

City of Harrah  
City Council Meeting  
March 17, 2011

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011 in the City Council Room at 19625 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Harrah, Oklahoma for a Regular Meeting. Upon roll call, those found to be present were Mayor Larry Fryar, Councilman Cass Smith & Councilman Tom Barron. Vice-Mayor Duane Patterson arrived a short time after roll call. 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 [02/17/11](#) regular meeting.
- b. Approve to [waive building permit fees](#) to fire victims who apply to rebuild on or before March 18, 2012.
- c. Approve to waive garage sale permit fees during the city wide garage sale to be held May 12-15, 2011.
- d. Approve to add a bail bond administrative fee of \$75.00 to the fee schedule.
- e. Approve [Park Subsidation #2](#)
- f. Approval to purchase a [2011 Chevy Tahoe, 4WD](#) at an estimated cost of \$37,405.58.
- g. Relay for Life [proclamation](#) declaring April 10-16, 2011 as "Paint the City Purple" week.
- h. [Resolution/Proclamation](#) recognizing National Communicators Week, April 10-16, 2011.

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

**Review, discussion and possible action regarding:**

**Treasurer's Report (February 2011) & Sales/Franchise Taxes** – Councilman Barron made the motion to accept the treasurers report as presented. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

**Re-address the issuance of a Temporary permit for a free standing mobile home in an urban area (Sec. 12-465)** – Councilman Barron made the motion to approve the amendment to the ordinance (*which will be presented for official approval at the next meeting*) to increase the temporary permit to 365 days with an additional condition that the mayor must have declared the disaster an emergency. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded. Councilman Smith abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

**Harrah Trails Phase II – Amended Change Order #2** – Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the amendment to the change order. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2011-01 – On a recommendation of the Planning Commission, rezone the property located at 18235 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> from C-2 to C-3 and adopt the emergency clause** – Councilman Barron made the motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried. Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to adopt the emergency clause. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

**Additional floating holiday for all employees in appreciation of their efforts during the wild fires** – Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the additional holiday with the stipulation that it be taken during the current fiscal year. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded. Motion carried.

**Executive Session: Confidential communications between the City Council and the City Attorney concerning potential litigation. [25 OS Sec. 307 (B) (4)]** – Councilman Smith made the motion to go into executive session. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.

**Any action necessary following executive session** – No action was taken on this item.

**City Manager report:**

- At the request of Congressman James Lankford, the City of Harrah will host a "Town Hall Meeting" on Tuesday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m. at Harrah City Hall.
- Had Trails Walk-thru with Scott Fairbarin on Monday.

- Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works did an amazing job in handling the wildfires of Friday. They should be commended!!!!
- Art and I assisted the evacuation efforts by going door to door requesting that they should leave their residence.
- Met with Terry Carty regarding changing the name of the development from Cottage Park to Red Cedar Village.
- The Mayor and I will attend the official launch of Commissioner Maughan's Cord Program, a new initiative of the SHINE Program. The Commissioner will explain his innovative approach to clean up Oklahoma County and empower both individuals and organizations to assist with this endeavor.
- Have ordered plaque to present to Dan Murdock recognizing his 30 years as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Harrah.
- Attended City Managers Luncheon.
- Attended Eastern Oklahoma County Tourism meeting.
- All vehicles left on Maxine Richardson's property are properly tagged and operational and all other gone!!! They are in the process of cleaning up the rest of the property.
- Oklahoma County is picking up fire debris if resident contacts the Commissioner at 405-713-1502 giving their address and what type of items they have placed at curbside. Harrah Disposal is only allowing residents in the fire area to have numerous bags set by their container.
- Met with several of the news media about the fire.
- Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!!

The mayor, vice-mayor and councilmember all expressed their appreciation & gratitude for the work the fire, police and public works departments did when fighting the recent fires.

City Attorney Thompson reported that a judgment has been received on the Jorski property and if it isn't paid in a timely manner the property will be sold at the sheriff's sale. If the property is not purchased at the sheriff's sale and the judgment paid to the city, the property will then become the property of the city.

Acting Police Chief Gary Morgan presented Corporal James Withrow a Meritorious Service Award due to his exceptional actions in an incident involving an out of control vehicle that traveled several miles through the city prior to Withrow's intervention. Morgan indicated that Withrow's actions probably prevented the loss of life and property and he felt recognition was in order.

Acting Police Chief Morgan explained that the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics has placed a "Drug Drop Box" at the police department so that anyone can safely and securely dispose of unused prescription drugs. He reported that the box has been emptied twice since it was original placed.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Larry Fryar, Mayor

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Deborah Miner, City Clerk