CITY OF HARRAH

###### **REGULAR MEETING**

###### **NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

The City Council for the City of Harrah met at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at City Hall, at 19625 NE 23rd Street, Harrah, Oklahoma for a Regular Meeting.

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###  **AGENDA**

 Roll Call, Flag Salute, Invocation

At roll call the following members were present: Mayor Danny Trent, Vice-Mayor Steve Scalzo, Councilor Bernadette Klimkowski, Councilor Tim Rudek, and Councilor Jeff Brzozowski. Absent: None. Others present: City Manager Matt Mears and City Attorney Robert Thompson. Tim Rudek led the flag salute and Robert Thompson gave the invocation.

 Accept and approve the minutes of the [2023.11.02](https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1Q0VsEENOkDEwALr-72qVvDJgc9W58WhLeyU9d785gus/edit) Regular Meeting.

 Councilor Jeff Brzozowski requested the minutes be amended to include the request to add the Resolution to say any elected official that moves out of their ward during their term will keep their seat and finish out their term. The minutes were tabled for that correction and will be brought back to the next regular meeting.

 Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Senior Center [Report](https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1gzjEG7MJFmfGED9oHaV5hg_bMtsXQ6xz/edit) for October.
2. Approve TIF payment for $13,224.69
3. Amend 2024 City of Harrah & Harrah Public Works 2024 [meeting](https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1vqku9-lQ2PEhMwAaRNi8eQuPx27vOGGo3u1SzsyTiDE/edit) dates.

Mayor Trent asked that item C be pulled from the consent agenda.

Motion by Scalzo to accept and approve the consent agenda items A and B. Second by Brzozowski. Motion carried.

Aye: Scalzo, Brzozowski, Klimkowski, Rudek, and Trent.

Nay: None.

 Discussion and action on items removed from the consent agenda.

Mayor Trent removed item C from the agenda to amend the 2024 meeting dates by adding April as a regular meeting date.

Motion by Rudek to accept and approve item C of the consent agenda. Second by Klimkowski. Motion carried.

 Aye: Rudek, Klimkowski, Brzozowski, Scalzo, and Trent.

 Nay: None.

 Review, consideration and possible action regarding:

a. Public Hearing for rezone at 21400 SE 29th St. ([Staff Report](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1b7I4mP3xtgxBciQEMu5K8bwkDHLeYb-V))[(Application](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1SP8q2gahMqxvxGzPPaA05uEwmBB_l5yT))

Mayor Trent opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. The owner and applicant was not present at the meeting but the council explained the reason for the rezoning was to allow 4 farm animals on the property.

b. Discussion and possible action to adopt [Ordinance No. 2023-12](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zvN55PLw3o_Pis40eOVyjOCGH1n-lTt5) to rezone from R-1A R-2A to R-1B. 21400 SE 29th.

Motion by Scalzo to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-12 rezoning property at 21400 SE 29th to R-1B. Second by Rudek. Motion carried.

Aye: Scalzo, Rudek, Klimkowski, Brzozowski, and Trent.

Nay: None,

c. Discussion and possible action to adopt [Resolution No. 20231116CCHPWA](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Ln8l0Fae0zUbLyEAC_wFRcu0NOaOeTsh) to call for an election to consider proposed Charter Amendments, with the election held on April 2, 2024.

Motion by Scalzo to adopt Resolution No. 20231116CCHPWA to call for an election to consider Charter Amendments, with the election to be held on April 2, 2024, with proposition as amended to include if a Council Member ceases to be a resident of the Ward in which the Council Member was elected, the Council Member ceases to be a Council Member, provided however, if the Council Member moves to another Ward in Harrah, Oklahoma, the Council Member shall continue to serve the end of the current term. Second by Rudek. Motion carried.

Aye: Scalzo, Rudek, Klimkowski. Brzozowski, and Trent.

Nay: None.

d. Discussion and possible action to adopt [Resolution No. 20231116CCHPWA2](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1uNsCTgGE7mvxYJ-sPJF6YkBoCBP2ykyT) to provide for Mayor Council Members to serve four year terms, provided that no more than two consecutive terms shall be allowed.

Motion by Scalzo to adopt Resolution No. 20231116CCHPWA2 to provide for Mayor and Council Members to serve four year terms, provided no more than two consecutive terms shall be allowed for Mayor and Council Members. Second by Rudek. Motion carried.

Aye: Scalzo, Rudek, Klimkowski, Brzozowski, and Trent.

Nay: None.

e. Discussion and possible action to adopt [Resolution No. 20231116CCHPWA3](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1BqtD56WNlZDuwxjRSyaOvfJn5VYDt0O3) to provide for Charter Amendment to allow city Council to approve a City Manager to reside within 15 miles of Main and Church Ave.

Motion by Scalzo to adopt Resolution No. 20231116CCHPWA with amending the wording to say the City Manager must reside within the perimeter of Britton road on the North, Pottawatomie County Road to the East, Triple X to the West, and Interstate Forty (40) on the South. Second by Rudek. Motion carried.

Aye: Scalzo, Rudek, Klimkowski, Brzozowski, and Trent.

Nay: None.

 Comments:City Manager Report: Nothing to report. [Claims Report](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1eNFH54-ikNkEe-SjFNrvAXMSoyhqFkxj)

City Council members

Klimkowski: Nothing to report.

Rudek: Out of the 3 REAP grants applied for, the City of Harrah received one for sidewalks. There will be a mandatory financial workshop that someone will need to attend. Joint Grant opportunity with Jones, Choctaw, Nicoma Park, and City of Harrah for climate pollution grant to help with energy efficiency, many complaints from citizens on nuisance property.

Brzozowski: Recommended looking into the National Fish & Wildlife released 141.3 million for grants that encompasses wildlife restoration. creek bed restoration and many other issues to benefit the City of Harrah. Issue with the park bathrooms being vandalized and what can we do to be more proactive in trying to stop the graffiti and destroying of the commodes and sinks.(timed door locks and direct City Manager to find ways of covering the park at night, and write tickets for curfew violations).

Scalzo: Nothing to report.

Mayor: Special Meeting luncheon at the Senior Center. Non-Union employees will be off at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2023. On December 11, 2023 employees will have Christmas lunch at El Nino from 11-1.

City Attorney:Thanks for the invite to the Chamber Auction. Had a really nice time.

Staff –Fire Department Report: Nothing to report.

 Police Dept Report: Nothing to report.

ACOG Report-Tim reported that the City of Harrah was awarded one of the REAP Grants.

Department Head Comments

Harrah Public Works Jerry Chipman: Nothing to report.

 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]

 Adjournment

The meeting of the Harrah City Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Mayor City Clerk