

**HARRAH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2016**

The City Council for City the of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at City Hall, at 19625 NE 23rd Street, Harrah, Oklahoma for a Regular Meeting.

Roll Call, Flag Salute & Invocation.

At roll call the following members were present: Vice-Mayor Duane Patterson, Councilor Bishop, Councilor Barron, and Councilor Kreke. Absent: Mayor Larry Fryar. Others present: City Manager Earl Burson and City Attorney Robert Thompson. Mr. Riddle from Harrah Public Schools led the flag salute and Pastor Brian led the invocation.

Approval of Consent agenda:

- a. Minutes from the [2016.10.27](#) Special Meeting
- b. Harrah Senior Monthly [Report](#) October 2016.
- c. Approve payment to TIF in the amount of \$19,760.55.

Motion by Councilor Kreke to accept and approve the consent agenda. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.

Aye: Kreke, Bishop, Barron, and Patterson.

Nay: None.

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

Review, consideration and possible action regarding:

- a. Approve Treasurer's Report for [October](#) & [Sales Tax, Ust Tax, etc. and Franchise Tax](#).

Patty Coleman, City Treasurer reported on the finances for the City of Harrah.

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

Aye: Barron, Kreke, Bishop, and Patterson.

Nay: None.

- b. Recommendation by Planning Commission to deny [Ordinance No. 2016-5](#) re-zoning 3 acres from A-1 (General Agricultural) to C-2 General Commercial).

This agenda item was tabled for the next council meeting.

- c. Approve emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2016-5.

No action previous item tabled.

- d. Approve [Ordinance No. 2016-7](#) exotic animals in City of Harrah city limits.

Motion by Councilor Kreke to approve Ordinance No. 2016-7 exotic animals in City of Harrah

city limits. Second by Councilor Barron. Motion carried.

Aye: Kreke, Barron, Bishop, and Patterson.

Nay: None.

- e. Approve emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2016-7

Motion by Councilor Barron to approve emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2016-7. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.

Aye: Barron, Bishop, and Patterson.

Nay: Kreke.

- f. Recommendation from Planning Commission to approve Ordinance No. 2016-8 regarding Storm Shelters.

This item was tabled to allow time to address handicap issues, etc.

- g. Approve emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2016-8

No action previous item was tabled.

- h. Discussion on amending section 12-371 exemptions. [Ordinance No. 2008-6](#)

This item was tabled for the city attorney to re-draft changes and be placed on the next agenda.

- i. Recommendation from Planning Commission to approve [preliminary plat](#) for Reno/Peebly Rd. (Hartley Homes)

Motion by Councilor Kreke to approve preliminary plat for Reno/Peebly Rd. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.

Aye: Kreke, Bishop, Barron, and Patterson.

Nay: None.

- j. Recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the [final plat](#) for Reno/Peebly Rd. (Hartley Homes)

Motion by Councilor Kreke to approve the final plat for Reno/Peebly Rd. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.

Aye: Kreke, Bishop, Barron, and Patterson.

Nay: None.

- k. Discussion/action on possible sales tax to support Harrah Public Schools.

Discussion led by Councilor Kreke for a possible sales tax increase for the Harrah Public Schools for a limited time to help with any costs outside of salaries as a show of support from the city. After much discussion amongst the councilors Vice-Mayor Patterson asked that the item be tabled with the possibility of a public hearing prior to the meeting.

- l. **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. (2) in open session taking action as appropriate based on the discussion in executive session.

Motion by Councilor Bishop to enter into executive session. Second by Councilor Kreke. Motion carried.

Aye: Bishop, Kreke, Barron, and Patterson.
Nay: None.

The city council entered into executive session at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

m. Any action necessary following the executive session. No action was taken in executive session.

Comments: [City Manager Report](#), [Misc. Correspondence](#), [Claims Report](#)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

11-17-16

- **Planning Commission met on November 10th approving the plat and final plat for Peebly and Reno.**
- **Interviewed three applicants for the full time Firefighter position on Monday. Offer has been made to one of those interviewed.**
- **New fire truck to be delivered this week!!**
- **The final mandatory insurance classes for employees were held last Tuesday, November 15th.**
- **Public Works working on new plans for maintenance barn.**
- **Will be attending an OMAG Board meeting this Friday, November 18th.**
- **The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Harrah First Baptist Church on November 27th at 6:30 pm.**
- **City of Harrah is having an Employee Toy Drive to benefit "Helping Hearts"!! Donations of new unwrapped toys/games for children of the ages from newborn to 12 years of age can be put in the box at City Hall before 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. All donations will be greatly appreciated.**
- **A new candy store has opened next to the Station Grill called Cocoaphillia.**
- **Shopping Center in Fall Creek announced its first tenant, Coach's Coop (Chicken**

Restaurant)

- **New Sports Drink place, called Pinnacle Nutrition, has opened on Church Avenue.**
- **If you are interested in attending the OML District meeting on November 29th at Cattlemen's please be sure to fill out the form in your packet and get back to Cindy as soon as possible.**
- **Remember that City Hall will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving November 24th and 25th!!**
- **Have a great week enjoying the beautiful warm weather. Feel the real November weather will be here possibly this weekend!!!!**

City Council members

Vice-Mayor Duane Patterson: **Nothing**

Councilor Kim Bishop: **Nothing**

Councilor Tom Barron: **Nothing**

Councilor Joe Kreke: **Pleased with the web-site and the information getting to citizens through the web-site and facebook.**

Mayor: **Absent**

City Attorney: **Mr. Thompson reported that a Tort Claim at the park had been denied by OMAG.**

Staff – [Fire Department Report](#), [Police Dept1](#), **Code Enforcement Weekly Report**

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: Public comments on city related agenda items or non-agenda items. In accordance with State Law, the City Council and City Staff are not allowed to respond to any comments made. Preference will be given to Harrah Residents and **NO** formal action will be taken. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes for a total of 15 minutes. You must sign in with the City Clerk 10 minutes prior to the meeting to be recognized with name, address, and phone number. Members of the audience are encouraged to hold their comments to this portion of the agenda. **No comments shall be made during the business portion of the meeting.**

8. Adjournment

The meeting of the Harrah City Council adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Duane Patterson

City Clerk Cindy Pollard