

City of Harrah
City Council Meeting
April 21, 2011

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2011 in the City Council Room at 19625 NE 23rd Street, Harrah, Oklahoma for a Regular Meeting. Upon roll call, those found to be present were Mayor Larry Fryar, Vice-Mayor Duane Patterson, Councilman Bill Lisby & Councilman Tom Barron. Councilman Cass Smith was unable to attend. Mayor Fryar led in the salute to the flag. City Attorney Robert Thompson gave the invocation.

Election of Vice-Mayor – Councilman Barron made the motion to re-appoint Patterson as Vice-Mayor. Councilman Lisby seconded. Motion carried. Patterson abstained.

Recognition of Service – Dan Murdock - Having served together for more than 30 years, City Attorney Robert Thompson presented former City Judge Dan Murdock with an appreciation plaque in recognition of Murdock's 30 years of service and loyalty to the City of Harrah.

Items on the Consent agenda were as follows:

- a. Approval of the minutes from the [03/17/11](#) regular meeting.
- b. Re-appointment of Cindy Hayes to the Harrah Park Board.
- c. Approval of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Audit [Engagement Letter](#) with Dillon & Associates.
- d. Approval of the Police Department [surplus list](#).
- e. Harrah Senior Center [February 2011](#) activity report.
- f. [Resolution](#) supporting the efforts to sustain medical health professionals in rural areas.
- g. Approval of the [Cash Fund Estimate of Needs and Request for Appropriation](#).
- h. Approval of "Harrah Helping Hands" [Proclamation](#).

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

Overview of Eastern Oklahoma County Economic Development Partnership – Tim Hight – Mr. Hight went over the structure and purpose of the partnership and answered all questions presented. No action was taken on this item.

Review, discussion and possible action regarding:

Treasurer's Report: March 2011, Register & Sales/Franchise Taxes - No action was taken on this item.

Ordinance 2011-02 amending Harrah City Code Sec. 12-465 on the issuance of a Temporary permit for a free standing mobile home in an urban area and adopting the emergency clause – Councilman Lisby made the motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried. Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to approve the emergency clause. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

Harrah Trails Phase II – Rudy Construction Pay Request #2 - No action was taken on this item.

OMAG Board of Directors Election Ballot – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to cast votes for Janice Cain, Pam Polk and Earl Burson. Councilman Lisby seconded. Motion carried.

Address issues of multiple motor vehicles parked on the streets and in the yards in residential areas - No action was taken on this item however Mr. Thompson will prepare a sample ordinance for the next meeting.

Executive Session: Confidential communication between City Council and City Attorney concerning dispute with DEQ. [25 OS Sec. 307 (B) (4)] - Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to go into executive session. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

Any action necessary following executive session – No action was taken on this item.

City Attorney Robert Thompson updated the council on the status of the Jorski Building. He shared that the property would be included in the sheriff's sale on May 19th. He also indicated that the appraised value of the property is \$20,000. Councilman Barron asked if the property had received an EPA clearance. Thompson indicated that it had.

Citizen Sider West raised concerns with reference to "bulky trash day" and citizen Bill Knox raised concerns with reference to the recent water and wastewater rate increases.

City Manager report:

- Would like to know what telephone number you would like us to give to citizens who want to contact their Councilman and who possibly don't have a computer to do e-mail.
- Trails walk-thru showed project to be complete. Paperwork is in progress to finalize the project and will be on the May Council agenda.
- Shapes Manager, Chad Heskett, has given us gift certificates for free enrollment and 20% off membership for all employees.
- Remember that Friday is Good Friday and a City holiday.
- Next Monday, April 25, 2011 is the next VIPS meeting to be held here at City Hall.
- Mass Communication system is working well. So far, 27 have signed up. Trying to get the word out so more will take advantage of this feature.
- EOCT have 20 students that want to assist Harrah with the cleanup of fire debris. Will refer Eric Reynolds to Brian Maughan, County Commissioner, to see if something can be worked out.
- Easter Sunrise Service is at Heritage Park and the Friends of the Park will be serving donuts and coffee.
- Extravaganza is at Harrah Church this Saturday. This event also includes a 5K run.
- Harrah Live 2011 begins its first concert on May 14th when Buffalofitz will perform their ever-evolving mixture of traditional blues, ballads and gospel songs.
- Siding on pavilion and restroom looks nice!!! Getting prices on lights and ceiling fans.
- Defusers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant are clogging up with sludge. Approximate cost to dispose of the sludge \$5,000 or \$6,000. Have spent \$10,000 on sludge removal already this year.
- We are looking into getting what the cost would be to replace all the water meters in town and getting an auto-read meter system.
- Art is attending Inspection School this week.
- Happy Easter!!
- [Claims](#) for 01/15/2011 to present

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Deborah Miner, City Clerk