

City of Harrah
City Council Meeting
August 18, 2011

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 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 absent. Mayor Fryar led the salute to the flag. Robert Thompson gave the invocation.

Items on the Consent agenda were as follows:

- a. Minutes from the [07/21/2011](#) regular meeting and [07/19/11](#) special meeting minutes.
- b. Harrah Senior Center [July 2011](#) Activity Report
- c. Cancel the Thursday, September 15th Regular meeting and call a Special meeting for Thursday, September 22nd.
- d. Increase Fire Fighter clothing allowance from \$40 per month to \$50 per month-paid quarterly.
- e. [Contract](#) between City of Harrah and Retail Attractions.
- f. [Non-profit Work Agreement](#)
- g. [Treasurer's Bond](#)

Vice-Mayor Patterson requested that Item E. be removed from the consent agenda. With no other items removed from the agenda, Councilman Lisby moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice-Mayor Patterson requested that, at this time, no action be taken on Item E. The item was tabled with no action taken.

Treasurer's Report (July 2011), Sale/Use/Franchise Tax – Vice-Mayor Patterson moved to accept the treasurers report. Councilman Lisby seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2011-03, Ordinance of the City of Harrah amending the Harrah Code of Ordinances by establishing a new Chapter 12 to Part 15 of the Harrah City Code to provide definitions, regulate storage and parking of vehicles in residential areas and adopting the emergency clause – Vice-Mayor Patterson moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried. Vice-Mayor Patterson moved to adopt the emergency clause. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

New water well at Harrah Heritage Park – No action was taken on this item.

Oklahoma Tax Commission Agreement of Administration – Vice-Mayor Patterson moved to accept the agreement. Councilman Lisby seconded. Motion carried.

Executive sessions:

- (1) Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(4) to discuss annexation including [service plan](#) and notice of public hearings.
- (2) Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (C)(10) to discuss economic development, transfer of property, financing and/or proposal to entice a business to locate within Harrah.
- (3) Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(1) to discuss the continued employment of Earl Burson as City Manager.

Councilman Lisby made the motion to go into executive session. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

Any action necessary following executive sessions (1), (2) and/or (3) –

- (1) Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to adopt the service plan and schedule a public hearing for September 27, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(2) No action was taken on this item.

(3) No action was taken on this item.

City Manager report:

- The Police Department advised that they now have “Leads on Line” that is a very good investigative tool used to recover stolen property, stop meth makers and reduce theft.
- Art has an Abatement Board meeting on the 18th of this month at which time 5 properties will be discussed.
- Old Town well has been repaired and flushed. Samples will be taken tomorrow before the well is put back on line.
- The Bluegrass concert at the Park last Saturday was well attended.
- Our next concert in the park is Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 7:30 pm at which time the Red Dirt Rangers will perform.
- 123 people have signed up for Mass notification system. Will have to look at getting more licenses.
- City Clerk has received about 30 entries in the Name the Newsletter contest!!
- Another Town Hall meeting was held here at City Hall last night.
- The well at the Park has run dry!!!
- Meeting with Bob Thompson and industrial prospect went well!! Financials have been received.
- Going to ask for citizen interest in e-bill in the next Newsletter. This will cut expenses if we can initiate this.
- I will be leaving on vacation on September 2nd and returning on the 10th.
- Gary Morgan has been promoted to Harrah Police Chief.
- Claims [7/19/11 – 8/17/11](#).

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Deborah Miner, City Clerk