

City of Harrah  
City Council Meeting  
May 16, 2013

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2013 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 Tom Barron, Councilmembers Duane Patterson and Kim Bishop. Councilmember Cass Smith and City Attorney Robert Thompson were absent. The flag salute was lead by City Manager Earl Burson. City Manager Earl Burson gave the invocation.

**Items on the Consent agenda were as follows:**

- a. Minutes from the [4-18-13](#) regular meeting.
- b. Harrah Senior Center [April 2013](#) Activity Report
- c. Blue Cross Blue Shield [renewal](#)
- d. [Delta Dental renewal](#)
- e. OMAG-Worker's Comp [renewal](#)
- f. Animal Control [Agreement](#) between the City of Harrah and the City of Midwest City.
- g. Declare items as surplus. ([City Hall](#))
- h. [Lease Agreement](#) between Harrah Industrial & Economic Development Trust and the City of Harrah, as Trustee and the Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County.

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve the consent agenda. Vice-Mayor Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

- a. [Treasurers Report](#) for April 2013 & [Sales, Use, Franchise, etc. Tax Collections](#)

Patty Coleman, City Treasure reported on current checking account balances, the Use tax increase for the first quarter, and the progress of closing out the sinking fund account and moving the money to the general fund.

- b. Introduction of Harrah Public School Superintendent. (Mr. Paul Blessington).

Past School Board President Brenda Lusher introduced Mr. Paul Blessington the new Harrah Public School Superintendent to the Mayor and Council.

- c. Mayor's appointment to Planning Commission, vacated by Kim Bishop. – Tabled
- d. Mayor's appointment to Park Board, vacated by Kim Bishop. – Tabled
- e. [Appointment of Representative](#) for the City of Harrah as a Delegate & Alternate for the Association of Central Oklahoma Government Board.

Councilmember Patterson moved to appoint Vice-Mayor Barron as representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board and Councilmember Bishop as alternate. Motion carried.

- f. Approve [bid](#) with Trent Construction for ODOT waterline relocation J/P 25442(04)

Councilmember Bishop moved to award bid for the ODOT waterline relocation project (j/p25442-04) to Trent Construction. Vice-Mayor Barron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- g. Public Hearing on the City of Harrah FY 2013-2014 budget.

Mayor Fryar opened the Public Hearing on the FY 2013-2014 budget at 7:12 p.m.

Chief of Police Gary Morgan, Code Enforcement Officer Chris Bain, Joe Morgan, Public Works Director, and Fire Chief Mural Coleman each reported to the council the accomplishments from their departments over the past year and the goals for the coming year.

The councilmembers asked questions and voiced their appreciation for the work they do for the City of Harrah.

Mayor Fryar closed the Public Hearing on the FY 2013-2014 budget at 7:29 p.m.

h. Items and projects for discussion on the 2013-2014 budget.

City Manager Earl Burson reported to the council a list of capital projects for the upcoming FY 2013-2014 budget and asked them to prioritize them for the upcoming special workshop to discuss the new budget.

Gary Jewel and Karen Thompson from the Senior Center addressed the Council regarding a new awning they put in the budget that would allow for the van to pull up and let the seniors out in inclement weather.

Mayor Fryar set a special meeting date for Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 7:00 at Harrah City Hall to discuss the 2013-2014 budget.

- i. **Executive session**: Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(3) to discuss the purchase real property.- Tabled
- j. **Executive session**: Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(10) to discuss Economic Development.- Tabled

Any action necessary following the executive session.

**Comments:**

**City Manager**

- Bill Myers, with Myers Engineering, came yesterday to look at drainage issues on Oak and Straight Street and any potential flood plain matters on planned pavilion/bathroom at the Park.
- Our next Harrah Live Concert is the Red Dirt Rangers performance on June 8<sup>th</sup>!! We have been awarded a grant on this performance from the Oklahoma Arts Council.
- The Mother's Day service at Heritage Park was well attended and seemed to be a very enjoyable event for those in attendance.
- I will be attending an OMAG Board meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The weather is getting very warm and the citizens are very anxious for the Splash Pad to open!!! Bookings of the Park for Birthdays, etc. has been amazing!!! There aren't many days available!
- Next Movie in the Park is June 7<sup>th</sup> and the first Neighborhood Arts program put on by the Metropolitan Library System starts at City Hall on June 7<sup>th</sup>! Going to be a busy summer!!!
- Choctaw Harrah Life will have an article about our Splash Pad in their June issue. Always looking for articles of interest!

- Looks like Spring/Summer has finally arrived!! Take some time to get out and enjoy this beautiful weather.
- [Claims 4/17/13 – 5/14/13](#)

**City Council members**

Barron – Welcomed Paul Blessington to Harrah.

Patterson – Welcomed Paul Blessington to Harrah.

Bishop – None.

**Mayor** – Welcomed Paul Blessington to Harrah. Mayor Fryar added that Harrah is growing and changing and is looking forward to Mr. Blessington being a part of the Harrah community.

**City Attorney – Absent.**

**Staff** – [Fire Dept Report](#), [Police Dept 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] - None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

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Larry Fryar, Mayor

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Cindy Pollard, City Clerk