

**SPECIAL MUSTANG CITY COUNCIL
MAY 11, 2026**

The Mustang City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2026, notice of the meeting was posted as required on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 2:35 p.m. and AMENDED on Friday, May 8, 2026 at 1:09 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 **6:00 p.m.**

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Leete
	Wald
	Balliew
	Sholund
	Ray

Councilmembers Absent:	Reddick
	Waugh

C. INFORMATION/REPORTS

C.1 2026 Transportation and Infrastructure Update.

Assistant City Manager, Justin Battles presented the 2026 Transportation and Infrastructure Update to Council stating the condition of the Well Fields; all Lift Stations currently have backup generators; 2.01m in water reclamation per day; well below the 30 year mark projected; \$9.5m to Sewer Infrastructure; AMR in progress; and Lift Station #1 will increase capacity by 2028. In the time frame of 2029-2035 we project a 1m gallon Water Tank at Clear Springs. Since 2016 \$11.1m in capital road improvements, 100% City money.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- D.1** Consideration, discussion, and possible approval to issue a Request for Proposals for Legal Services.

City Attorney, Jon Miller stated that the RFP will go out to various firms; post on the City Website; post on OAMA List Serve. We will not advertise in the Bar Journal. Prime candidates don't want to be in house.

Councilman Wald stated that it would be a good idea to have in the RFP specifically to be at our City Council meeting on the first Tuesday of every month.

City Attorney, Jon Miller agreed and that it could be added through the Motion.

MOTION made by **Councilman Wald** seconded by **Councilman Leete** to Approve Issuing the Request for Proposals for Legal Service with changes of adding dates of attendance and time of Council and Planning Commission meetings.

AYE: Leete, Wald, Balliew, Sholund, Ray

NAY: None

- D.2** Consideration, discussion, and possible action to appoint two Council Members, in addition to the Mayor, to review the Proposals for Legal Services.

MOTION made by **Vice Mayor Sholund** seconded by **Councilman Leete** to Appoint **Councilman Wald** and **Councilwoman Balliew** along with the Mayor, to review the Proposals for Legal Services.

AYE: Leete, Wald, Balliew, Sholund, Ray

NAY: None

- D.3** Discussion and Review regarding the proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2026-2027 for the City of Mustang and Mustang Improvement Authority.

City Manager Rooney and **Finance Director Walbaum** provided a PowerPoint overview of the FY 2026-2027 budget (PowerPoint available in City Clerk's office and online for review).

Attached to the minutes is a detailed list of questions and answers during the meeting.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- E.1** Consideration of City of Mustang v. Pathfinder HDD, LLC, Case No. CJ-2022-673 District Court, Canadian County, Oklahoma, Including potential settlement of Post-Judgment General Garnishment Summons; and, Proposed Executive Session as authorized by 51 Okla. Stat. §307(B)(4), based on attorney's advice that disclosure of the discussion will seriously impair the ability of the City to process the litigation in the public interest.

TIME: 7:26 PM

MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session made by **Councilman Wald** seconded by **Vice Mayor Sholund**.

AYE: Leete, Wald, Balliew, Sholund, Ray

NAY: None

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 7:40 PM

MOTION made by **Vice Mayor Sholund** seconded by **Councilman Wald** that the City Attorney be authorized to settle the Garnishment Summons with Continental Insurance Company for \$47,203.80, including terms approved by City Manager and City Attorney and, if needed, release of Continental Insurance Company.

AYE: Leete, Wald, Balliew, Sholund, Ray

NAY: None

F. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by **Mayor Ray** seconded by **Councilman Wald**, to adjourn.

AYE: Leete, Wald, Balliew, Sholund, Ray
NAY: None

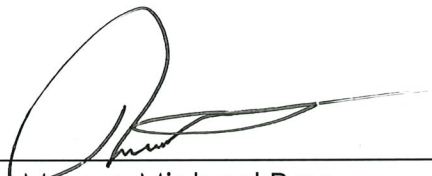
The meeting was adjourned at **7:41 p.m.**



Attest:



Tammi Noblitt, City Clerk



Mayor, Michael Ray

**QUESTIONS ASKED BY COUNCIL
DURING THE BUDGET WORKSHOP OR BY THE PUBLIC
AFTER FY 2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET WAS ADDED TO
THE WEBSITE**

- Are all employees on a Bi-Weekly pay schedule?
 - Yes. Every two weeks employees are paid with the exception of two(2) months throughout the year when there are three(3) pay periods within those months.
- Why has Health care gone up 33% and what is the average per year?
 - The last two(2) years prior to the proposed budget experienced zero increase. In the current year, the Insurance has processed several high claims with a few employees that will have ongoing claims. The City's work force is fairly young and we tend to keep the claims at a minimum. It's also an educational process where employees are encouraged to use the telehealth options, a variety of 24 hours health clinics, instead of the ER to meet their needs, and overall encouraging wise decisions regarding their health. The average per year is based on the claims processed throughout the prior year. Some years we have very little claims and others may be excessive.
- Is there anything with in Fund 02 General Reserve that would need to be adjusted for the City Attorney contract?
 - No. The City will continue to fund the City Attorney position as normal, as it is for that use.
- Is the Impound Fee restricted, if so, what is restricted to as use?
 - Yes. It is set aside for the Police Department.
- Regarding the Personal Services 4th Penny Sales Tax Extension, do we have to wait until the 13 year extension is completed to make any changes to the distribution?
 - No, the City can amend the extension with a vote of the people. The City's plan was to do it in this calendar year but the State regulates when citizens can vote and there was not a date available in December..
- Is the City planning for the 2027 future needs of our Public Safety regarding the 4th Penny Sales Tax?
 - There are options that the City can explore such as changing the percentage of distribution or making it a permanent Sales Tax with no expiration. Staff is certainly weighing several options and currently would recommend making the 4th Penny Sales Tax permanent. The one thing about this community is that Police & Fire are universally loved and this would be to the benefit of all.

- If the City proposes changes through a vote of the people and it fails, do we continue on with the current extension and what time is left?
 - Yes. If a vote of the people denied the recommendation, the City would continue with the current extension until the end of the term.
- In reference to the Opioid Settlement Fund, can the interest earned be used for day to day needs?
 - Yes. There is no restrictions on the Interest that is collected on these funds. The interest is deposited into the General Fund at year end.
- Are we collecting more than the 2% on all funds with high balances?
 - Yes. Staff manages all of our funds with regard to interest. Certain funds are restricted to where we cannot make more interest than what the payment is in terms of a loan. We observe these accounts on a regular basis assuring that we are in line with IRS regulations.
- How are the "Other" funds originally established? Do the carryovers in these funds get used?
 - The State of Oklahoma requires certain funds to be established and the remaining funds are established as the needs arise. Carryovers do not always get used, the City likes to leave something in the funds in the event an issue was to arise the funding would be available (i.e. COVID).
- How was the determination made to use the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) for water reclamation?
 - After accepting the ARPA funds and reviewing our options, it was apparent that the push from the Government was infrastructure. The City has that need and decided that it was best served in our water and sewer infrastructure.
- Are all Animal Control Officers and/or Kennel Technicians certified?
 - Yes. All AC Officers and/or Kennel Technicians are or will be certified.