

City of Harrah  
City Council Meeting  
February 17, 2011

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2011 in the City Council Room at 19625 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, 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 & Councilman Tom Barron. Councilman Cass Smith was unable to attend. Mayor Fryar led in the salute to the flag. City Manager Earl Burson gave the invocation.

**Items on the Consent agenda were as follows:**

- a. Approval of the minutes from the [01/20/11](#) regular meeting.
- b. Surplus Hurst Jaws of Life & Cutter to be donated to Arlington Title 18 Fire District.
- c. Appointment of Larry Raymond to the Harrah Planning Commission.
- d. Appointment of Neil Gray, a Planning Commission member, to the Harrah Board of Adjustments.

Councilman Jeney requested that Item C. be removed from the consent agenda. With item c. removed, Councilman Jeney moved to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After a brief discussion of Item C., Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to approve the item as presented. Councilman Barron seconded. Voting aye were Councilman Barron, Vice-Mayor Patterson & Mayor Fryar. Voting nay was Councilman Jeney. Motion carried.

**Review, discussion and possible action regarding:**

**Treasurer's Report (January 2011)& Sales/Franchise Taxes** – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to accept the treasurers report as presented. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

**Request for nominations for the OMAG Board of Trustees** – Councilman Barron made the motion to nominate City Manager Earl Burson for re-election to the OMAG Board of Trustees. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded. Motion carried.

**Harrah Trails Phase II - Rudy Construction Pay Request #2** – The item was tabled with no action was taken.

**Five (5) Year Capital improvement Plan** – The item was tabled with no action was taken.

**City Manager report:**

- Ray Vincent served as Judge at the last Court and did an excellent job! Bob, Ray and I have visited and we feel like the City can do without a Prosecuting Attorney until next Budget year at which time we will consider filling that position.
- Have signed contract with ADT on our new Mass Communication system. We are signing up all employees and Council to do some tests on the system and work out any possible bugs we may have. Please fill out the information that will be provided to you Thursday night at the Council meeting so you will be included in the Mass Communication test.
- We received a lot of complaints on the trash service during the snow and I believe the mass communication system will help us deal more efficiently during times like that.
- I met with Martin Ramirez with Senator James Lankford's office regarding unfunded mandates.
- We have found out that fines, fees and outstanding Warrants that are not collected we can turn into the Tax Commission and if individual is to receive a tax refund it will be deducted from that refund and given to the City. Hopefully it will help our collections.

- As Gary Morgan mentioned in the Council meeting, there has been 14 accidents over the last 2 years at 29<sup>th</sup> and Harrah Road.
- Attended OMAG Board meeting. There is a lot of concern about legislation that is being looked at to eliminate the present Workers Comp system and to privatize it. Should this happen we will see a substantial increase in our Workers Comp cost.
- I have asked Joe Morgan to contact Jesse Patchett with Myers Engineering regarding when the final will be done on the WWTP and Scott Fairbairn on the completion of the trails project items still not completed.
- I met with Tim Hight, new Economic Development Director for Eastern Oklahoma County and gave him the tour of the community. He has some ideas on how to assist Harrah in our economic development efforts. Was particularly interested in funding availability for completion of the infrastructure for the Industrial Park.
- We have received word from LWCF regarding the grant funding that has been decreased by almost 90%. However, they are coming to look at the Park in consideration for the Splash Park Grant.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Larry Fryar, Mayor

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Deborah Miner, City Clerk