

City of Harrah
City Council Meeting
March 18, 2010

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 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 Gordon Jeney and Councilwoman Carolyn Allen-Davis. Councilman Cass Smith & City Attorney Robert Thompson were unable to attend. Boy Scout Brandt McCathern 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 [02/18/2010](#) regular meeting.
- b. Approval of [claims](#).
- c. Appointment of Krista Cooper to fill the vacancy on the Harrah Park Board created by the resignation of Sandy Breed.
- d. Acceptance of District Attorney [Grant Award](#).
- e. Adoption of a [Resolution 031810CC](#) authorizing signing the Project Agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for improvements to Reno Ave.

With no items removed, Councilwoman Davis then made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Jeney seconded. Motion carried.

Review, discussion and possible action regarding:

[Treasurer's Report](#) - No action was taken on the item.

Letter from the Council approving the [waiver of \\$14,001.00](#) for the Carland Group in the building of senior housing No action was taken on this item.

Ordinance prohibiting the act of texting while driving within the city limits of Harrah – No action was taken on this item.

Ordinance 2010-01, amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Harrah, Oklahoma, as amended, to include additional territory with the C-3 District, providing for severability, and declaring an emergency (the recommendation of the Planning Commission was heard and approved at the January 21, 2010 meeting) – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Jeney seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Jeney moved to approve the emergency clause. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2010-02, amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Harrah, Oklahoma, as amended, to include additional territory with the C-2 District, providing for severability, and declaring an emergency (the recommendation of the Planning Commission was heard and approved at the January 21, 2010 meeting)– Councilman Jeney made the motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vice-Mayor Patterson moved to approve the emergency clause. Councilman Jeney seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2010-03, amending the Employee Retirement System, Defined Contribution Plan for the City of Harrah - Councilman Jeney made the motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Acceptance of the Amended Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund Master Defined Contribution Plan Joinder Agreement - Councilwoman Davis made the motion to approve the agreement. Councilman Jeney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval to purchase a new police unit in the estimated amount of \$36,207.00 – Councilman Jeney made the motion to approve the purchase. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval to purchase a new police unit in the estimated amount of \$33,316.00 – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to approve the purchase. Councilman Jeney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointment to the ACOG Board to fill the position vacated by Councilman Gordon Jeney – Gordon Jeney made the motion to appoint Vice-Mayor Patterson as an alternate to the ACOG Board position. Councilwoman Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Update on Concession Stand renovation cost estimates – No action was taken on this agenda item.

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

Any action resulting from executive session – Upon their return from executive session, the Mayor resumed the meeting stating that no action would be taken on this agenda item.

City Manager report:

- Deborah and I attended the Retail Summit in Moore. It was very informative. I believe we are doing several things right in trying to recruit new business.
- Staff reviewed the construction plans for the new Dollar General Store locating on 23rd Street.
- The Cell Tower committee has completed its review of the cell tower ordinance. They are in the final stages of reviewing and sumitting the ordinance to the attorney and the Planning Commission.
- The Park Board hosted a Disk Golf tournament at Lions Park. The event was put together by William Bredemeyer. The Lions Club provided the concessions. The event was success with over 60 registered contestants.
- Work has started on the improvements on Reno to the Industrial Park. These are Stimulus funds from the Federal Government.
- The County is working with Public Works on making repairs to the Trails and the Park.
- I have spoken to Scott regarding the Phase Two trails. It appears that everything is almost finalized on this project and hopefully will be going out for bid soon.
- Cass, the Mayor and I met with individuals regarding the four lanes of Harrah Road all the way to Interstate 40. They have started the surveying of the first 1 ½ miles and should be completed by 2013.
- Attended the ACOG Board Meeting. I provided them with information regarding other COGS By-Laws regarding board members. They still have not met regarding this issue.
- Met with the OMAG Board. I will be attending a conference as a board member March 31 thru April 2, 2010.
- Provided a letter of support of McCloud Telephone Co. efforts in providing internet service to rural Oklahoma.
- Pat Richardson and Linda Hill came to see if the City would start a recycling program. I have checked with several towns in Oklahoma and most are getting away from recycling because of the cost involved.

- Attending the EOCT “Eggs and Issues”.
- ODOT is doing traffic counts in three places along 23rd Street.
- I gave an interview to the newspaper regarding the letter we had to send out regarding our water.
- Harrah hosted the EOCTC this month at Harrah Steakhouse. It was well attended

City Manager Burson also updated the Council in the current water well issues. Councilman Jeney updated the Council on the progress of planning Harrah Daze, which will be held September 11, 2010. He also indicated that the Harrah Chamber of Commerce will not be having an annual auction this year due to a lack of a venue to hold the auction. Councilwoman Davis thanked Boy Scout Brandt McCathern for doing a great job. Mayor Fryar updated the Council on the progress to get Harrah Road widened to four lanes south to I-40. Fryar also encouraged the other council members to call their state representatives to voice their opinions concerning the sales tax on groceries issue. City Manager Burson explained why sales tax is so important to the survival of municipalities as well as the public services municipalities provide their citizens. Vice-Mayor Patterson reiterated Burson & Fryar’s comments.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Deborah Miner, City Clerk