

**HARRAH CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2016**

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016 in the City Council Room at 19625 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Council Sammy Martin. Also present: City Manager Earl Burson and City Attorney Robert Thompson. Guest at the meeting were the Harrah Future Leaders, and members of the public.**

**Gavin Yoesting from the Harrah Future Leaders led the audience in the flag salute and City Attorney gave the invocation.**

Approval of Consent agenda:

- a. Minutes from the [2015.12.17](#) regular meeting.
- b. Harrah Senior Monthly Report December 2015.
- c. Treasurer's Report for [December](#) & [Sales Tax, Use Tax, etc. & Franchise Tax](#).
- d. Approve [Street & Alley Fund Appropriations](#) for 4th Quarter 2015.
- e. Approve the 2015.12.21 [Special Minutes](#) for the Harrah Tax Increment Finance Authority.
- f. Approve lease payment to PNC Equipment Finance for fire truck.

**Motion by Vice-Mayor Patterson to accept and approve the consent agenda. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.**

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

**Nay: None.**

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

**Public Comments:** This agenda item is for public comments on city related 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 give 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.

**A large number of residents were in attendance for the council meeting to express their concerns over the turnpike that is planned by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. Two residents spoke unfavorably for the turnpike being located one mile to the west or one mile to the east of Peebly Road. One person spoke not against but directly to the residents about embracing the change that is going to happen and the changes for the good that could happen in Harrah.**

Review, consideration and possible action regarding:

- a. Approve Resolution No. 01212016CC regarding tax exempt bonds.

**Motion by Vice-Mayor Patterson to approve Resolution No. 01212016CC regarding tax**

**exempt bonds. Second by Councilor Barron. Motion carried.**

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

**Nay: None.**

- b. Approve dates for city wide yard sale. (April 28, 29, & 30th)

**Motion by Councilor Barron to approve dates for the city wide yard sale. Second by Councilor Bishop. Motion carried.**

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

**Nay: None.**

- c. Re-Appointment of Planning Commission Members for a 3 year term.

**Mayor Fryar entertained a motion to re-appoint Bill Lisby, William Bredemeyer, and Aaron Wynn to the Planning Commission for a three-year term.**

**Motion by Councilor Bishop to approve the mayor's request to re-appoint Bill Lisby, William Bredemeyer, and Aaron Wynn to the Planning Commission. Second by Councilor Martin.**

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

**Nay: None.**

- d. **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.**
- e. Any action necessary following the executive session. **None.**

Comments:

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**1-21-16**

- Attended the City Managers Conference in Norman, Okla. last week! It was a fantastic conference with a variety of speakers on interesting subjects, such as Risk Management. The attendance of 150 was a record for this conference.
- The Oklahoma County Assessor's Office was here at City Hall on January 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to assist individuals file their 2016 Personal Property return for farm equipment and livestock. They were advised by the Assessor's Office that they would no longer be coming to city hall in January to assist individuals. They will have to go to the Assessor's Office for help or call. If they are unhappy with this decision they can call the Assessor's and voice their disapproval.
- The water well project has gone out to bids!!

- You will receive the Harrah Chamber of Commerce Welcome to Harrah book at the Council meeting. This book will be very helpful to new residents and available for economic development purposes.
- Harrah Future Leaders will be doing their mock Council meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The Park Board has prepared the proposed Harrah Live 2016 Concert Season. Confirmation of availability of those performers is in progress.
- Have been in contact with David Murdock of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority about date for possible informational meeting to be held by the Turnpike Authority. It appears that there will not be an information meeting. Remember that the website that citizens can access for an update on the Turnpike is **drivingforwardok.com**.
- We have been contacted about doing a plaque for those who impacted the City of Harrah through their years of service and dedication, ie Bill Knox. This plaque would hang in City Hall and names can be added of those long time employees who have passed on.

City Council members

Councilor Bishop-Nothing to report

Councilor Barron-Nothing to report

Councilor Martin-Expressed to the citizens that any information the city council had regarding the turnpike was given to the council the same time as residents of eastern Oklahoma County.

Vice-Mayor Patterson-Welcomed the Harrah Future Leaders and praised their interest in leadership and the character they portray as students for Harrah.

Mayor-Ditto on Sammy's comments.

City Attorney-Nothing to report.

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 7:50 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk