

**CITY OF HARRAH
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 19, 2015**

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2015 in the City Council Room at 19625 NE 23rd Street, Harrah, Oklahoma for a Regular Meeting.

Roll Call, Flag Salute & Invocation.

Councilman Tom Barron led the flag salute and Tim Remy led the invocation.

At roll call the following members were present: Mayor Larry Fryar, Vice-Mayor Kim Bishop, Councilor Tom Barron, Councilor Duane Patterson, and Councilor Sammy Martin. Absent: None.

Approval of Consent agenda:

- a. Minutes from the [2015.02.19](#) regular meeting.
- b. Harrah Senior [Monthly Report](#) February 2015.
- c. Treasurer's [Report](#) for February & Sales Tax, Use Tax, [Franchise Taxes](#).
- d. Proposed Amendment, Restatement and Continuation Trust Indenture for OkMRF [Resolution No. 2015.03 CC & HPWA](#).
- e. Re-new Concession [Contract](#) with Terry Sanchez for 2015-16

Councilor Tom Barron asked that item E be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to accept and approve the consent agenda with the exception of item E. Second by Councilor Barron. Motion carried.

Aye: Patterson, Barron, Bishop, Martin, and Fryar.

Nay: None.

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

Councilor Barron asked for clarification on item E about some language in the concession contract with Terry Sanchez.

Motion by Councilor Barron to accept and approve item E of the consent agenda. Second by Councilor Martin. Motion carried.

Aye: Barron, Martin, Bishop, Patterson, and Fryar.

Nay: None.

Review, consideration and possible action regarding:

- a. Discussion on chickens in city limits.

The council recommended staff to proceed with stipulations (limit to 6, no roosters, if there is a home owners association must follow, no free range, lot size, allow 50 ft. etc.) to allow chickens in residential neighborhoods and allowing city attorney Bob Thompson to draft an ordinance for the council to review for consideration of approval at a later meeting.

b. Approve [Ordinance No. 2015.03](#) Annexing property at S. Harrah Rd.

Motion by Councilor Martin to approve Ordinance No. 2015.03 annexing property on Harrah Rd. Second by Councilor Barron. Motion carried.

Aye: Martin, Barron, Bishop, Patterson, and Fryar.

Nay: None.

c. Approve emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2015.03.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to approve the emergency clause for Ordinance No. 2015.03. Second by Councilor Barron. Motion carried.

Aye: Patterson, Barron, Bishop, Martin, and Fryar.

Nay: None.

d. Approve contract with Myer's Engineering for 2015 Water Well Construction Project.

Mayor Fryar tabled 4D for further information from Myer's Engineering.

e. Discuss final plat for Phase III of Fall Creek Development.

Tim Remy, Developer for Fall Creek Phase III answered questions regarding the next phase of the development.

f. Amending Ordinance 12-475 to add option at discretion of City to require installation of storm warning sirens or cash donation for siren alternate location, in lieu of dedication of park land.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to approve the new language for section 12-475 by adding an option at the discretion of the city to require installation of storm warning sirens or cash donation for siren alternate location, in lieu of dedication of park land. Second by Vice-Mayor Bishop. Motion carried.

Aye: Patterson, Bishop, Barron, Martin, and Fryar.

Nay: None.

Motion by Councilor Patterson to approve emergency clause for new language in section 12-475. Second by Councilor Barron. Motion carried.

Aye: Patterson, Barron, Bishop, Martin, and Fryar.

Nay: None.

g. Presentation by William Bredemeyer.

Mr. Bredemeyer asked the council for their blessing in proceeding with a Locks of Love Tree to be built at Heritage Park.

The council gave their blessing after discussion on the matter.

h. Approve Brandy McKay as HIEDA representative for the HIEDA Board.

The mayor tabled item 4H to get more clarification from city attorney Bob Thompson.

i. Mayor's re-appointment of Park Board Members.

Mayor Fryar re-appointed Kara Wynn, Aaron Wynn, and Karen Heffley to the Park Board.

**Motion by Councilor Martin to approve the mayor's re-appointments to the Park Board.
Second by Councilor Patterson. Motion carried.**

Aye: Martin, Patterson, Bishop, Barron, and Fryar

Nay: None.

j. Mayor's appointment to Planning Commission for one vacancy.

Mayor Fryar appointed Aaron Wynn to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Bishop to approve the mayor's appointment of Aaron Wynn to fill a vacancy in the Planning Commission.

Aye: Bishop, Patterson, Barron, Martin, and Fryar.

Nay: None.

k. Discussion on May council meeting.

The council addressed moving the May meeting to May 19th to allow for Harrah's High School graduation on the 21st of May.

l. Executive session: Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(3) to discuss the purchase real property. **None.**

m. Executive session: Requested under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (C)(10) a request for executive session for the purpose of conferring on the matters pertaining to economic development including the transfer of property, financing, or the creation of a proposal to entice a business to locate within the City of Harrah because public disclosure of the matter to be discussed would interfere with the development of products or services and would violate the confidentiality of the business. **None.**

Comments:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

3-19-15

- Spring begins Friday, March 20th!!
- OMAG Retreat next week March 24 – 27th. Acting City Manager in my absence is Neil Young, Fire Chief.
- Still waiting to hear when the Catholic Charities wants to hold the Emergency Preparedness Fair at Heritage Park after they decided against having it on March 21st!!
- Bark for Life will be held at Heritage Park on March 28th.
- The Harrah PTA will hold a Fishing Derby at the Heritage Park pond at April 11th. The Department of Wildlife will stock the pond for this event.

- Attended a Managers in Transition meeting at which discussion was held on what to do about the profession in the future since half of the City Managers in Oklahoma will be retiring within the next five (5) years.
- Trying to make arrangements to meet with the new Executive Director of the Metropolitan Library System about the future needs that Harrah may have regarding a library.
- The Metropolitan Library System will again hold the Neighborhood Arts program for Children on Fridays at City Hall starting in June running through the month of July. If you will remember, this program is a series of performances from the Arts Council specifically for children. The children love it!!
- Members of the Park Board and Friends of the Park should be commended for their amazing line up of activities and events they have going on at Heritage Park starting early in the year. There are few communities our size or larger in Oklahoma that have a full schedule of things for the citizens to enjoy most of the year like Harrah. Great job!!
- Reminder – there is a Public Hearing scheduled on March 26th at 7:00 pm regarding the Fire Station.
- A 50-50 grant application has been filed with the Oklahoma Arts Council for the Edgar Cruz performance, “Cruzin ‘The Beatles’ Tour, on June 13, 2015 at 8:00 pm.
- **Have a great week!!!!**
 - a. City Council members
Vice-Mayor Bishop-None.
Councilor Barron-None
Councilor Patterson- Discuss having residents that are not hooked into city utilities do so as new residents take over ownership of homes that have been grandfathered in before ordinance passed requiring them to have city utilities.
Councilor Martin-None.
 - b. Mayor-Reminder of spring and summer time to keep grass mowed and to call in on properties that are nuisances to the city.
 - c. City Attorney
 - d. Staff –[Fire Department Report](#), [Police Dept1](#)

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]

Citizen’s Participation

Adjournment

The meeting of the Harrah City Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

