

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF HARRAH  
19625 NE 23RD STREET  
HARRAH, OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024**

**Call to Order** Mayor Danny Trent called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**Roll Call** Nancy Ledford, Interim City Clerk called the roll.

Present: Danny Trent, Mayor; Steve Scalzo, Ward 4; Tim Rudek, Ward 2; Jeff Brzozowski, Ward 3 Steve Scalzo, Ward 4& Bernadette Klimkowski, Ward 1 Also present, City Manager, Matt Mears, City Attorney, Robert Thompson

**Flag Salute** was lead by Tim Rudek

**Invocation** was given by Danny Trent

1. Accept and approve minutes of the [6/6/2024](#) meeting.

**A motion was made by Klimkowski and seconded by Rudek to accept the minutes of the [6/6/2024](#) meeting.**

AYE: Trent – Scalzo- Rudek – Brzozowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None

**Motion Passed**

2. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Accept the Planning Commission Minutes from [April 29, 2024](#)
  - b. Accept the Park Board Minutes [May 8, 2024](#)
  - c. Accept the [May 2024 report](#) from the Senior Center
  - d. ARPA purchase \$9,972.79 Dana [Safety-equip](#) new police patrol vehicle

Council Member Scalzo asked that items 2a. 2b. and 2d. be removed from the Consent agenda.

**A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Rudek to approve item 2d on the Consent Agenda.**

AYE: Trent – Scalzo- Rudek – Brzozowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None

**Motion Passed**

3. Discussion and action on items removed from the consent agenda.  
Scalzo asked why the minutes from the boards were on the agenda for Council to

accept. City Attorney Robert Thompson answered by accepting they become part of City Records.

He also questioned that there was not an invoice for item d to equal the amount of the request. Police Chief Burns informed him that the amount requested using ARPA funds was the balance that he had remaining of his allotment of funds.

**A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Rudek to accept items 2a, 2b, and 2d.**

AYE: Trent – Scalzo- Rudek – Brzozowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None

**Motion Passed**

4. Review, consideration and possible action regarding:
  - a. **Public Hearing** regarding a Planning Commission Application for Building Site Requirements in accordance with Section 12-371 for the property located at 17586 NE 23rd Street. ([Staff Report](#))

**A Public Hearing was held beginning at 6:07 until 6:16. Gary Bolling, City Planner gave the Staff Report.**

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding Planning Commission Application for Building Site Requirements in accordance with Section 12-371 for the property located at 17586 NE 23rd Street.

**A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Brzozowski to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission on the application for Building Site Requirements in accordance with Section 12-371 for the property located at 17586 NE 23rd Street.**

AYE: Trent – Scalzo- Rudek – Brzozowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None

**Motion Passed**

- c. Apply escrow from OMAG work comp of \$27,913.18 to reduce FY 24-25 premium.

**A motion was made by Rudek and seconded by Scalzo to approve the escrow from OMAG work comp of \$27,913.18 to reduce FY 24-25 premium.**

AYE: Trent – Scalzo- Rudek – Brzozowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None

**Motion Passed**

- d. Historical Society funding

Members from the Historical Society made presentations explaining the Harrah Historical Society and how they operate. Their sole income is from memberships and

donations. They have a vision to update their archives with a new computer system and scanning equipment are needed.

**A motion was made by Brzowski and seconded by Klimkowski using ARPA fund to give the Harrah Historical Society \$10,000 and to add the Historical Society to the city budget beginning FY 25-26.**

AYE: Trent – Scalzo- Rudek – Brzowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None

**Motion Passed**

City Attorney Robert Thompson commented to the members of the Historical Society, and said that he will mail a check for his dues for the past 40 years.

e. Remaining ARPA Funds

Discussion was held regarding the remaining ARPA Funds that need to be allocated by December 31, 2024.

**Item was tabled until the next meeting on July 11, 2024**

f. City Manager [Employment Agreement](#) for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

**A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Rudek to accept the Employment Agreement with Matt Mears, City Manager for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.**

AYE: Trent – Scalzo- Rudek – Brzowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None

**Motion Passed**

g. Appoint members to the Park Board member

**A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Rudek to appoint Paul Wiegert to the Harrah Park Board.**

AYE: Trent – Scalzo- Rudek – Brzowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None

**Motion Passed**

5. Discussion of City Streets

**Discussion was held regarding the City Streets no action was taken and item will be on the next agenda July 11, 2024**

6. Executive Session: Discussion and possible action on request under provision 25 O.S. Sec 307 (B)(4) pertaining to review of potential claim concerning expenditure of public funds

**No Action Needed**

7. Executive Session: Discussion and possible action on request under provision 25 O.S. Sec 307 (B)(4) pertaining to litigation, Luther Rd LLC vs City of Harrah & Cedar Point LLC vs City of Harrah

**A motion was made by Klimkowski and seconded by Rudek to go into Executive Session pertaining to litigation, Luther Rd LLC vs City of Harrah & Cedar Point LLC vs City of Harrah.**

AYE: Trent – Scalzo- Rudek – Brzozowski – Klimkowski

NAY: None

**Motion Passed**

**After a brief discussion the council returned to open session. No Action was taken.**

8. 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]

**Mayor Trent introduced Kenzie Borton; she is interested in purchasing the theater. Ms Borton said she has plans to have live local music at the theater. No action was taken and if an offer is received it would be on the next agenda.**

9. Comments: City Manager Report [Claims](#)

City Manager Matt Mears gave his report by showing an example of how future Treasurer reports will be given. He then added that the Farmers Market will now be weekly because of farmers having a good crop. AtLink is working on installing internet at the park. He has contacted an Arborist. Lions Park bridges down by July 1, 2024. Police and Fire negotiations continue, CARDS still working out the details with Harrah Disposal, City Building inspector has resigned looking for a replacement.

City Council members Tim Rudek said a new grant is available in July and Gary is on top of it. Jeff Brzozowski asked how the Historical Society will receive funds, and the City Manager said they will need to get a purchase order for items they wish to purchase, and he will talk to them to let them know. Steve Scalzo had concerns about Occupancy permits. Mayor Trent thanked everyone for doing a great job for Harrah.

With no further business the meeting **Adjourned** at 7:56 pm

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Danny Trent  
Mayor  
City of Harrah City Council

Attest:

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Nancy Ledford  
Interim City Clerk  
City of Harrah City Council