

City of Harrah
City Council Meeting
May 20, 2010

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 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 and new Councilman Tom Barron. Councilman Gordon Jeney was absent. 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 [04/15/2010](#) Regular Meeting and [04/22/2010](#) Special Meeting.
- b. Approval of [claims](#).
- c. Cancel the Thursday, June 17, 2010 regular meeting and call a special meeting for Wednesday, June 16, 2010.
- d. Approval of [Delta Dental](#) renewal rates.
- e. Approval of [Blue Cross & Blue Shield](#) renewal rates.
- f. Approval to purchase [equipment](#) for the Heritage Park Concessions.
- g. Approval of MWC Animal Welfare [contract](#).
- h. Approval of Oklahoma Co. Jail Services [Agreement](#)
- i. Approval of [General Fund Budget Amendment #36](#).
- j. Approval of [Capital Improvements Budget Amendment #42](#).
- k. Re-appointment of Ms. Danielle Heffley to the Harrah Board of Adjustments.
- l. Ratify the action of the Harrah Industrial Economic Development Trust Authority's [amendment](#) to the Trust Indenture and the method of determining Trustees
- m. Approval of the At-large HIEDT Trustee selection – Danny Boyle.
- n. OMAG Worker's Compensation [Loss Retention Plan](#) renewal agreement.
- o. Cash Fund [Estimate of Needs](#) and Request for Appropriation in the amount of \$10,682.44

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

Review, discussion and possible action regarding:

Election of Vice-Mayor – Councilman Smith made a motion to retain Duane Patterson as vice-mayor. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - April, 2010 – No Action was taken on this agenda item.

Ordinance 2010-05 which amends Ordinance 2006-10 to raise the City Manager's spending limit to \$25,000 – Councilman Smith made the motion to adopt the ordinance. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Emergency Clause for Ordinance 2010-05 – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to adopt the emergency clause. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Election of two (2) trustees to the OMAG Board of Directors – Councilman Smith made the motion to vote for Michael Bailey and Brant Shallenburger. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Eastern Oklahoma County Development Partnership draft documents – Councilman Smith made the motion to proceed with negotiations of fees. Mr. Burson was asked to keep the council informed. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stop Signs – Councilman Smith made the motion to take the sign down in the middle of the block of Timberidge and replace it with a "Children at Play" sign. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sales Tax Incentives – No action was taken on this item.

City-wide waste disposal contract – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to approve the contract contingent on the changes discussed. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session to appraise and purchase real estate. [25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B) (3)] – Councilman Smith made the motion to go into executive session. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Any action resulting from executive session – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to direct Mr. Burson to proceed as discussed in executive session. Councilman Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Manager report:

- Met with Eastern Oklahoma County Economic Development Council.
- High School Students toured Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Talked with John Wolff regarding the money we have left over from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He informed us the money must be spent on wastewater projects by the end of October this year.
- Have visited with Larry Owsley on several occasions regarding the T.I.F. District and his promotion of the T.I.F. District.
- Visited with Rick Nossaman on the operation of ballfields.
- Attended ACOG meetings.
- Attended OMAG Board Meetings.
- Met with Danny Trent regarding economic development incentives.
- Police Department and Art did an excellent job of getting removed dilapidated cars around town.
- Attended Eggs and Issues at the VoTech.
- Met with the Park Board. They worked the concession stand for the High School Band Concert. Successful for the Park Board and lots the positive comments about them doing that and new concession stand.
- Last week was very busy with the tornado. A total of 99 homes were hit by the tornado, 43 classified uninhabitable and 56 with moderate damage. 3 injuries, 1 serious.
- Our employees did an outstanding job after the tornado. We are preparing letters of thank you to those that helped such as Tim Potter who manned his dozer removing fallen trees to improve access, Harrah Church for feeding the volunteers and housing families without homes, and County Commissioner for sending volunteers to help with the cleanup.
- I approved the Industrial Park to be used to bring debris to. County is doing the sorting of the debris and burning what they can and sending the rest to the landfill. They also worked out a deal with Green Country Soil so that they can chip limbs to be used in their plant.
- Visited with Louis Moore and Mary Fallin about our need for additional storm sirens and the possibility of their helping us to acquire six (6) more for our community.

- Country Community Church was seriously damaged in the tornado. I have been working with Pastor Harp and thanks to Gordon Jeney and Cass, they can use the Chamber office and Parks Funeral Home for services until their church is rebuilt.
- Karen Heffley has been very cooperative in assisting with storm debris. She has set aside Saturday May 22nd to pick up storm debris in Harrah.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant went to backup generator after the tornado when electric was out.
- Our Police Department and Fire Department worked diligently with OG&E in blocking the roads while repairs were made to the electric lines.
- Congrats to Tom Barron on his election. I know we all look forward to working with him.

Councilman Barron noted his appreciation of the citizens who elected him. He looks forward to the opportunity to help the community. Councilman Smith reminded everyone of the Red Dirt Rangers concert on June 19th and that the event has been upgraded to a benefit of appreciation for those affected by the recent tornado. Vice-Mayor Patterson indicated he will help set up so city workers can enjoy.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Michele Cogdill, Deputy City Clerk