

**CITY OF HARRAH  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015 in the City Council Room at 19625 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Harrah, Oklahoma for a Regular Meeting.

**1. Roll Call, Flag Salute & Invocation.**

At roll call the following members were present: Mayor Larry Fryar, Vice-Mayor Duane Patterson, Councilor Kim Bishop, Councilor Tom Barron, and Councilor Sammy Martin. Absent: None. Also present were City Manager Earl Burson and City Attorney Robert Thompson. Neal Young led the flag salute followed by the invocation by Robert Thompson.

**2. Approval of Consent agenda:**

- a. Minutes from the [2015.08.20](#) special meeting.
- b. Harrah Senior Monthly Report August 2015.
- c. Approve request from Fire Chief to pursue ACOG Reap Grant.
- d. Approve [Lease Agreement](#) between HIEDA and the City of Harrah and the Board of County Commissioners.
- e. Approve [Agreement](#) with the Harrah Senior Center.

**Motion by Vice-Mayor Patterson to accept and approve the consent agenda. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Patterson, Bishop, Barron, Martin, and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding items removed from the consent agenda. None.**

**4. Review, consideration and possible action regarding:**

- a. [Treasure's Report](#) for August & [Sales Tax, Use Tax, etc. & Franchise Tax. Franchise 2015-16](#)

**Patty Coleman gave a updated report on the financials for August.**

**Motion by Councilor Barron to accept and approve the treasurer's report. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Barron, Bishop, Patterson, Martin, and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

- b. Special presentation from Tim Hight/EOC.

**Tim Hight with EOC presented a brief summary of future economic development in our region.**

- c. Approve Resolution No. 09172015CC supporting School Bond.

**Motion by Councilor Martin to approve Resolution No. 09172015CC supporting the school bond. Second by Vice-Mayor Patterson. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Martin, Patterson, Bishop, Barron. and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

d. Public Hearing on properties for abatement:

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|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. 2010 Canadian       | \$1091.76 |
| 2. 2280 Donnel         | \$854.72  |
| 3. 20460 N.E. 23rd St. | \$1021.95 |

**Mayor Fryar opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:25 p.m. with no one showing from the public for opposition.**

e. Approve abatements on above listed properties and file liens.

**Motion by Councilor Bishop to abatements on properties from Item D and directed staff to file liens. Second by Vice-Mayor Patterson. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Bishop, Patterson, Barron, Martin, and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

f. Discussion/action to solicit RFP's/Bids for basketball courts.

**Motion by Councilor Martin to solicit RFP'S/Bids with two (2) options for basketball courts at the park. Second by Councilor Barron. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Martin, Barron, Bishop, Patterson, and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

g. Approve the denial of [Tort Claim #200800](#) sewer back-up at 20961 Holden St. at the request of OMAG.

**Motion by Councilor Barron to accept the recommendation of OMAG and deny claim #200800 at 20961 Holden St. Second by Vice-Mayor Patterson. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Barron, Patterson, Bishop, Martin, and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

h. Approve appointing alternate judges in Judge Vincent's absence.

**Motion by Councilor Bishop to approve the appointment of two (2) alternate judges (Don Smithermon and Brent Coldiron) in Judge Vincent's absence. Second by Councilor Martin. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Bishop, Martin, Barron. Patterson, and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

i. Approve date for Halloween.

**Motion by Councilor Barron to approve October 31, 2015 as trick or treating night in Harrah. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Barron, Bishop, Patterson, Martin, and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

- j. Discussion on impound lot.

**Police Chief Gary Morgan addressed the council regarding the possibility of finding a place to have the city's own impound lot. The council asked for the chief to bring back some cost figures for personnel, towing, revenue that the city would possibly generate.**

- k. Mayor's appointment to the Park Board.

**Motion by Councilor Martin to affirm mayor's appointment of Tara Goodson to the Park Board. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Martin, Bishop, Barron, Patterson, and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

**Motion by Vice-Mayor Duane Patterson to enter into executive session. Second by Councilor Martin. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Patterson, Martin, Bishop, Barron, and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

**The Mayor and the Council entered into Executive Session by 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.**

- l. **Executive session:** Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(1) to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee or contracted personnel (Ricky Hayes) (City Manager).

**Motion by Councilor Barron to direct staff to proceed as discussed on contract with Ricky Hayes of Retail Attractions. Second by Councilor Martin. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Barron, Martin, Bishop, Patterson, and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

**Motion by Vice-Mayor Patterson to approve new contract for City Manager as written. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.**

**Aye: Patterson, Bishop, Barron, Martin, and Fryar.**

**Nay: None.**

- m. **Executive session:** Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (C)(10) a request for executive session for the purpose of conferring on the matters pertaining to economic development including the transfer of property, financing, or the creation of a proposal to entice a business to locate within the City of Harrah because public disclosure of the matter to be discussed would interfere with the development of products or services and would violate the confidentiality of the business. None.

**5. Comments:**

- a. City Manager Report, [Claims Report](#)

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**9-17-15**

- **The Harrah Day event was great and the weather couldn't have been better if it was ordered.**
  - **The Market in the Park/Pigs in the Park event coming up in October is growing!!!**
  - **This Friday is the last Movie in the Park at which time The Lego Movie will be shown and the Park Board is working with the new theatre owners to have a concert prior to the movie.**
  - **Next week the OML Conference begins September 22<sup>nd</sup> running through the 25<sup>th</sup>!! If you are interested in attending please contact Cindy!**
  - **Attended an EOC Partnership meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.**
  - **Will be attending a dinner for the OMAG Board on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and an OMAG Board meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>!!**
  - **The Fire Chief's truck is getting a new paint job!!!**
  - **The STATE, (theatre) 1961 N. Church Avenue, has invited us to "the STATE funk-tion" on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. "It's a STATE affair horse d'oeuvres and beverages"!! If you would like to attend please advise so we can RSVP by September 20<sup>th</sup>!!**
  - **The Harrah Senior Citizens will be having their auction in October 17<sup>th</sup> with doors opening at 4:00 pm.**
  - **Permit has been returned to DEQ for water wells.**
  - **Employee Appreciation Lunch is being held at City Hall this Friday to be cooked by the Fire Department to say thanks for a summer of hard work. All Councilmen are welcome.**
  - **Have a great weekend!!**
    - b. City Council members:
      - Bishop: Funeral for AJo was very touching and Harrah Day was enjoyable handing candy and visiting with citizens.
      - Barron: Nothing
      - Patterson: Special thank you to Chamber for a great Harrah Day. School Bond issue coming up come volunteer to make phone calls.
    - c. Mayor: Talk up Bond Issue and Chamber excellent job on Harrah Day.
    - d. City Attorney: Nothing.
    - e. Staff –[Fire Department Report](#), [Police Dept1](#)
- 6. Consideration of new business, if any, which has arisen since the posting of the agenda, which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the posting of the agenda. [25 O.S. Section 311.9]**

7. Citizen's Participation

8. Adjournment

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