

**HARRAH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2015**

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2015 in the City Council Room at 19625 NE 23rd Street, Harrah, Oklahoma for a Regular Meeting.

Roll Call, Flag Salute & Invocation.

At roll call the following members were present: Mayor Larry Fryar, Vice-Mayor Kim Bishop, Councilor Tom Barron, Councilor Duane Patterson, and Councilor Sammy Martin. Also present: City Manager Earl Burson. Absent: City Attorney Robert Thompson. A member of the Harrah Future Leaders led the flag salute and City Manager Earl Burson led the invocation.

Approval of Consent agenda:

- a. Minutes from the [2014.12.18](#) regular meeting.
- b. Harrah Senior Monthly [Report](#) December 2014.
- c. Approve [Street and Alley Funds](#) Estimate of Needs. (Patty Coleman)

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

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

Nay: None.

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

Review, consideration and possible action regarding:

Treasurer's [Report for December](#) & Sales Tax, Sales Tax Comparison, Use Tax, etc. & [Franchise Taxes](#).

Motion by Councilor Martin to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Councilor Barron. Motion carried.

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

Nay: None.

Approve Property Abatements and Liens at the recommendation of the Abatement Board on the following properties:

700 Turtle Creek - 566.16
850 Turtle Creek - 815.94
2154 Houston - 651.04
620 Turtle Creek - 737.85
2280 Donnel - 1046.48
Total - **3817.47**

Motion by Councilor Martin to approve the recommendation of the Abatement Board and file liens on the following properties:

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Second by Councilor Patterson. Motion carried.

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

Nay: None.

Consideration/possible action on [Tort Claim #141105-BD](#) (Athena Martin) OMAG recommends it be denied.

Motion by Councilor Barron to accept the recommendation from OMAG that Tort Claim #141105-BD (Athena Martin) be denied. Second by Patterson.

Aye: Barron, Patterson, Bishop, and Fryar.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Martin.

Mayor's re-appointment of Park Board. (Aaron Wynn, Kara Wynn, Karen Heffley, and Gage Beavers.

Mayor Fryar recommends tabling this item until next meeting February 19, 2015.

Executive session: Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(3) to discuss the purchase real property. None.

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.

Comments:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1-15-15

- Chris Bain, our Inspector, has tendered his resignation effective January 23, 2015!! Be sure to stop by and wish him well!
- You will be receiving as an attachment an update on permits that have been issued during this past year which definitely reflects that Harrah is a wonderful place to build a home, raise a family and do business.
- Sales Tax was \$163,140.62 which is above our Budget.

- We had a major sewer stoppage which our employees managed to unclog.
- Last year we produced 120,644,370 gallons of water and sold 105,862,850 with an unaccountable amount of 14,781,520 which were partly due to two (2) water main breaks and 2 months of meter problems at the Splash Pad.
- We have some expensive issues that are coming down the pike one of which you know about which is the water wells. Have been in contact with Bill Myers on this issue. We have concerns about the Tim Holt bridge and its stability which we may be having to address.
- We are getting quotes on cameras and panic buttons for City Hall.
- Local Pastors (Ministerial Alliance) will meet here at City Hall on Wednesday, January 14th at 11:30 am for lunch!! Hopefully Mark Chan, Catholic Charities, will be present to tell about the Emergency Preparedness Fair that Catholic Charities wants to have at Heritage Park on March 21st. Also I will be asking for prayer for our community!
- The Straight Street property owners meeting regarding flood plain issues that was scheduled for January 8th at 6:30 pm has been rescheduled for January 15th at 6:00 pm.
- Park Board has made choices on what movies/Harrah Live concerts that will be held this season at Heritage Park. Scheduling the concerts has begun!
- The Park Board has approved the Catholic Charities holding an Emergency Preparedness Fair at Heritage Park on March 21st.
- Applications for this year's Market in the Park are now being accepted!!
- The Harrah Road highway project appears to be going along on schedule!!
- Neil Young, our Fire Chief in training, started January 5th to begin learning the volumes of things he needs to know before Murrel Coleman retires on January 30th.
- A Retirement Party for Murrel Coleman has been scheduled for January 30th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Fire Station. Be sure to stop by, have some refreshments and wish Murrel a Happy retirement!!
- All Public Works employees viewed a video by OMAG entitled Understanding the Role of Elected Officials!! An excellent video that will be required viewing for all new employees!!

- **Reminder – City Hall will be closed on January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Day!!**
- [Claims List](#)
- [Code Inspector End of Year Report](#)

City Council members:

Vice-Mayor Bishop stated that she appreciated our first responders. She added the Police and Fire do a wonderful job protecting our citizens.

Councilor Barron dittoed the sentiment of Vice-Mayor Bishop.

Councilor Patterson was also appreciative of the job our Police and Fire do. Mr. Patterson all commended the Harrah Future Leaders for their involvement with the organization and happy for their presence at the meeting.

Councilor Martin was appreciative of the Police and Fire adding the Fire Dept. did 1200 runs in 2014.

Mayor Fryar thanked the Harrah Future Leaders for attending the meeting and was proud of them for being involved in school activities.

City Attorney: Absent.

Staff –[Fire Department Report](#), [Fire Stats](#), [Police Dept1](#)

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]

Citizen's Participation

Adjournment

The meeting of the January 15, 2015 adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Larry Fryar

City Clerk Cindy Pollard