire Defense Grant. *(Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)"*

11. Discussion and possible action, to adopt a resolution authorizing the calling and holding of a special election in the City of McAlester, State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of submitting to the registered qualified electors of said city the question of approval or rejection of ordinances relating to excise tax (sales tax), replacing expiring excise taxes, and in addition to all present city, county, and state excise taxes and containing other provisions relating thereto. (*John Hammons, City Attorney*)

12. Discussion and possible action, to adopt a resolution authorizing the calling and holding of a special election in the City of McAlester, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma, on Tuesday the 7th day of April, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of McAlester, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, the questions of their approval or question of proposed changes to the McAlester City Charter, and for other purposes. (John Hammons, City Attorney)

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 Rebecca Kerns, Tourism Manager

CITY MANAGER'S 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 December 23, 2025 Regular Meeting of the McAlester Airport Authority. (*Elizabeth Neboyia, Chief Executive Assistant*)
- B. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item G, regarding claims ending 1-06-2026. (*Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer*)

CONVENE AS MCALESTER PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from December 23, 2025, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Public Works Authority. (*Elizabeth Neboyia, Chief Executive Assistant*)
- B. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item D, acknowledge receipt of ODEQ Permit Number SL000061251061 for the Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement, 10th Street to 14th Street. (*Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director*) (*Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director*)
- C. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item E, acknowledge receipt of ODEQ Permit Number SL000061251022 for the Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement, Park/Peachtree

Interceptor. *(Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)*

- D. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item No. 2, authorizing the Mayor the Work Order for Professional Services to Infrastructure Solutions Group in the amount of \$164,000.00 for Engineering and Surveying, LLC for DWSRF Project #20A, Choctaw Avenue Water System Improvements. *(Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)*
- E. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item G, regarding claims ending 1-06-2026. *(Sherri Swift, Chief Financial Officer)*
- F. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item H, declaring certain vehicles surplus property in accordance with the Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-410 and authorizing the City Manager to dispose of this property in accordance with the Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-411. *(Jonathan "Lucky" Huff, Utilities Director)*

CONVENE AS MCALESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Majority of a Quorum required for approval

- A. Approval of Minutes from December 23, 2025, Regular Meeting of the McAlester Economic Development Authority. *(Elizabeth Neboyia, Chief Executive Assistant)*
- B. Confirm action taken on City Council Agenda Item G, regarding claims ending 1-06-2026. *(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(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