

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF HARRAH
19625 NE 23RD STREET
HARRAH, OKLAHOMA
SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025**

Call to Order Mayor Wiegert called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Roll Call Roll was called by Tina Rodriguez

Present: Paul Wiegert, Mayor
Jennifer McCammond, Ward 1
Tim Rudek, Ward 2
Bill Lisby, Ward 3
Steve Scalzo, Vice Mayor
Also Present: Robert Thompson, City Attorney
Levi Dean, Acting City Manager

Flag Salute was led by Tim Rudek

Invocation was given by Robert Thompson

1. Consent Agenda: any item can be removed for further discussion
 - a. Minutes of the 5.15.25 meeting
 - b. Minutes of the 5.22.25 Special meeting
 - c. Approve TIF payment \$20,805.42
 - d. April Treasurer's Report:
 - i. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
 - ii. Sales & Franchise Report

McCammond requested item b. be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

A motion was made by Lisby and seconded by Rudek to approve the Consent Agenda items a, c, and d as presented.

YAY: Wiegert, Rudek, McCammond, Lisby, Scalzo
NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

2. Discussion and action on items removed from the consent agenda

McCammond had concerns about the discussion in regards to the amount budgeted for the Chamber that were discussed at the 5.22.25 Special meeting. Council discussed.

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Lisby to approve the Minutes of the 5.22.25 Special meeting.

YAY: Wiegert, Rudek, McCammond, Lisby, Scalzo
NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

3. Review, consideration and possible action regarding:
- a. **Public Hearing** on the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

Public hearing was opened at 6:56 pm, Hans Willemse from the Harrah Historical Society spoke about adding a fund for the Harrah Historical Society to the budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, as had been discussed in June of 2024. Michele gave some background information on the funds the City provided to the Harrah Historical Society in 2024 and the process to request funds for future budget years. Public hearing was closed at 6:58 pm.

- b. Resolution # 06-05-2025 CC to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Scalzo to approve adopting Resolution # 06-05-2025 CC to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Lisby, Scalzo

NAY: Rudek

MOTION PASSED

- c. Approving the 2025 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

Levi and Cathey gave update on the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. Scalzo stated that the City's Comprehensive plan also needs to be updated and discussed updating the City's plan and adding the Park plan to it. He wants the City to start working on that and to task the Planning Commission to work on it.

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Rudek to approve the 2025 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

YAY: Wiegert, Rudek, McCammond, Lisby, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

- d. Extend the use of Fireworks to include days either before or after the 3rd and 4th of July.

There was a discussion about dates and consideration of changing the ordinance to a standard July 1st through July 7th in the future. They verified that any change to the dates would not restrict the Fire Chief's ability to withhold permission during a burn ban.

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Scalzo to approve extending the use of Fireworks to include June 28th through July 6th.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Lisby, Scalzo, Rudek

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

- e. Parks and Recreation Board:
 - i. Revoke Samantha Barnes appointment to the Parks and Recreation

- Board
- ii. Appoint Sonya Martin to the Parks and Recreation Board for a term ending June 2027

Discussion about why Samantha Barnes' appointment was being revoked, she had never taken the oath.

A motion was made by Rudek and seconded by McCammond to revoke Samantha Barnes' appointment and to appoint Sonya Martin to the Parks and Recreation Board for a term ending June 2027.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Lisby, Scalzo, Rudek

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

4. City Manager's Report

Acting City Manager Levi Dean gave his report.

5. Comments:

City Manager

- Parks and Recreation Board Minutes 4.23.25

Mayor/Council

Staff

Council Member Comments:

Scalzo asked for update on easements, asked Chief Burns about guy living on side of the road compared to guy living in house damaged by tornado and why one could be removed and the other hasn't been, and about status of getting rid of roosters behind Rocky's property and code enforcement enforcing high grass and weeds.

Rudek asked about the sod in the park and the size restrictions to have 6 chickens, wanted the record to show that he has concerns about how the City Manager handled the easements.

Lisby said the OML training was informative.

McCammond said the budget process was a learning experience.

Staff Comments:

None.

Community Comments:

Jeff Brzozowski informed Council there was no silt fence at the project along Harrah Road along the White Turkey Creek and the silt is damaging his property, he wants the City Manager to push the contractor to install silt fence. The sewer project is majorly impacting his produce business and he is concerned about the impact on other businesses along its path. He suggested the contractors work nights and weekends to finish the project quickly. He mentioned that our fireworks ordinance does not match the state regulations. He wants a franchise fee update, City Clerk stated she would send him one. He mentioned that funding for the Historical Society for the 2025-2026 budget was voted on at the June 10th, 2024 meeting.

Cathey Byerley gave an update about the Hello Summer event this weekend and informed Council that the parking lot would be closed for the inflatables.

With no further business the meeting **adjourned at 7:57 pm.**

Paul W. Wiegert
Paul Wiegert, Mayor

Attest:

Tina Rodriguez
Tina Rodriguez, City Clerk

