

City of Harrah
City Council Meeting
January 20, 2011

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 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 Cass Smith & Councilman Tom Barron. Councilman Gordon Jeney was unable to attend. Mayor Fryar led in the salute to the flag. City Attorney Robert Thompson gave the invocation.

Items on the Consent agenda were as follows:

- a. Approval of the minutes from the [12/16/10](#) special meeting.
- b. Approval of [current claims](#).
- c. Acceptance of the Harrah Senior Center [December, 2010](#) report.
- d. Recognition of the 2011 REAP Grant [Non-funded notifications](#)
- e. Approval of the [Cash Fund Estimate of Needs](#)
- f. Re-appointment of Tory Jones to the Board of Adjustments.
- g. Re-appointment of Neil Gray and Charlie Effinger to the Planning Commission.

With no items removed, Councilman Smith moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review, discussion and possible action regarding:

Treasurer's Report (December 2010) & Sales/Franchise Taxes – No action was taken on this item.

Request for surplus police cruiser to the McLoud Police Department – Councilman Smith made the motion to transfer ownership of surplus Police Units #909, #908 & #892 to the City of McLoud. Councilman Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harrah Trails Phase II – Change Order #3 – Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the change order. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2010-10 - Cell Towers (with City Attorney recommendations) and adopt the Emergency Clause – Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the ordinance as written. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Smith moved to adopt the emergency clause. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

Recommendation for approval of the Preliminary and Final Plat from the Planning Commission with regard to Cottage Park Senior Housing – Carland Group – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to approve the preliminary and final plat for Cottage Park Senior Housing. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution and/or approval to submit a Land & & Water Conservation 50/50 Grant application to the Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department – Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the submittal of the grant. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session: (1) Confidential communications between the City Council and the City Attorney concerning potential litigation. [25 OS Sec. 307 (B) (4)]; (2) To discuss the continued employment of the Municipal Judge [25 OS Sec. 307(B)(1)]. Councilman Smith made the motion to go into executive session. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded. Motion carried.

Any action as a result of executive session Item 1 – No action was taken on this item.

Any action as a result of executive session Item 2 – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to appoint Ray Vincent as the next municipal judge, effective February 1st. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

City Manager report:

- The State is requiring roofing contractors to register with a municipality they plan to work in. We will have to prepare forms for them to register with us.
- Art continues to work with 20081 Palmer Road and it appears that the son of the deceased is trying to clean up the property.
- None of our applications for REAP Grants were funded.
- I have authorized Myers Engineering to proceed with the water line loop along Harrah Road and to do the environmental which will be required. Our plan is to have the line completed before the end of 2011.
- Mr. Hiatt has accepted the position as Eastern Oklahoma Economic Development Director and according to Dr. Underwood will begin January 31st.
- The City Managers Conference was very informative! One of the things that was brought out was that most cities no longer include the claims as part of the action items but as an information item only! This is due to the fact that the checks for the claims have already been sent out when you see them on the agenda. Council in some communities did not understand this process and were pulling off a claim that they have a problem with. Since they had already been paid you can understand the difficulty. In the future we will be including the claims as an "information only" item for your review as they are all within my \$25,000 expenditure limit. Please don't hesitate to ask questions but please understand the checks are already in the mail. Several towns are having Council Retreats and many of them will be held in the community not off somewhere else. The agenda item for the Retreat is "Discussion Only" no action. This gives the Council a good opportunity to meet and go over their goals for the community for the next year. This might be something we would like to consider.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Deborah Miner, City Clerk