

City of Harrah
City Council Meeting
July 15, 2010

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2010 in the City Council Room at 1900 Church Avenue, Harrah, Oklahoma for a Regular Meeting. Upon roll call, those found to be present were Mayor Larry Fryar, Vice-Mayor Duane Patterson, Councilman Cass Smith & Councilman Tom Barron. Councilman Gordon Jeney was absent. Mayor Fryar led the Flag Salute. City Manager Earl Burson gave the invocation.

Items on the Consent agenda were as follows:

- a. Approval of the minutes from the [06/16/2010](#) & [06/29/10](#) special meetings.
- b. Approval of [claims](#).
- c. Acceptance of Harrah Senior Center Monthly Report ([June 2010](#))
- d. Approval of [agreement](#) between the City of Harrah and Oklahoma County concerning the use of fire equipment in the unincorporated areas of Oklahoma County.
- e. Approval of [Cash Fund Estimate of Needs](#) in the amount of \$11,393.54.
- f. Approval of COPS Grant application submission.

With no items removed, Vice Mayor Patterson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review, discussion and possible action regarding:

Treasurer's Report ([June 2010](#)) – No action was necessary on this item.

Changes to the [Fee Schedule](#) – No action was taken on this item.

Bids ([Rudy & CGC](#)) received for the Trails Project, Phase II – Mr. Burson indicated that the bids had been reviewed by ODOT and they recommended the city council reject both bids and re-bid the project. Councilman Smith made the motion to reject both bids and re-bid the project. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Eastern Oklahoma County Development Partnership [draft documents](#) – No action was taken on this item.

Proposition for Hotel/Motel Tax on the next election ballot – No action was taken on this item.

Financing options for the former [Advantage Bank building](#) – Councilman Barron made the motion to accept the financing option with the lowest rate (Advantage Bank). Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Interlocal Agreement between Independent School District #7 and the City of Harrah – Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the agreement. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session – For the purpose of conferring on matters pertaining to Economic Development, such that public disclosure of the matter would interfere with the development of products or services or would violate the confidentiality of the business, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. 307 (c) (10) – Councilman Smith made the motion to go into executive session. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Any action required as a result of Executive Session – No action was taken on this item.

Approval of [agreement](#) to contract with Rickey Hayes for economic development consulting services – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to approve the agreement. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Manager report:

- Have Concession Stand at the park open daily and have two (2) new employees, Sue Bredemeyer and Starla Smith.
- Had Eddie Holland's retirement party.
- Gary Morgan is Acting Police Chief and doing an excellent job.
- Thank you for allowing me to take vacation.
- We received notification from Oklahoma County, Engineering Department, that they are doing environmental analysis on the widening project site on Harrah Road and SE 29th extending 1 ½ miles.
- We had the bid opening for the Trails Grant.
- Met with the O.M.A.G. Board of Directors.
- We have had some calls from concerned citizens regarding the School Zone on Dobbs and Reno.
- Concert in the Park on the 10th was a success and well attended.
- Received call from Langston University. They are re-applying for the TIGER Grant and wanted to know of any interest we might have in going on a bus tour to Washington D.C. to meet with the President in regards to getting the TIGER Grant.
- Had 18 Abatements! Many of them have cleaned up before the Abatement Hearing. The others we will proceed in getting them cleaned up.
- New Dollar General Store has opened.
- We have been in the news a lot lately and the Police Department continues to do an excellent job and their spokesman represents Harrah very professionally!!
- Joe's Department continues to be very busy with mowing and the repair of water leaks which have been numerous.
- Met with the Chamber of Commerce regarding Harrah Daze.

Councilman Smith indicated that the Red Dirt Rangers want to use Harrah Heritage Park for a video and that Boru's Ghost stated that our venue is their favorite place to perform. Vice-Mayor Patterson & Councilman Barron noted their appreciation for the city manager and staff. Mayor Fryar expressed his regret for missing Eddie Holland's retirement party.

Beverly Shipman addressed the City Council and expressed her appreciation for the cleanup of her neighborhood.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Deborah Miner, City Clerk