

City of Harrah
City Council Regular Meeting
December 19, 2013

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 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 Fryar, Vice-Mayor Tom Barron, Council Members, Deke Patterson, and Kim Bishop, City Attorney Robert Thompson. Absent: Councilor Smith. The flag salute was lead by Troop 65. City Manager Earl Burson gave the invocation.

1. Roll Call, Flag Salute & Invocation.
2. Approval of Consent agenda:
 - a. Minutes from the [11.21.13](#) regular meeting and Public Hearing minutes [11.21.13](#).
 - b. Harrah Senior Center [November 2013](#) Activity Report.
 - c. Approve [Resolution](#) to adopt Hazardous Mitigation Plan.
 - d. Approval to submit grant for the Land and Water Conservation.
 - e. Treasurers Report for [November 2013](#) & [Sales, Use, Franchise, etc. Tax Collections](#)

Motion by Vice-Mayor Barron to approve the consent agenda. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding items removed from the consent agenda. None.
4. Review, consideration and possible action regarding:
 - a. Presentation by Friends of the Park.

Karen Heffley, Friends of the Park presented plaques to the winners of the outside Holiday Decorations for commercial/business and residential homes.

- b. Discussion on fees for health insurance and increase in premiums.

Mr. Burson updated the council on some changes to fees for health insurance premiums for the next year due to Obama Care. The city will pick up the \$5.25 for the employee. The employee will pick up the cost for each of their dependents.

- c. Discussion/action on creating a Grant involving the City of Harrah.

Councilor Deke Patterson asked the council to consider a yearly 50/50 technology grant involving the City of Harrah and the Harrah Public Schools. Councilor Patterson added that finding a creative way for the community to be involved in making donations to the grant would help alleviate funds coming directly out of city and school budgets that have already been approved.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to authorize city staff to fund a \$7000 Tech Grant contingent on getting the matching funds from other sources. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.

- d. Approve [Invoice #10](#) Myers Engineering Harrah Rd. Project.

Motion by Councilor Bishop to approve Invoice #10 from Myers Engineering for the Harrah Rd. Project. Second by Vice-Mayor Barron. Motion carried.

- e. Approve [Resolution](#) on the Construction of the East Oklahoma County Corridor Highway.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to approve Resolution on the Construction of the East Oklahoma Corridor Highway. Second by Vice-Mayor Barron. Motion carried.

- f.** Approve change to fee schedule to reflect separate fees for Lighting Tech. and Sound Tech.

City Sponsored events the fee for sound will be \$40.00 per hour and \$15.00 per hour for lighting. Weddings and Private events for sound will be \$55.00 per hour and \$15.00 per hour for lighting.

Motion by Councilor Bishop to amend the Lighting and Sound fees at Heritage Park. Second by Councilor Patterson. Motion carried.

- g. Executive session:** Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(3) to discuss the purchase real property. None.
- h. Executive session:** Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(10) to discuss Economic Development. None.
- i.** Any action necessary following the executive session.

5. Comments:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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- The letters are being sent out this week to our residents regarding the Lockbox payment system that will be beginning January 1, 2014
- The new water metering system is going very well making billing go very smoothly!!
- Jeremy is at City Hall finishing the training on the new Google apps and website. Remember you now have Google e-mail addresses. Check in with jeremy.davidson@cityofharrah.com to see what your new address is if you aren't sure or to schedule one on one training with him on the new site!!
- Reminder. . .Please be sure to RSVP for the Annual Employees Christmas Breakfast on December 23rd at 9:00 am at Harrah Steakhouse!!
- In November 19 permits were issued. Meeting with a party regarding platting of a small subdivision and 16 units in the Fall Creek Village will be ready this month!
- The LWCF Grant application for playground equipment at Heritage Park will be submitted shortly to Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation.
- The work will begin soon on the new bathrooms at Lions Park.
- Acquiring updated bids for the new awning at the Senior Citizen Center.
- The new telephones have been installed and training will begin on the 19th!!
- Electric work is almost completed for the new generator for the lift station at the Senior Center.
- PD took Ajo to the Vet and his report is as follows: Ajo's ability to serve as an attack dog is being severely

compromised as time goes by. His future soundness and longevity of his ability to function humanely needs to be considered at this time.

- Get out and enjoy this beautiful weather before the ugly cold, wet and maybe snowy and icy weather returns this weekend!!!! We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a New Year full of the blessings of health and prosperity!!!

- [Claims Report](#)

- a. City Council members

Councilor Patterson-Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Councilor Bishop-Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

- b. Mayor-Good things in Harrah and sales tax still up for the year.

- c. City Attorney

d. Staff – [Fire Dept Report](#), [Police Dept Report](#)

- 6. 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]

- 7. Citizen's Participation

- 8. Adjournment

Larry Fryar, Mayor

Cindy Pollard, City Clerk

