

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 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, and Kim Bishop. City Councilor Cass Smith and City Attorney Robert Thompson were absent. The flag salute was lead by Councilor Kim Bishop. City Manager Earl Burson gave the invocation.

1. Items on the Consent agenda were as follows:

- a. Minutes from the [8.15.13](#) regular meeting.
- b. Harrah Senior Center [August 2013](#) Activity Report.

Councilmember Bishop moved to approve the consent agenda. Vice-Mayor seconded 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 [August 2013](#) & [Sales, Use, Franchise, etc. Tax Collections](#)
- b. Discussion/action on three-way stop sign at Dobbs and Elm.

Police Chief Gary Morgan asked the council to consider putting a three-way stop sign at Dobbs and Elm. The chief suggests this would alleviate congestion for the high school and junior high school during after school hours. The Chief explained they have been doing a study and this is the best solution to the problem. Councilor Patterson said the congestion has been there 18 plus years and asked if this year was worse than past years. Councilor Patterson suggested temporary stop signs until a complete study could be done. Chief Morgan explained he wasn't in favor of temporary signs, saying it confuses the public when they are removed. Councilor Patterson expressed his concerns by stating eventually the school will propose another issue and these concerns would possibly be addressed as part of that bond. Councilor Patterson made it clear he wasn't approving or disapproving of a future bond, but it does have him concerned. Motion by Councilor Patterson to approve the three-way stop sign at Dobbs and Elm. Second by Vice-Mayor Barron. Motion carried.

- c. Discussion/action to approve [Special Use Permit](#) for Kevin and Cindy Taylor at 18200 NE 10th at the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Barron to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to allow a Special Use Permit at 18200 NE 10th. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.

- d. Discussion on door to door sales.

No action on this item and will be removed from future agendas.

- e. Discussion/action on health insurance for retirees.

This item was tabled for further review. The council asked staff to present guidelines to allow retirees on the health insurance plan.

- f. Discussion/action on declaring items for police department [surplus](#) and advertise for bid.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to approve the items from the police department as surplus and advertise for bids. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.

- g. Discussion/action on designating a date for Halloween night.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to approve October 31, 2013 as trick or treat night in Harrah. Second by Vice-Mayor Barron. Motion carried.

- h. Discussion/action to appoint Cindy Pollard to IITC.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to appoint Cindy Pollard as alternate to IITC. Second by Vice-Mayor Barron. Motion carried.

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

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

5. Comments:

- a. [City Manager](#)

- This weekend, September 28th, is the Pigs in the Park BBQ Cook-off and the Bluegrass Festival. Should be a super weekend with music and the Park fragrant with the aroma of BBQ cooking from 11 different pits. However. . . .80% chance of rain is forecasted for Saturday. Hope and pray that it holds off until evening!!
 - Our Open House for residents to come and learn more about their new meters will be on September 26th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for residents to see how the new meters can help answer questions on their water usage!
 - The Senior Center had their dinner and Auction this past Saturday and they made \$12,000 from the event. The most they have ever made!
 - The Police Chief and I met with Paul Blessington on various matters.
 - Glad Joe Morgan is back to work after his recent knee surgery!!
 - The UTS management will be here on Thursday to discuss subjects regarding the new meters.
 - A letter is going out to all Pastors/Churches in Harrah inviting them to a Prayer Commitment Luncheon on October 24, 2013 that will be attended by Rickey Hayes of Retail Attractions. In this economy where economic development prospects are highly sought by all communities and considering our sincere desire to have Harrah grow and prosper as much as the amazing housing starts we are experiencing, Rickey felt this luncheon was an extremely great idea. He will be providing lunch!
 - The Market in the Park will be at Heritage Park on October 5th. The list of vendors is amazing and Patty has put her heart and soul into this event. Next year the Pigs in the Park will become a part of this event.
 - The cricket invasion is almost over!!! The bug man (Terminex) said they are worse this year than they have in recent years.
 - We have been given the Notice to Proceed on the generator for the lift station at the Senior Center which was awarded from the REAP Grant.
 - There will be special classes offered on knowing our United States Constitution and increasing your knowledge about how government works. This will be on every Tuesday in October at City Hall from 7:00 am to 8:30 pm. This is free and open to all ages!!!
 - I will be gone to OMAG meeting in San Antonio for 3 days starting October 6th and taken 2 days vacation the rest of that week.
- b. City Council members
Vice-Mayor Barron-None
Councilmember Smith-None.
Councilmember Patterson-None.
Councilmember Bishop-None.
- c. Mayor-None.
- d. City Attorney
- e. Staff – [Fire Dept Report](#), [Police Dept Report](#)

6. Citizen's Participation

7. Adjournment

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Cindy Pollard, City Clerk