

**CITY OF HARRAH
REGULAR MEETING (Amended Minutes)
MAY 17, 2021**

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 2021 at City Hall, 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 Danny Trent, Councilor Tom Barron, Councilor Paul Wiegert, Councilor Chris Lally and Councilor Cass Smith. Absent: None. Others present: City Manager Clayton Lucas and City Attorney Robert Thompson. City Manager Clayton Lucas led the flag salute and Pastor Doug Ward gave the invocation.

Approval of Consent agenda:

- a. Minutes from the [2021.04.19](#) Regular Meeting and [2021.04.26](#) Special Meeting.
- b. Harrah Senior Monthly [Report](#) for April.
- c. Approve payment of TIF 12,184.07.
- d. Approval of [Street & Alley Funds](#) for first quarter of 2021.
- e. Discussion and possible action to re-new [Jail Services agreement](#) with Pottawatomie Co.
- f. Discussion and possible action to enter into a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) and the City of Harrah.
- g. Discussion and possible action to approve payoff of loan [#99584](#) with FNB Community Bank for lease purchase of police vehicles \$52,870.60 plus \$4.12 interest per day until actually paid.

Mayor Trent asked that items A, D, E, F, & G be removed from the consent agenda.

**Motion by Wiegert to accept and approve items B & C of the consent agenda.
Second by Smith. Motion carried.**

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

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

Mayor Trent addressed item A of the agenda correcting item E of the minutes of 4/19/2021 to reflect his nay vote.

Motion by Barron to have city clerk amend the 4/19/ 2021 minutes to reflect the mayor's nay vote. Second by Wiegert. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Trent addressed item D of the consent agenda. Mayor Trent wanted to reflect that the Street & Alley fund was for the first quarter of the year and under the previous council.

Motion by Wiegert to approve item D of the consent agenda the Street & Alley Fund for the first quarter of 2021. Second by Smith. Motion carried.

Aye: Wiegert, Smith, Barron, Lally, and Trent.

Nay: None.

Mayor Trent requested to table E, F, & G because these items are on the regular agenda.

Review, consideration and possible action regarding:

- a. Presentation to Harrah Police Department from OACP.

Kevin McCollough from OACP and Chief J.D. Younger of the Edmond Police Dept. presented Chief Gary Morgan and Ginny Henderson with a Certificate for becoming a Verified Agency.

- b. [Presentation](#) to start Community Band. (Robert Ferris)

Robert Ferris presented to the council his wishes to start a community band in the City of Harrah. At this time they are asking the city to purchase shirts for the band members to get them going this first year. This would be a year to year agreement that could terminate at the end of the year or the city could add additional funding if budget allows.

Motion by Smith to honor Mr. Ferris' request for a community band and the purchase of shirts for the first year and to bring back to the council on a year to year basis with additional funding if the budget allows. Second by Lally. Motion carried.

Aye: Smith, Lally, Wiegert, Barron, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- c. Treasurer [Report: Sales & Use Tax, Franchise Taxes.](#)

City Manager Clayton Lucas gave the Treasurer's report and the Sales & Use tax & Franchise taxes.

Motion by Smith to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report. Second Wiegert. Motion carried.

Aye: Smith, Wiegert, Barron, Lally, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- d. Vote for Vice-Mayor.

Mayor Trent asked for nominations for Vice- Mayor.

Tom Barron nominated Cass Smith and there were no other nominations.

Motion by Barron to approve Cass Smith as Vice-Mayor. Second by Lally. Motion carried.

Aye: Barron, Lally, Wiegert, Smith, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- e. Presentation by Bill Myers on status of ongoing projects. (Bill Myers)

City Engineer Bill Myers updated the council on the 5 projects that Myers Engineering is currently working on and the completion dates of each of these projects with projected costs.

- f. Discussion and possible action to approve June 14, 2021 Special Meeting to meet state budgetary requirements. (City Manager)

City Manager requested a Special Meeting for June 14, 2021 to meet the state budgetary requirements. The mayor asked for a public hearing with a budget workshop.

Motion by Lally to approve Special Meeting date of June 14, 2021 to meet the state budgetary requirements. Second by Barron. Motion carried.

Aye: Lally, Barron, Wiegert, Smith, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- g. Discussion and possible action to approve/deny [Ordinance No. 2021-7](#) annexing in property at Luther Rd and 29th Street at the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Many citizens came to the meeting to oppose the annexation of property at Luther Rd. & SE 29th St for a number of reasons (traffic, turn lanes, schools, trash, crime, sewer and water,). Most of the **citizens at the meeting were against the progress of adding more residential and commercial businesses making Harrah more of a big city and less agricultural.**

Motion by Smith to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-7 annexing property at Luther Rd. & SE 29th St. from A-1 to a PUD. Second by Barron. Motion carried.

Aye: Smith, Barron, Wiegert, Lally, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- h. Discussion and possible action to approve/deny [Ordinance No. 2021-08](#) annexing in property at East Harrah Rd. North of 15th Street at the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Many citizens came to the meeting to oppose the annexation of property at East of Harrah Rd. & North of 15th St. for a number of reasons(traffic, turn lanes, schools,

trash, crime, sewer and water). Most of the citizens are against the progress of adding more residential and commercial businesses making Harrah more of the big city and less agricultural.

Motion by Smith to accept recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-8 annexing property East of Harrah Rd. & North of 15th Street to R-1, R-2B, and Commercial. Second by Barron. Motion carried.

