

**CITY OF HARRAH
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 30, 2021**

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 30, 2021 at City Hall, at 19625 NE 23rd Street, Harrah, Oklahoma for a Special Meeting.

Roll Call, Flag Salute, Invocation

At roll call the following members were present: Mayor Danny Trent, Vice-Mayor Cass Smith, Councilor Tom Barron, and Councilor Chris Lally. Absent: Councilor Paul Wiegert. Others present: City Manager Mike Bower and City Attorney Robert Thompson. Councilor Smith led the flag salute and City Attorney Robert Thompson gave the invocation.

Approval of the consent agenda:

- a. Approve yearly lease [agreement](#) with Oklahoma County for property at the Industrial Park.
- b. Approve General Mutual Cooperation [Agreement](#) between the City of Harrah and the Board of Oklahoma County Commissioners.
- c. Approve [Specific Use Agreement](#) between the City of Harrah and the Board of Commissioners of Oklahoma County regarding work on Luther and 23rd St.

Motion by Barron to accept and approve the consent agenda. Second by Smith. Motion carried.

Aye: Barron, Smith, Lally, and Trent.

Nay: None.

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

Review, consideration and possible action regarding:

- a. Treasurer's Report: Revenue & Expenditures [June](#) & [July](#); Bank Balances [June](#) & [July](#); [Sales & Use Tax etc; Franchise Reports.](#)

Brandy Ruff, City Treasurer presented the council the financial report for June and July and the Sales & Use Taxes collected for those months as well.

- b. Discussion and possible action for transfer of funds from General to Capital for previous authorized expenditures.

Discussion from mayor and council regarding the transfer of funds from the General to Capital for expenditures pending for payment in the amount of \$300,000.

Motion by Barron to authorize Michele Cogdill, Finance Director to transfer funds from the General to Capital for previous authorized expenditures. Second by Smith. Motion carried.

Aye: Barron, Smith, Lally, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- c. Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-13 amending Sec. of the food truck ordinance.

Motion by Lally to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-13 amending Section 9-11 (A)(1)(h) to provide that food truck vendors participating in Special Events approved by the City of Harrah do not require a criminal history from the State Bureau of Investigation, declaring an emergency. Second by Smith. Motion carried.

Aye: Lally, Smith, Barron, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- d. Discussion and possible action to award/deny bids for surplus from seized building through the police department.

At 2:00 p.m. Police Chief Gary Morgan and City Clerk opened one (1) bid for the seized equipment from the building that was seized by the Harrah Police Department. That bid was \$12,500 from Brian and Ann Tolle.

Motion by Barron to deny the bid of \$12,500 and to direct staff to find other avenues of bidding out the surplus from the building. Second by Lally. Motion carried.

Aye: Barron, Lally, Smith, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- e. Discussion and possible action regarding Thompson Square.

Mayor Trent explained to the citizens that the concert was cancelled and negotiations between the City Manager and the performers came to an agreement of a \$7500 payment instead of the \$20,000 per the contract. Other costs to the city for stage, lighting, sound and the additional items listed in the contract requested by the performers would make the event at least \$40 to \$45 thousand the city would be responsible to pay.

- f. Discussion and possible action to vacate city 50' easement and declare it surplus to offer to sell to adjoining landowner. The easement adjoins the south side of Waner Park.

No action was taken on item F. The two parties discussed the issues with the mayor and council hoping to resolve the vacating of the easement on both properties. The City Attorney stated that this was a civil issue and both parties need to seek personal counsel to come to an agreement.

- g. Discussion and possible action on Pavilion Concession.

The city attorney read over the contract with Chequer's and stated the city had the right to cancel the contract for breach of contract. Mr. Thompson stated the city clerk would notify Chequer's through a letter of the action the council took regarding

the matter. Mayor Trent also stated we would be looking for other person(s) or companies interested in taking over the concession. He also said that as of right now the park will not be rented out for parties, weddings, etc but would be in the near future.

Motion by Smith to have the city clerk notify Chequers that they are in breach of the contract, therefore the city is terminating the initial contract. Second by Lally. Motion carried.

- h. Discussion and possible action on having plans and plats on a PDF prior to the meetings for both council and planning.

Motion by Smith to direct the city attorney to review the city code on the requirements relating to plats and plans and to amend or add an ordinance to require PDF's be submitted with plats & plans as they are submitted to the city building inspector. Second by Barron. Motion carried.

**Aye: Smith, Barron, Lally, and Trent.
Nay: None.**

- i. Discussion and possible action on Gary Bolling sitting on the Planning Commission as an advisor to the planners.

Motion by Lally to approve the addition of Gary Bolling as an advisory person to the Planning Commission only. Second by Smith. Motion carried.

**Aye: Lally, Smith, Barron, and Trent.
Nay: None.**

- j. Discussion and possible action regarding the air conditioning unit at the [library](#).

Motion by Smith to approve sharing half the cost for air conditioning repairs at the library according to an agreement between the city and the library board in 1991. Second by Barron. Motion carried.

**Aye: Smith, Barron, Lally, and Trent.
Nay: None.**

- k. Appointment of Board of Adjustment member by the mayor.

No action on item K.

- l. **Executive Session: Discussion and possible action** on request under the provisions of: 25 O.S. Sec 307(C)(11) for the purpose of conferring on matters pertaining to economic development including the transfer of property, financing, or the creation of a proposal to entice 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 including discussion and possible approval of real estate purchase.
- m. **Executive Session: Discussion and possible action** on request under provision 25 O.S. Sec. 307(B)(2) for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the Collective

Bargaining Agreement with the FOP.

- n. **Executive Session: Discussion and possible** action under the provisions 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(4) regarding the potential claims involving Fall Creek.
- o. **Executive Session: Discussion and possible action** under the provisions 25 O.S. Sec. 307 (B)(4) regarding the potential claims involving Cedar Pointe.

Motion by Lally to enter into executive session. Second by Barron. Motion carried.

Aye: Lally, Barron, Smith, and Trent.

Nay: None.

The mayor and council entered into executive session at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

- p. Any action taken in executive session.

No action was taken in executive session for items L through O.

Comments:City Manager Report, Misc. Correspondence, **Claims Report**

City Council members

Barron: **Nothing to report.**

Lally: **Chris made contact with OML and set up a session on how to conduct a public meeting which will be September 22, 2021 at Harrah City Hall, 6:00 p.m.**

Smith: **Nothing to report.**

Mayor: **Mayor Trent acknowledged the work of all city departments and directed the city manager to let the staff leave at noon on September 3, 2021 with the unanimous approval of the council and trustees.**

City Attorney: **HB2862 passed allowing the threshold for public bidding to increase to \$100,000 for public works.**

Staff –Fire Department Report, PoliceDept1

ACOG Report-**None.**

Economic Development: Tracy Qualls reported that the first walkabout with the OU students was successful as part of the ACOG Grant.

Chamber Report: **Harrah Day coming up. If you would like to participate please let her know ASAP.**

Department Head Comments

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]

Citizens' Participation

Gary Jewel: Senior Auction will be October 23rd and they will have a Hot Dog day on September 9 at 5:00 at the Senior Center.

Park Board reported that September 25 is Saturday's on Main and Market in the Park/Pigs in the park will be celebrating 10 years adding a dunk booth and a concert to the event.

Adjournment:

The meeting of the Harrah City Council adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk