

City of Harrah
City Council Meeting
April 18, 2013

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 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 Cass Smith, Councilmember Tom Barron, Duane Patterson and Kim Bishop. City Attorney Robert Thompson was present. The flag salute was lead by Bishop. City Manager Earl Burson gave the invocation.

Items on the Consent agenda were as follows:

- a. Minutes from the 3-21-13 regular meeting
- b. Dillon & Associates, P.C. Letter of Engagement for the FY 2012-13 Audit.
- c. Harrah Senior Center March 2013 Activity Report
- d. Accept resignation of Kim Bishop from Park Board and Planning Commission
- e. Resolution appointing Chris Bain as Flood Plain administrator for the City of Harrah
- f. Declare items surplus from Police Dept
- g. Authorized surplus uniforms to be donated to Forest Park Police Dept

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

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

Review, consideration and possible action regarding:

Treasurers Report for March 2013 & Sales, Use, Franchise, etc. Tax Collections-No action

Election of Vice-Mayor – Motion made by Councilmember Patterson, seconded by Councilmember Smith to nominate Councilmember Tom Barron as Vice-Mayor. Barron abstained but motion carried.

Proclamation – American Cancer Society's Relay For Life Of Harrah – read by Councilmember Smith

Mayor's appointment to Planning Commission, vacated by Kim Bishop – Tabled

Mayor's appointment to Park Board, vacated by Kim Bishop – Tabled

Appointment of a Representative for the City of Harrah as Delegate and Alternate to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board – Motion made by Councilmember Patterson, seconded by Councilmember Smith to appoint City Manager Earl Burson as the Delegate, Vice-Mayor Tom Barron as Alternate and City Clerk as 2nd Alternate. Motion carried.

Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) Board Election Ballot – Motion made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Vice-Mayor Barron to appoint Mike Bailey and John Shephard to the OMAG Board Motion carried.

Authorized all necessary action to transfer surplus sinking fund balance to general fund – Motion made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Bishop to approve to submit an application and accommodate movement of those funds. Motion carried.

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

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 – No executive session

Comments:

City Manager

- ☐ The presentation by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce of a Site Ready Certificate was on the 16th. We appreciate the presentation as well as the efforts of Tim Hight and the Eastern Oklahoma County Partnership to fill out the application for this certification. We are one of 37 certified Industrial Parks in the State.

- ☐ The Harrah Lions Club wrote a special letter thanking Joe Morgan for his support in placing a commemorative monument at Harrah Lions Park recognizing the donors for the disc golf course. Expressed their joy to work with a community that has such dedicated and knowledgeable people supporting our great community.
- ☐ Our Splash Pad has been honored by being placed in the Land and Water Conservation Fund 2012 Annual Report publication that also displays LWCF projects across the country.
- ☐ Have received a grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council for the Red Dirt Ranger performance on June 8th!!
- ☐ Still trying to recruit new sound technicians to replace one that had done the sound at Harrah's Amphitheatre. One has been hired, but still need others. His name is Jason Edwards. We will also be training a member of the Public Works Department.
- ☐ The Straight Street well descaling and new perforations will be done hopefully at the end of the week.
- ☐ Wood stage at Heritage Park has been removed.
- ☐ Ceiling tile is being replaced at the Senior Center. Old tile taken down will be put in the expanded fire station.
- ☐ Public Works has gotten a new 72" 0-turn mower.
- ☐ All new water meters have been installed, even the inactive accounts, and the first bill has been done!
- ☐ New pavilion plans are being reviewed by Myers Engineering due to that area being in the flood plain. Project must be submitted to FEMA.
- ☐ Have hired a new person in the Public Works Department! His name is Shawn O'Neill who will be doing the job of Animal Control in addition to Public Works duties. He started on the 16th!!
- ☐ A new City Clerk has been hired and will be starting May 1st. Her name is Cindy Pollard
- ☐ The Police Department has two (2) additional Police cars.
- ☐ Mock Crash put on at the High School by the Police Department and Highway Patrol was a success.
- ☐ Joe is removing the old restrooms at Lions Park and will be constructing new restrooms.
- ☐ Park Board voted to sponsor a City-wide Mothers Day service on May 12th at Harrah's Heritage Park.
- ☐ Harrah High School will be having a Spring Concert on May 7th at the Amphitheatre.
- ☐ Brush Pile at Senior Center has been burned.
- ☐ Attended ITT meeting at ACOG.
- ☐ Remember Relay for Life will be April 26th!!
- ☐ The City-wide Garage Sale is May 2nd thru 5th!!!
- ☐ Reminder!!!! April 19th at 10:00 am is the Grand Opening of McDonald's. Hope you will be able to attend!
- ☐ **Claims 3/19/13 – 4/16/13**

City Council members

Barron – Welcomed Kim as new councilmember.

Patterson – Welcomed Kim and has been asked what it would take to tie the entire city IT with fiber cable.

Smith – Thanked the Park Board for all they do. Thanked City staff for library program.

Bishop – Honored to be a part of the council and thanked the council for their support.

Mayor – Blessed to have the Park and Park Board. Mayor Fryar asked everyone to visit the Historical Society. Mayor Fryar said it was very impressive and they would be hosting an open house for their 5th Anniversary on the 28th of April. The mayor welcomed Kim to the council and mentioned things were happening in the Industrial Park.

City Attorney - None.

Staff – Fire Dept Report, Police Dept Report

Karen Heffley on behalf of the Chamber reported they hired an executive director to start in May working two days a week redecorating the Chamber.

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

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Patty Coleman, Treasurer