

WORK SESSION

MUSTANG CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 18, 2026

The Mustang City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, notice of the meeting was posted as required on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 1:25 p.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, 25 O.S., Section 301, et. seq.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ray called the meeting to order at **5:30 p.m.**

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: **Reddick**
 Leete
 Wald
 Bratton
 Balliew
 Sholund
 Ray

Councilmembers Absent: **None**

C. CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Consideration of Resolution No. 27-002, a Resolution of the city of Mustang, Oklahoma Casting a Vote for Trustee of the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund (OkMRF) to Fill the Expiring Term of District 6.

MOTION was made by **Vice Mayor Sholund**, seconded by **Councilman Leete** to approve Resolution No. 27-002

AYE: **Reddick, Leete, Wald, Bratton, Balliew, Sholund, Ray**
NAY: **None**

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- D.1 Follow-up discussion regarding fireworks.

Councilman Wald noted that he had received a couple of emails that he alone addressed. He spoke with the Police Chief and DC and had positive feedback from the PD. Sales across Mustang were down as well as Statewide. Not sure the exact reason why. Multiple locations doing 250th Celebration shows may have

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contributed. Other operators loved the new hours. Mentioned that if July 3 fell on a weekend it would be nice to have the same sell/discharge hours as the 4th.

Councilman Leete asked if other cities were down like Mustang. **Wald** – yes. **Vice Mayor Sholund** do you have stats specific to Mustang. **Wald** not formally. **Sholund** stated the rain may have scared people off. **Wald** noted that once the rain stopped people were right back at it. **Sholund** acknowledged he had overall great responses. **Leete** noted that usually he receives emails and he had not this year. **Mayor Ray** noted he received a call regarding the time of 11:00 during the week days caused concern. Asking to consider back to 10:00pm. **Leete** in favor of trying one more year with new times then addressing concerns. **Ray and Sholund** agree to take another year to gather additional data.

D.2 Discussion regarding funding for the Mustang Marketplace.

Assistant City Manager, Justin Battles reminded Council of the Bid process that took place regarding the Mustang Marketplace at the Town Center. A committee was formed and walked through with the architects. The bids came in high showing the market is requiring a larger facility from 250 sqft to 500 sqft. Reviewed the specs multiple times looking for shortcuts and really found no avenues. **Battles** stated that it needs to be brought back to Council. Staff sees no changes in the scope of the project and believes that it is line. **City Manager, Rooney** stated that Staff historically tries to get every project "right". Budget for project was \$2.1m with the lowest bid at \$3m+. Staff recommends using Fund 64 to assist the funding. **Leete** agrees it should be done right the first time. **Wald** what is floor capacity? **Battles** on the floor 150 total building is 300 people. **Wald** stated he is very impressed with the architect and construction time. **Sholund** good for competitive bids? **Balliew** questioned the Fund 64 plan. When is 89th ready to be widened? **Battles** intersections will start next summer but the widening is still 2 years out. **Wald** stated that the leadership that we have enables us to have funds to reach out to.

D.3 Review and Discussion of City Council Handbook.

Battle presented a draft to Council for review. The handbook will essentially give you a roadmap and assists in keeping you from the risk of public office. Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) encourages the adoption of City Council Handbooks. We would like to present it on the October Agenda.

E. MANAGEMENT RELATED UPDATES

Rooney notified that the Senior Van at Parks & Rec needs to be replaced. The Senior Support Group has raised \$10,000 to apply to the purchase of a new van.

Staff has looked at the State contract and there is a van available to purchase that will meet all needs of the Senior Center. Auctioning a couple of unused Parks vehicles plus the \$10,000 will still require capital funds to purchase. This will be an item on the September Agenda.

Rooney provided Council a 45 day review of legal fees. Information was given on the cost from Bass Law firm being substantially less than having an in-house employee by approximately \$13,000. **Rooney** will continue to provide a quarterly report.

Rooney revisited the Sales Tax election extension proposal. He has gathered dates from the Canadian County Election Board as to the next proposed available dates. The extension would need to be clarified as to the allocation. Staff recommends going forward with this proposal.

Rooney briefly discussed the economic development of the Mustang Marketplace. We are still waiting for a formal agreement.

Rooney provided the Council with calendars for September and October showing the time frames that he, Justin and/or Tammi will be out of the office. Information will be provided to Council of Acting City Manager as the time approaches.

Battles informed Council that the **City Manager, Tim Rooney** was elected to the Oklahoma City Cities and Towns Hall of Fame. This is a highly respected and amazing honor. The induction will occur on September 17, 2026 in Tulsa. I will provide each of you the information should you like to attend. If four or more of you wish to attend we will submit an Agenda for that time period which will cover any Open Meetings Act requirements.

Rooney updated Council that after discussions with **City Attorney, Chance Deaton** Council will no longer need to read the entire Ordinances during session. Also, proclamations do not need to be voted on by Council. If the party would like a formal presentation we can do that. If they just want a proclamation it can be sent to them.

Rooney requested Council to notify if they will be participating in the Western Days parade. **Councilwoman Balliew** asked if signs could be made for the golf carts so that people would know who they are and not just random people passing candy out.

J. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by **Councilman Wald** seconded by **Councilwoman Balliew**,
to adjourn.

AYE: Reddick, Leete, Wald, Bratton, Balliew, Sholund, Ray

NAY: None

The meeting was adjourned at **6:38 p.m.**

Mayor, Michael Ray

Attest:

Tammi Noblitt, City Clerk