

City of Harrah
City Council Meeting
June 16, 2010

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 in the City Council Room at 1900 Church Avenue, Harrah, Oklahoma for a Special 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. Mayor Fryar led the Flag Salute. City Attorney Robert Thompson gave the invocation.

Items on the Consent agenda were as follows:

- a. Approval of the minutes from the [05/20/10](#) regular meeting & [06/02/10](#) special meeting.
- b. Treasurer's Report ([May 2010](#))
- c. Approval of [claims](#).
- d. [Lease Agreement](#) between the Harrah Industrial & Economic Development Trust Authority/City of Harrah and the Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County.
- e. Annual Midwest City [Jail Services Agreement](#).
- f. Annual [Lease Agreement](#) with Grubb/Helmig for rent of office space for Police Department.
- g. Annual Senior Citizen Center Inc. [Agreement](#).
- h. Annual renewal of [Tech Rescue agreement](#) for web and email hosting at \$125.00 per month.
- i. Annual renewal of [Mutual Cooperation Agreement](#) between City of Harrah and Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County.
- j. Okla. Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) Municipal [Property Protection Plan Renewal](#).
- k. Okla. Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) Municipal [Liability Protection Plan Renewal](#).
- l. [Reappointment](#) of Kim Patterson to the Metropolitan Library Commission.
- m. Approval of [Eagle Scout Project](#) proposed by Hunter Brotherton.
- n. Approval of Association of Central Oklahoma Government (ACOG) [911 Resolution](#).
- o. Acceptance of Harrah Senior Center [April 2010](#) & [May 2010](#) reports.
- p. Approval of [letter](#) to Fall Creek Development, LLC

Councilman Smith requested that item "H" be removed from the consent agenda. Councilman Jeney then made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried. No action was taken on item "H".

Review, discussion and possible action regarding:

Public hearing for the City of Harrah FY 2010-2011 Budget - Mayor Fryar opened the public hearing and called for comments and/or concerns from those present. After no one requested to be heard, Mayor Fryar closed the public hearing.

Executive Session to discuss:

- (1) **FY 2010-2011 Contract negotiations between the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the City of Harrah [25 OS Sec. 307.2];**
- (2) **Contract for the continued employment of Earl Burson as City Manager for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. [25 OS Sec. 307.2];**
- (3) **Executive Session to appraise and purchase real estate.[25 OS.Sec. 307 (B) (3)].**

Councilman Jeney made the motion to go into executive session. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Any action resulting from Executive Session(s) (1), (2) and/or (3) – Upon return from executive session, Councilman Jeney made the motion to approve the FY 2010-2011 FOP Contract. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried. No action was taken on item (2). And Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to authorize the city manager to proceed with the purchase of the former Advantage Bank building. Councilman Jeney seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution for the adoption of FY 2010-2011 Budget – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Jeney seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the amended Harrah Disposal Contract – Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the contract. Councilman Jeney seconded. Motion carried.

Changes to the Fee Schedule - Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the change in the trash fees. Councilman Jeney seconded. Motion carried.

Update from Rickey Hayes – Mr. Hayes was unable to attend, therefore no action was taken on this item.

Establishment of Rental deposit(s) and rental fee(s) for the use of the Harrah Heritage Park Pavilion Concession facilities – No action was taken on this item.

City Manager report:

**STATE OF THE CITY
2009 – 2010**

This year has been challenging from a revenue perspective. We are down 1.8% in Sales Tax collections from last year or \$31,364.51. We are also down on our Use Tax collections by .4% or \$239.13. Even though this has not been the best scenario we have fared much better than our sister towns across Oklahoma. The employees have managed to keep the expenses in line and that has helped in meeting our Budget this last year.

We have had a lot of positive things happen in our community from our Concert series in Heritage Park, to the T.I.F. District and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We have also had our share of tragedies with the May 10, 2010 tornado.

A rundown on some of the things that have happened this year are as follows:

The City of Harrah received the Municipal Innovation Award for the Heritage Park improvements for the amphitheatre sound and lighting. This was a great honor for our community.

Larry Owsley with RCL Development has put in most of the infrastructure for the T.I.F. residential area and in my recent visit with him, he is getting close to having something happen in the commercial development area.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is getting close to completion and as you will recall we had 30% of the total project cost forgiven thanks to the stimulus money.

We acquired a new fire truck through the help of Oklahoma County.

The new Dollar General has been completed and is now open.

The concession stand at Heritage Park is fully equipped and should be in operation by this weekend.

We are ready to go out for bids on the Trail Grant that will be connecting the school trails and Heritage Park trails together.

We are waiting to hear from the Carlin Group regarding their senior housing project located on Harrah Road.

The May 10th tornado affected 99 homes in the Harrah area, with 43 uninhabitable and 56 with moderate damage, 3 injuries, 1 serious and 1 fatality. We allowed the County to use the Industrial Park as an approved site to receive debris.

The County assisted in making the repairs to the trails at Heritage Park.

A committee has been formed to make recommendation to RCL Development on a possible municipal complex as well as recommendations on commercial development.

The engineer is working on the plans for the water line loop on Harrah Road as well as the sewer line extension on 23rd Street.

The City has been fortunate to receive grants for the following:

\$10,000 for 4-wheel drive Tahoe.

\$30,000 from FEMA for a portable generator.
\$24,000 from REAP Grant for reflective street signs.
\$1,375 from Oklahoma Arts Council for half of Red Dirt Ranger performance fee.
\$500 from Oklahoma Arts Council for half of Boru's Ghost performance fee.
\$5,500 from the Forestry Department for the Fire Department

City acquired new server and computer equipment for City Hall.

Senior Citizen Center improvements were made in the air conditioning, smoke alarms and tile cleaning.

Have gotten new truck for Public Works.

Have gotten two (2) new Police vehicles.

Had 16 Residential Building Permits and 1 Commercial Building Permit approved.

Overall I think the state of the city is healthy. This next year we are going to have to be very cautious on expenses and make sure we do not spend any of our reserves, but build on our savings.

I would like to thank the Council for their support this year and I am looking forward to 2010/2011 being even more successful than the previous year.

End of State of the City

Councilman Smith indicated that he and Ms. Karen Heffley had been on the Fox 25 News Channel promoting the Harrah Live Concert Series.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Deborah Miner, City Clerk