Aye: Smith, Barron, Wiegert, Lally, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- i. Discussion and possible action to re-new [Jail Services agreement](#) with Pottawatomie Co.

Motion by Lally to approve the renewal of the Jail Services Agreement with Pottawatomie Co. Second by Smith. Motion carried.

Aye: Lally, Smith, Wiegert, Barron, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- j. Discussion and possible action to approve the event (MMA) on Main Street June 18 with an alternate date two weeks later.

Motion by Smith to approve the (MMA Event) contingent on moving it to the Park. Second by Lally. Motion carried.

Aye: Smith, Lally, Barron, and Trent.

Nay: Wiegert.

- k. Discussion and possible action to enter into a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) and the City of Harrah.

Tracy Qualls explained the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the participation in the Main Street Program

Motion by Wiegert to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) and the City of Harrah. Second Lally. Motion carried.

Aye: Wiegert, Lally, Barron, Smith, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- l. Discussion and possible action to approve [Resolution No. 20210517CC](#) allowing the city to participate in the Main Street program.

Motion by Wiegert to approve Resolution No. 20210517CC allowing the City of Harrah to participate in the Main Street Program. Second by Lally. Motion carried.

Aye: Wiegert, Lally, Barron, Smith, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- m. Discussion and possible action to approve Senior Center request for \$12,000 capital improvement funds towards a purchase of a passenger vehicle. (Gary Jewel)

Motion by Smith to approve Senior Center request for \$12,000 capital improvement funds towards a purchase of a passenger vehicle. Second by Barron. Motion carried.

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

- n. Discussion and possible action to approve payoff of loan [#99584](#) with FNB Community Bank for lease purchase of police vehicles \$52,870.60 plus \$4.12 interest per day until actually paid.

Motion by Wiegert to approve loan payoff #99584 with FNB Community Bank for lease purchase of police vehicles \$52,870.60 plus \$4.12 interest per day until actually paid. Second by Lally. Motion carried.

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

- o. Discussion and possible action to approve paying [invoice](#) to Firestorm Enterprise, LLC for \$29,875.00.

Due to the state competitive bidding process the current contractor has reached the threshold of allowable payments, therefore his services are suspended until the city manager and council decide to bid out continued services or allow city staff to continue to pick up the remaining limbs.

Motion by Barron to approve paying invoice to Firestorm Enterprise LLC for \$29,875.00. Second by Smith. Motion carried.

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

- p. Discussion and possible action regarding city owned buildings (VFW, State Theatre, Jorski Building). (Mayor)

What are the city plans for these buildings. City Manager stated these are in the strategic plan and to sell the buildings to interested parties for future restaurants or entertainment.

Look at ordinance allowing pre-existing buildings to be grandfathered in regarding having to meet current ordinance on changing facades when new ownership changes or should be allowed to rent. Revisit the ordinance for changes.

- q. Discussion and possible action on paving of Luther Rd. north of NE 23rd to bridge. (Mayor)

Motion by Wiegert to approve \$206,027.66 to repair Luther Rd. north of NE 23rd St. to

bridge by the County. Second by Lally. Motion carried.

Aye: Wiegert, Lally, Barron, Smith, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- r. Status Updates as requested by Mayor:
 - 2021-2022 fiscal year budget and schedule
 - Update on sewer line on NE 23rd St.
 - Bridge and paving Tim Holt
 - Paving and repair roads
 - Street & Alley Fund
 - Land appraisal (Richardson) at Industrial Park
 - Limb pick up

City Manager updated each item as requested by the mayor. Give city manager authorization to bid out sewer line project on NE 23rd St. Give city manager authorization to bid out limb pick up. The bridge on Dobbs and other streets in that area will be repaired after sewer and waterline improvements have been made. The land appraisal is in the works.

- s. Re-appoint Park Board Members Brandy Duncan, Tammy Herzog and Angi DeCocq.

Motion by Smith to re-appoint Park Board Members Brandy Duncan, Tammy Herzog, and Angi DeCocq. Second by Wiegert. Motion carried.

Aye: Smith, Wiegert, Barron, Lally, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- t. Appoint Karen Heffley to the Park Board, as recommended by the Park Board.

Motion by Wiegert to appoint Karen Heffley to the Park Board as recommended by the Park Board. Second by Smith. Motion carried.

Aye: Wiegert, Smith, Barron, Lally, and Trent.

Nay: None.

- u. Appoint a new Planning Commission member. (Mayor)

This item was tabled.

Comments: City Manager Report, Misc. Correspondence, [Claims Report](#)

City Council members

Wiegert: Got his questions answered earlier.

Smith: Nothing to report.

Barron: Nothing, everything is going well.

Lally: Nothing to report.

Mayor: Challenges still to be addressed.

City Attorney: Reported on the property on NE 23rd that was seized for illegally growing marijuana..

Staff – [Fire Department Report](#), [PoliceDept1](#)

ACOG Report- Nothing to report.
Chamber Report: Nothing to report.
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] **City Manager Clayton Lucas asked the council for permission to make [Brandy Ruff](#) Assistant Treasurer to replace Patty Wheeler who retired recently.**

Citizens' Participation:

Tammy Herzog invited council to a luncheon at noon, Tuesday, May 18, 2021 for the Public Works Department. Farmers Market Saturdays, Saturdays on Main 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. May through October, Pigs 10th Anniversary.

Adjournment:

The meeting of the Harrah City Council was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk