

**HARRAH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2016 in the City Council Room at 19625 NE 23rd Street, Harrah, Oklahoma for a Regular Meeting.

Roll Call, Flag Salute & Invocation.

At roll call the following members were present: Mayor Larry Fryar, Vice-Mayor Duane Patterson, Councilor Kim Bishop, Councilor Tom Barron, and Councilor Sammy Martin. Absent : None. Others present: City Attorney Robert Thompson and City Manager Earl Burson. Vice-Mayor Duane Patterson led the flag salute and City Manager Earl Burson gave the invocation.

Approval of Consent agenda:

- a. Minutes from the [2016.01.21](#) regular meeting.
- b. Treasurer's Report for January & [Sales Tax](#), [Use Tax](#), etc. & [Franchise Tax](#).
- c. Harrah Senior [Monthly Report](#) January 2016.
- d. Approve [Dillion & Associates](#) as auditors for 2016-2017 fiscal year.
- e. Approve payment of \$16,815.91 to the TIF.
- f. Approve Harrah Senior Center grant application CW16004-A Community Support Grant with Oklahoma County \$15,000 contingent on approval of the county.

Motion by Vice-Mayor to accept and approve the consent agenda. 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. **None.**

Review, consideration and possible action regarding:

- a. Presentation of Meritorius Award. (Gary Morgan)

Police Chief Gary Morgan recognized Officer Stone for going above and beyond what the duty for a police officer does on a daily basis. Chief Morgan presented Officer Stone with a plaque in appreciation for his service to the police department.

- b. Approve nomination of two (2) OMAG Board of Trustees.

City Manager Earl Burson recommended to the council that Mike Bailey and John Shepherd be the nominees from the City of Harrah to remain on as OMAG Board of Trustees.

Motion by Councilor Martin to approve the recommendation by City Manager Earl Burson to have Mike Bailey and John Shepherd to serve as OMAG Board of Trustees. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.

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

Nay: None.

- c. Approve [Ordinance No. 20160218CC](#) regarding tobacco free parks.

After much discussion regarding Ordinance No. 20160218CC regarding tobacco free parks the mayor recommended the item be tabled until next meeting.

- d. Approve emergency clause for [Ordinance No. 20160218CC](#). **No action item 4C was tabled.**
- e. Discussion/action on approval to use a portion of the building fund money to add on to the fire station.

Discussion regarding the use of a portion of the building fund money to add on to the fire station for housing a ladder truck given to the City of Harrah by the OKC Fire Department and the possibility of adding over night quarters, a bathroom, and laundry room to house a full-time fire department in the future was discussed in length by the Council. The mayor recommended two motions one for the housing of the ladder truck and one for the additional add on for over night quarters.

Motion by Councilor Martin approve \$30,000 to house a ladder truck given to the City of Harrah. Second by Councilor Barron. Motion carried.

Aye: Martin, Barron, Bishop, Patterson, and Fryar.
Nay: None.

The second recommendation by the mayor was to table to gather more information and the concern of additional revenues and spending with the turnpike coming.

Motion by Councilor Martin to table the additional request for money from the building fund to add sleeping quarters for a future full-time fire department. Second by Vice-Mayor Patterson. Motion carried.

Aye: Martin, Patterson, Bishop, Barron, and Fryar.
Nay: None.

- f. Re-Appointment Park Board Member. **Tabled**
- g. **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. (2) in open session taking action as appropriate based on the discussion in executive session. **None.**
- h. Any action necessary following the executive session. **None.**

Comments:
[Claims Report](#)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

2-17-16

- **Bid opening on the water wells was changed to 2-17-16 at 2:00 pm. Myers Engineering is concerned that the bids are going to be coming in higher than**

their estimate and are looking at options that can decrease our expenses.

- The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, February 18th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center.
- The second attempt to repair the fire hydrant in Echo Valley was unsuccessful! Public Works will replace the fire hydrant this afternoon.
- Public Works continues to work on the Storm Water Permit application!!
- The School Architects met yesterday with Bo, the Department heads and I regarding the planned improvements project for the School.
- The Fire Chief is putting together a proposed plan to enlarge Fire Station #1 for Council review on the 18th.
- Our Fire Chief has declared a burn ban in the city limits of Harrah due to the high wildfire danger from the lack of rain, warm temperatures and high winds.
- Contact was made with Senator Sharp regarding our opposition to SB 1315 which required municipalities to go out for bid to acquire legal counsel, bond counsel, consultants, etc. for any major project. This kind of constraint should not be placed on cities and towns in Oklahoma. We should have the right to choose who we want and not be required to work with the lowest bidder for professional services.
- The new shopping center in Fall Creek is under construction.
- See you Thursday night and have a great week!!! Enjoy this warm weather!!!

City Council members

Vice-Mayor Patterson: Inform city staff that development on Reno should not allow apartments.

Councilor Barron: Nothing.

Councilor Bishop: Nothing.

Councilor Martin: Nothing

Mayor: It is spring time and that means lots of calls for clean-up.

City Attorney: Nothing.

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 for public comments on city related agenda items or non-agenda items. In accordance with State Law, the City Council and City Staff are not allowed to respond to any comments made. Preference will be given to Harrah Residents and **NO** formal action will be taken. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes for a total of 15 minutes. You must sign in with the City Clerk prior to the meeting to be recognized.

Adjournment

Mayor Larry Fryar

City Clerk Cindy Pollard