

City of Harrah
City Council Regular Meeting
October 17, 2013

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2013 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 Tom Barron, Councilmembers Duane Patterson, Cass Smith, and Kim Bishop. City Councilor Cass Smith and City Attorney Robert Thompson were absent. The flag salute was lead by Councilor Smith. City Attorney Robert Thompson gave the invocation.

1. Items on the Consent agenda were as follows:

- a. Minutes from the [9.26.13](#) regular meeting.
- b. Harrah Senior Center [September 2013](#) Activity Report.
- c. Workers' Compensation Plan [Refund Voucher Agreement](#) with OMAG.
- d. [Street/Alley](#) Estimate of Needs 2013.
- e. City council [meeting dates](#) 2014
- f. [Holidays](#) for 2014

Councilmember Smith moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Bishop second the motion. Motion carried.

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

Review, consideration and possible action regarding:

3. Discussion and possible action regarding items removed from the consent agenda.

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

Patty Coleman, City Treasure reported on the monthly sales tax and franchise collections.
- b. Discussion [guidelines](#) for health insurance for city retirees.

Mr. Burson discussed the possibility of allowing retirees to continue on the group health insurance plan with stipulations set out by city officials and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Council asked that the age of 55 be stricken from the guidelines and agreed with the other stipulations presented.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to allow city retirees to stay on the group health insurance plan meeting the guidelines set forth. Second by Vice-Mayor Barron. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion to approve [Contract](#) with Cox for phone service.

Mr. Burson presented the contract with Cox for phone and internet service throughout the City of Harrah. The new system will save the city roughly \$1500.00 a month for the new service. The contract will be reviewed on a yearly basis due to state law.

Motion by Councilor Bishop to approve contract with Cox for a bundle package (phone, internet, and cable). Second by Councilor Smith. Motion carried.
- d. Approve [Change Order #1](#) for Harrah Rd. Waterline Project.

Motion by Councilor Smith to approve Change Order #1 for the Harrah Rd. Waterline Project. Second by Vice-Mayor Barron. Motion carried.
- e. Approve authorization of [pay request #1](#) from ODOT to Trent Construction

No action the item was on previous agenda and approved.
- f. Approve [Amendment](#) with Myers Engineering for additional services on Harrah Rd. project

Motion by Councilor Patterson to approve Amendment with Myers Engineering for additional services

on Harrah Rd. Project. Second by Vice-Mayor Barron. Motion carried.

- g. Discussion on extra day for Christmas.

Council discussed the extra day and decided employees should use leave time if they need the extra day.

Motion by Councilor Smith to deny the extra day at Christmas. Second by Councilor Patterson. Motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

- h. Discussion on Christmas bonuses

Councilor Patterson recommends that with the sales tax increase over the last few months the bonuses should increase also. Full-time Employees \$200.00, Part-time Employees \$100.00, and Volunteers \$50.00.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to approve Christmas Bonuses with increase as recommended. Second by Councilor Smith. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Councilor Smith to enter into executive session. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried and the council entered into executive session at 8:06 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to have the city contact St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church on the sale of any real property in the future that would be beneficial to the church. Second by Councilor Smith. Motion carried.

- j. **Executive session:** Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(10) to discuss Economic Development. None.
k. Any action necessary following the executive session. None.

4. Any action necessary following the executive session.: None

5. Comments:

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
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- **My OMAG Conference was very helpful as the Board prepares to hire a new CEO for the organization and the couple days of vacation after were relaxing and very enjoyable.**
- **The generator for the Senior Center lift station has been ordered!!**
- **We are having a great response from the Pastors of our community churches to our invitation to a Prayer Commitment Luncheon at City Hall on October 24th.**
- **Market in the Park was a great success and all the vendors are looking forward to coming back next year! Thanks Patty for all your efforts to make this a great event!!! Be sure to go to "Market in the Park" on Facebook for a picture tour!**
- **The residents on Straight Street have been invited to come to a meeting on October 21st at 7:00 pm regarding the possibility of getting their homes removed from the Flood Zone. Myers Engineering will be present.**
- **The class on the Constitution held here at City Hall on Tuesday evening during the month of October is going good. The average attendance is 14.**
- **Had a meeting with ACOG on how we could assist with their new 911 system.**
- **Just a reminder that Saturday, October 19th is Sweetest Day!!! Be sure to remember that special lady in your life!!!!**
- **[Claims List](#)**

- a. City Council members
Vice-Mayor- None
Councilor Patterson-Mr. Patterson encouraged everyone to attend the School Board Meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month. He said the new Superintendent has been forthright on the school funds and a bond committee is being established from all groups in the community. A bond will eventually be voted on but will completely new with more validity.
Councilor Smith-Mr. Smith said he has been approached by a group of citizens looking for more practice fields for baseball, soccer, and football. He has spoke with a property owner about leasing some land or the possibility of private funding for an indoor facility in the future.
Councilor Bishop-Ms. Bishop thanked the Harrah Chamber for a wonderful dinner for those helping with Harrah Days.
- b. Mayor-Thanked Patty Coleman and the Park Board for a successful Market in the Park.
- c. City Attorney-Mr. Thompson said a lawsuit filed against one of the Harrah Police Officers was resolved and dismissed.
- e. Staff – [Fire Dept Report](#), [Police Dept Report](#)

6. Citizen's Participation

7. Adjournment

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Cindy Pollard, City Clerk