

**MUSTANG CITY COUNCIL / MIA
BUDGET SESSION
MAY 15, 2014**

The Mustang City Council met in a special Budget Session on May 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room. Notice of the Meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Mustang Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, 25 O.S., Section 301, et. seq.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Taylor
	Staples---arrived at 6:10 p.m.
	Bowers
	Jones
	Hagan
	Schweinberg
	Adams

Councilmembers Absent:	None
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C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Presentation, Discussion and Review** regarding the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2014-2015 for the City of Mustang/MIA.

City Manager Rooney stated staff did not have any more to present than what was presented on May 8, 2014, and asked Council if they had any questions.

Councilwoman Bowers stated she had met with the **City Manager** and **Finance Director** earlier that day to discuss her questions and concerns, which included, to name a few, funding of the additional personnel; step increases; utility rate increase; and differences in cleaning expenses and uniform costs. She stated her questions were answered, but still had concerns with some of the proposals in the budget.

Discussion also included balancing the budget, the recommendation to disable Resolution 05-027 for one more year and possibly amending the Resolution, raising the amount from \$500,000 to \$750,000, as well as the discussion regarding purchase of a vehicle for the Finance Department.

Mayor Adams discussed some projects he would like to see the City address that he spoke of in the previous meeting such as widening Mustang Road going towards the high school, addressing some of the drainage issues of other streets in that area, as well as the Booster and Lift Stations.

Councilman Taylor asked if there was anything in the budget to help mitigate the smell at the wastewater plant with **Rooney** replying no; however, he felt by having **Parks and Recreation Director Battles** take on the management of that contract, the City will start seeing better results. Other discussion included what was being done now to help with the smell and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality's (ODEQ) involvement.

Councilman Schweinberg stated he hears more complaints on the smell at the ball fields due to the waste water plant than any other issue. **Battles** stated he has started researching possible solutions and working on that now, but to also keep in mind that other cities cover larger areas of land where their waste water plant can be at the edge of town, whereas Mustang is 12 square miles. He stated the plant is on the north end of our city limits which is best since we normally have a south wind and it blows the smell north out of city limits.

Mayor Adams stated he would also like to see the City contract with someone to study the wastewater plant and determine if it would be more feasible for the City to run it themselves or to contract out the service as we are doing now. He also stated the City needed to look at Phase 2 of this project; Phase 1 was implemented which services up to two million gallons per day, but need three million gallons per day. **Rooney** stated with the refinancing and new budget, the City will be in a better position to start addressing issues on water and wastewater.

Other discussion included construction of sidewalks - an initiative started by a former Mayor, and health insurance benefits and costs.

Rooney stated there will be a public hearing on the budget at the June 3, 2014 regular City Council meeting as well as a presentation of the proposed budget. He stated the budget must be adopted fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the new fiscal year (July 1) and if it is not passed June 3, a Special Meeting will have to be held before June 15.

Councilman Jones stated he thinks the biggest concern or complaint from the citizens will be the recommended 7% increase in utility rates. **Rooney** stated he understood their concerns and would explain the reasoning for the rate hike, but something would have to be done as we are bleeding right now. He stated utility rates have not been increased since 2005; he stated there have been increases due to the CPI, but there have not been any base rate increases although Oklahoma City has increased their base rates by 48% and the "per thousand gallon" rate by 16% since 2010 and that is passed on to us when we purchase water from Oklahoma City and we currently purchase up to 15 million gallons per month and even more in the summer months. Discussion was held concerning the sewer rate since it is based on water consumption. **Rooney** stated staff has been meeting with the City of Oklahoma City to negotiate better rates, but have not finalized anything at this time.

Discussion was also held concerning COWRA and the efforts they are making to find alternative water resources in order to be less reliant on Oklahoma City. **Mayor Adams** provided background on COWRA as well as updated the Council on their current initiatives. Discussion also included the possible benefits of utilizing Re-Use Water.

Rooney provided an example of services the Police Department provides and the need for their funding with **Police Captain Craig** advising of a recent incident at the high school involving a student threatening to bring a firearm to school and with the involvement of their officers assigned at the school, as well as the investigators that were brought in to investigate, the young man was taken into custody without incident. **Rooney** stated the Superintendent of Mustang Schools thanked the Police Department and stated he was grateful for their assistance.

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D. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by **Mayor Adams** and seconded by **Councilman Taylor** to adjourn.

AYE: Taylor, Staples, Bowers, Jones, Hagan, Schweinberg, Adams
NAY: None

Meeting was adjourned at **7:22 p.m.**

Jay Adams, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Martin, City Clerk