

City of Harrah
City Council Meeting
November 16, 2010

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 in the City Council Room at 19625 NE 23rd Street, 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 in the salute to the flag. City Attorney Robert Thompson gave the invocation.

Items on the Consent agenda were as follows:

- a. Approval of the minutes from the [10/14/10](#) regular meeting.
- b. Approval of current [claims](#).
- c. Approval of the [Harrah City Council 2011 Meeting Schedule](#).
- d. [Proclamation](#) declaring November 2010 National American Indian Heritage Month
- e. Approval of the [Cash Fund Estimate of Needs](#) (Street & Alley)
- f. Approval to pay Grubb/Helmig \$2,000 to exit the 2010-2011 Police Dept. [lease agreement](#) (See #23).
- g. Acceptance of the Harrah Senior Center [October, 2010 report](#)

With no items removed, Vice-Mayor Patterson moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Jeney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review, discussion and possible action regarding:

Temporary permit for a free standing mobile home in an urban area (Sec. 12-465) – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to approve the temporary permit. Councilman Jeney seconded. Motion carried. The City Manager was also directed to look into changing the ordinance so that temporary permit approval could be gained through the City Manager and/or the Code Enforcement Officer.

Local Resolution of Support with regard to the Carland Group constructing 29 single family units – Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Barron seconded. Voting aye were Jeney, Smith, Barron & Fryar. Patterson voted nay. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (October 2010) & Sales/Franchise Taxes - After Treasurer Patty Schnittjer presented the treasurer's report, Councilman Jeney moved to accept the report. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded. Motion carried.

Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund Joinder Agreement – Councilman Jeney moved to approve the agreement. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund Defined Benefit Ordinance & Emergency Clause – Councilman Jeney made the motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried. Councilman Jeney moved to adopt the emergency clause. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded. Motion carried.

Change Order #1 for Trails Phase 2 Project – Councilman Jeney made the motion to approve the change order. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution calling for a special election for the approval or rejection of a 5% Hotel/Motel Tax – Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the resolution calling for the election. Councilman Jeney seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance adopting the proposed 5% Hotel/Motel Tax upon a favorable election outcome - Councilman Jeney made the motion to adopt the ordinance upon a favorable election outcome. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Proclamation to place the proposed 5% Hotel/Motel Tax on the next election ballot – Councilman Jeney

made the motion to approve the proclamation. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

Re-visit Political sign ordinance – Councilman Smith made the motion to repeal the ordinance. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded. Voting aye were Smith, Barron, Patterson & Fryar. Jeney voted nay. Motion carried. The city attorney will prepare a repealing ordinance for approval at the next meeting.

Proposed City of Harrah Cell Tower Ordinance – with References: 1) Oklahoma County Tower Ordinance (reference only, no action); 2) FCC Tower Rules 2009 & FCC Guide (reference only, no action); 3) TCOM 1996 Section 704 (reference only, no action) – This item was tabled with no action taken.

Possible Future Annexations - This item was tabled with no action taken.

Entrances to property located at 19625 NE 23rd - This item was tabled with no action taken.

Appointment of a member to the Harrah Board of Adjustments - This item was tabled with no action taken.

Change in open hours for City Hall – No action was taken on this item as it was decided that no changes would be made at this time.

Employee Holiday Bonuses – Councilman Jeney made the motion to approve the bonuses. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

City Manager report:

- The work has started on the Trails Phase II and seems to be going well.
- I met with the Eastern Oklahoma Economic Developers regarding the Boeing Company, that is relocating to Eastern Oklahoma County, on what impact it will have on Harrah and how we can tap into employees that are looking to relocate and looking for housing.
- I met once with Danny Trent and Trey Swan regarding the entrance to Advantage Bank. Due to Trey, Danny and myself being out of pocket, we are trying to schedule a meeting soon regarding our ingress and egress.
- Our move to the new City Hall has been completed and the staff is pleased with it. Police Department has relocated to our old City Hall and they are pleased with that move.
- BancFirst was the successful bidder for the safety deposit boxes and they have been removed.
- Attended OMAG Board meeting and the groundbreaking for their new building located in Edmond Oklahoma.
- Ron Gooch who has been our engineer with Myers Engineering, is no longer with Myers Engineering and I have not met the engineer they are assigning to us.
- The County held a Public Hearing at City Hall regarding the 4-laning of Harrah Road South of 44th Street. Several attended and many questions were asked. ODOT attended the meeting and talked about the new Harrah I-40 interchange that would be going in.
- We did not receive the T.I.G.E.R. Grant, however, Brian Maughan, our County Commissioner, continues to stay in communication with Oklahoma City regarding the 4-laning to the Interstate.
- Met with Dr. Hughes regarding future development taking place in Harrah and how it might affect the school system.
- This morning I met with the 4 communities, Luther, Jones, Choctaw, Harrah and includes Vo-Tech, that will make up the Economic Development Partnership, to review Resumes they are receiving for the

position of Executive Director for the Economic Development Partnership. There were several Resumes submitted and we have narrowed the group down to 6 which we will continue to review further.

City Attorney Thompson reported to the council that he is finally making some progress in contacting the owners of the dilapidated/destroyed Jorski property.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Deborah Miner, City Clerk