



Harrah Happenings



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Sales Tax Collections: Collections for last month \$249,125.42

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SALES TAX ELECTION-AUGUST 25TH

The City of Harrah is aware that local communities throughout Oklahoma and the nation have recently sought to increase sales tax in order to offset the ever increasing costs of operations and infrastructure, including roads, water and sewer lines, equipment, etc. However, the City of Harrah has taken a different approach and has no intention of increasing the sales tax in Harrah. Specifically, we have recently obtained grants for new equipment that now allows us to pave our own roads and install water and sewer lines. These are services that are typically completed by a contractor. The reduced cost of the City providing these services in-house is, in some cases, millions of dollars less than having a contractor complete the work. Again, the City of Harrah has no intention of increasing sales tax. As a result, the City of Harrah has placed an initiative on the ballot for the August 25th election to maintain the current sales tax in Harrah. The sales tax discussed on the upcoming ballot can only be used for capital improvements, including projects such as expansion/rehabilitation of the Harrah Wastewater Treatment Plant; water and sewer extensions and replacement; city buildings, public safety and administrative facilities/structures and equipment; drainage improvements; operation, maintenance and upgrading of the Senior Center; and upgrading of a transportation program especially for Senior citizens and persons with a disability. Specifically the language on the ballot in August will read:

"Shall Ordinance No. 2020-09 of the City of Harrah, State of Oklahoma, be authorized, which Ordinance amends the Code of Ordinances of the City of Harrah (i) by not increasing the rate of tax, but by eliminating the stated termination date of a one percent (1%) excise tax (sales tax) currently levied and currently scheduled to terminate June 30, 2021 and (ii) by not increasing the rate of tax, but by eliminating the stated termination date of a one percent (1%) excise tax (sales tax) currently levied and currently scheduled to terminate September 30, 2028, all as more specifically set forth in Ordinance No. 2020-09 of the City?"

A yes vote on the ballot in favor of this ordinance will NOT increase the rate of sales tax, but will maintain the current sales tax in Harrah, which is 8.5%. The City of Harrah receives 4% and the State of Oklahoma receives 4.5%.

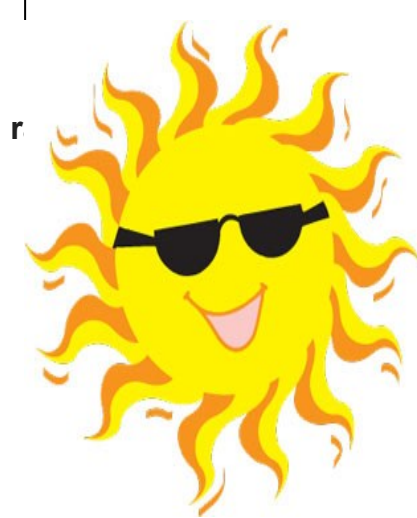
REMINDER: AFTER HOURS UTILITY EMERGENCIES CALL THE HARRAH POLICE DEPARTMENT NUMBER 405-454-2222

Park Board Meeting August 6, 2020 6:30 pm @ Harrah City Hall

Planning Commission Regular Meeting, August 17, 2020 6:00 pm @ Harrah City Hall

City Council and HPWA Regular Meeting August 17, 2020 7:00 pm. @ Harrah City Hall

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: THE CITY OF HARRAH UTILITY DEPARTMENT OFFERS AUTO DRAFT TO CUSTOMERS TO PAY THEIR UTILITY BILLS. IF INTERESTED, BRING A VOIDED CHECK TO HARRAH CITY HALL TO FILL OUT THE AUTHORIZATION FORM.



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**Animal Control
Code Enforcement**

Officer Tim Kyle,
can be reached at:

405-454-1203
tim.kyle@cityofharrah.com

Fire Department:

If you are going to burn,
please contact the
Harrah Fire Department at
405-454-2111.
This will enable them to keep
track of who all is burning.

Police Department:

Visit the Harrah Police
Department's website at:
www.harrahpd.com
405-454-1203

MESSAGE FROM HARRAH PUBLIC WORKS

SUPERVISOR JERRY CHIPMAN

There are currently two unfilled positions in the Harrah Public Works Department and the need for Seasonal Workers.

“The City of Harrah is accepting applications for the positions of full-time Maintenance Technician within the Public Works:

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- *Must have a valid OK drivers license
- *Must be able to pass background check
- *Must be able to obtain Class “D” Water and Class “D” Wastewater License within 6 months of employment
- *Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent
- ◆ 1 Year of experience performing laboring or semi-skilled public works or utilities operations work
- ◆ Knowledge of tools, equipment, methods, and materials used in a variety of construction, maintenance and repair activities.
- ◆ Application can be picked up at Harrah City Hall and returned with signed copy of job description.
- ◆ The City of Harrah is an Equal Opportunity Employer

FYI-BULK TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

AUGUST 10-14
SEPTEMBER 7-11
OCTOBER 12-16
NOVEMBER 9-13
DECEMBER 7-11

