

City of Harrah  
City Council Meeting  
May 19, 2011

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 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, Vice-Mayor Duane Patterson, Councilman Bill Lisby, Councilman Cass Smith & Councilman Tom Barron. 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 [04/21/11](#) regular meeting and [05/12/11](#) Special Meeting.
- b. Harrah Senior Center [March 2011](#) & [April 2011](#) activity reports.
- c. Blue Cross/Blue Shield [Health Insurance rates](#) for FY 2011-12
- d. [OMAG Worker's Compensation Renewal](#) for FY 2011-12
- e. [Animal Control 2011-12 contract](#) between Midwest City and the City of Harrah.
- f. Oklahoma County [Jail Services Agreement](#) for FY 2011-12
- g. Harrah Senior Center [Agreement](#) for FY 2011-12

City Attorney Thompson requested that Item G. be removed from the consent agenda. With Item G. removed from the consent agenda, Councilman Smith moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Vice-Mayor Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Attorney Thompson suggested several changes were necessary to the Harrah Senior Center Agreement. Councilman Smith moved to approve the agreement with the changes. Councilman Lisby seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report: [April 2011](#) & [Sales/Franchise Taxes](#)** – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Councilman Smith 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** – No action was taken on this item.

**Ordinance 2011-04, amending the Harrah Code Of Ordinances by adding a new Chapter 9, Schedule Of Fees, Rates And Fines to establish the method for adopting Fees, Rates And Fines Applicable to the various sections of the Harrah Code Of Ordinances and adopting the emergency clause** – Councilman Smith made the motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried. Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to adopt the emergency clause. Councilman Smith seconded. Motion carried.

**Donate surplus police cruiser to the McCloud Police Department** – Councilman Barron made the motion to donate the police cruiser to the City of McCloud. Councilman Lisby seconded. Motion carried.

**Eastern Oklahoma County Economic Development Partnership FY 2012 documents:**

- a. [EOC Communities Partnership Agreement – FY 12](#) – Councilman Smith made the motion to accept the agreement. Councilman Barron seconded. Motion carried.
- b. [Employee Leasing Agreement – FY 12](#) – Information only. No action was necessary on this item.
- c. [EOC Communities Partnership Leasing Agreement – FY 12](#) - Information only. No action was necessary on this item.

**Harrah Trails Phase II – Rudy Construction Pay Request #2** - Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to approve pay request #2. Councilman Lisby seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval and final acceptance of the Harrah Trails Phase II Project** – Vice-Mayor Patterson made the motion to accept the Harrah Trails Phase II Project. Councilman Lisby seconded. Motion carried.

**Proposed Annexations** – No action was taken on this item.

**Cancel the Thursday, June 16, 2011 regular meeting and call a special meeting for Tuesday, June 14, 2011** – Councilman Lisby made the motion to cancel the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and call a special meeting for June 14<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Tom Barron seconded. Motion carried.

Park & Recreation Board – responsibilities per city code – No action was taken on this item.

Executive Session: Confidential communication between City Council and City Attorney concerning a pending legal action. [25 OS Sec. 307 (B) (4)] – No action was taken on this item.

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

City Manager report:

- Staff and I have been working on the Budget and have a pretty tight Budget based on this year's revenue. However, if you would like to have a Budget Workshop this month please give me a date you would be available.
- Mass Communication system is working well. So far, 46 have signed up.
- Harrah Live 2011 first performance, Buffalofitz, was last Saturday. They said they had a great time and enjoyed our Amp. The next performance is June 11th at which time Edgar Cruz will perform. We have been awarded a Grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council for this performance.
- Trade Days in the Park went well! Number of participants has doubled and hopefully will continue to do so.
- Reminder about the Eastern Oklahoma Tourism bus tour that will be held Thursday, June 2nd from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided in the Park, cooked by the Mayor!
- Have met with Sensus on the auto-read meter system and with the Neptune meter representative. It is truly amazing what information the individual meters are capable of providing. Joe Morgan and Sue Robison will travel to Nichols Hills to learn about their auto-read system this week. Most of the sporadic high water bill problems have turned out to be leaks in their houses. It is meter reading time so we will see what develops this month.
- Just a reminder, I will be taking some vacation the first full week of June.
- We will be doing some sodding of a ditch adjacent to the new Trails and installing the tin horn under the drive on Center Street. Benita Peeler is going to put down the mulch.
- Sherry Wesberry will be coming to City Hall on Wednesday to get updated information from the employees on their health insurance.
- This Friday there will be an Eastern Oklahoma Economic Development Partnership meeting at the OG&E facility in Oklahoma City. Myself and Benita Peeler will be attending. We have room for another participant if someone would like to go.
- Claims for the period of 4/21/11 – 5/17/11.

City Attorney Thompson stated that the City will become the owner of the Jorski property do to no other bids being received through the sheriff's sale. Citizens Bill Knox, Rod White and Bill Freeman commented on the water rate increases. Vice-Mayor Patterson inquired into the possibility of the City having a table at Harrah Daze to promote the sign-up of the Mass Notification System. He also noted that a joint venture (referencing mass notification) with Harrah Public Schools might improve communications with the citizens as well.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Larry Fryar, Mayor

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Deborah Miner, City Clerk