MINUTES REGULAR MEETING CITY OF HARRAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 4, 2024

Roll Call was called by Interim City Clerk Nancy Ledford, Danny Trent, Mayor; Steve Scalzo, Ward 4; Tim Rudek, Ward 2; Jeff Brzozowski, Ward 3 & Bernadette Klimkowski, Ward 1 were all present.

Also present, City Attorney, Robert Thompson and City Manager, Matt Mears

Mayor Trent Called the meeting of the Harrah City Council and the Harrah Public Works to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Trent led the flag statue, and Robert Thompson, City Attorney gave the invocation.

Mayor Trent welcomed those attending the City Council meeting. He addressed the Oklahoma County Jail project and that the City of Harrah is not in favor of the possibility of the Oklahoma County Detention Center being built at 29th and Kickapoo. There is a meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 9am with the Oklahoma County Commissioners. He will be attending that meeting and urged anyone that is not in favor of the jail being built in this area to also attend.

A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Rudek to accept the minutes of the 2023.12.21 as presented.

AYE: Trent – Scalzo – Rudek – Brzozowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None **Motion Passed**

A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Klimkowski to accept the Consent Agenda on the purchase of items for the Fire Department using ARPA Funds for PO #12-24031 PO #12-24033

AYE: Trent – Scalzo – Rudek – Brzozowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None **Motion Passed**

Chief Levi explained the three (3) bids that were received from Skeeter, Unruh Fire and Rescue Truck Comparison. After a lengthy detailed discussion a motion was made by Rudek and seconded by Brzozowski to purchase a fire truck from Skeeter in the amount of \$259,908.21using Capital Outlay Funds.

AYE: Trent – Scalzo – Rudek – Brzozowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None **Motion Passed**

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The following items were tabled until the next meeting.

- Discussion and possible action for road repair on Beal and Navarre.
- Discussion and possible action to look at updating the trails, sidewalks, and parking areas throughout the city.
- Discussion and possible action to discuss vandalism at city parks and on city property.
- Discussion and possible action on State Theatre.
- Discussion and possible action regarding wi-fi in the park.
- Appoint 3 Board Members to the Park Board. (Mayor)

Mayor Trent recommends the appointment of Daniel Lay to the Board of Adjustments. A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Brzozowski to appoint Daniel Lay to The Board of Adjustments replacing Gary Bolling with term expiring May 2026.

AYE: Trent – Scalzo – Rudek – Brzozowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None **Motion Passed**

Mayor Trent recommends the appointment of Jeremy Sellers to the Planning Board. A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded Brzozowski to appoint Jeremy Sellers to The Planning Board replacing Gary Bolling with term expiring July 2024.

AYE: Trent – Scalzo – Rudek – Brzozowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None **Motion Passed**

A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Klimkowski to go into executive session at 7:48 pm to discuss **Executive Session**: discussion and possible action on request under provision 25 O.S. Sec 307 (B)(1) pertaining to review, discussion on city managers' contract.

And to Discuss **Executive Session**: discussion and possible action on request under provision 25 O.S. Sec 307 (B)(4) pertaining to agreement with the Lumber Shack and possibility of future litigation.

AYE: Trent - Scalzo - Rudek - Brzozowski - Klimkowski

NAY: None **Motion Passed**

Mayor Trent announced at 8:57 pm that the Council would return to the Regular Session and No Action will be taken on the matters discussed in the Executive Session.

Mayor Trent asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

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Mayor Trent asked for Staff comments:

Fire Chief Levi Dean thanked the council for approving the purchase of the fire truck.

Gary Bolling is excited to get started in his new position with the City of Harrah.

Mayor Trent asked if the Council & City Manager had comments:

Steve Scalzo mentioned roosters in the city limits and the skateboard park and was pleased that the City of Harrah is opposed to the Detention Center.

Jeff Brzozowski is 100% against the Detention Center. He also mentioned that we need to address the Harrah Disposal Contract at a future meeting.

Tim Rudek asked for how many complaints do we receive on Harrah Disposal and what records are kept. He invited the Council to a Legislative Luncheon. He witnessed a fire this week and was impressed how the City of Harrah Fire Department and other Fire Departments worked together on this fire.

City Manager Matt Mears said if there is a complaint on Harrah Disposal to please call City Hall and a work order will be done so that calls can be monitored. He also welcomed Gary Bolling City Planner & Nancy Ledford as Interim City Clerk.

Robert Thompson said he will be on a trip to Vietnam and will not be at the January 18th City Council meeting.

Danny Trent said he and the City Manager, Matt Mears will be attending a meeting Tomorrow Friday, with members from Choctaw to discuss the Detention Center. He encouraged anyone against the Detention Center to attend the meeting with the Oklahoma County Commissioners at 9am Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

With no further business the meeting of the Harrah City Council adjourned at 9:13 pm.

	Attest:	
Danny Trent		Nancy Ledford
Mayor		Interim City Clerk
City of Harrah City Council		City of Harrah City Council