

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF HARRAH
19625 NE 23RD STREET
HARRAH, OKLAHOMA
SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025**

Call to Order Mayor Wiegert called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call Roll was called by Tina Rodriguez

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

Flag Salute was led by Jennifer McCammond

Invocation was given by Robert Thompson

Mayor Wiegert moved to Item 3f and 3g.

- f. Discussion on the Harrah Chamber Building Use Agreement.
- g. Discussion on the Contract to provide funding to the Harrah Chamber.

Council discussed the existing agreements with the Harrah Chamber of Commerce for building use and funding. Discussed what the City was legally allowed to provide to the Chamber, and what services the City expected the Chamber to provide. Discussed having the Chamber pay rent as a separate agreement and for the City to provide funding for services the Chamber provides, and whether it would be more effective and efficient to have separate accounting for these revenues and expenses or to work out a contract detailing the in kind exchange. Discussed ways to address a new contract and the need to spell out what the Chamber is required to do in a manner that is measurable and accountable.

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Scalzo to create a committee consisting of two members of the Council appointed by the Mayor and two members of the Chamber selected by the Chamber to meet to discuss and work out a new contract or contracts for the Chamber's Building Use and Contract for Funding .

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Lisby, Scalzo

NAY: None

Absent: Rudek

MOTION PASSED

Mayor Wiegert appointed McCammond and Scalzo to be on the committee.

1. Consent Agenda: any item can be removed for further discussion
 - a. Minutes of the 6.5.25 Special meeting
 - b. Minutes of the 6.16.25 Special meeting
 - c. Approve TIF payment \$7,765.46
 - d. Jail Service Agreement with Pottawatomie County Safety Center and the City of Harrah for FY 2025-2026.
 - e. Jail Service Agreement with Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority and the City of Harrah for FY 2025-2026.
 - f. May Treasurer's Report:
 - i. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
 - ii. Sales & Franchise Report
 - g. May Senior Citizen Report

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Lisby to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Lisby, Scalzo

NAY: None

Absent: Rudek

MOTION PASSED

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

None.

3. Review, consideration and possible action regarding:
 - a. Approve payment of \$123,209.43 from fiscal year 24-25 funds to Oklahoma Hazmat for cleanup of Oil spill in May of 2025, and authorize City Manager to determine the break out between funds.

Discussed the situation with oil being illegally dumped in the Industrial Park area near our well. Due to the urgency of the situation and the potential contamination of the well, staff worked quickly to initiate cleanup and were unable to wait for Council approval before the job was started. City Attorney advised the City Manager to request other quotes for the scope of work to ensure the price Oklahoma Hazmat charged was a reasonable charge. Will bring back to Council after verifying the cost is not excessive.

- b. Re-new Fire Equipment Agreement between the Oklahoma County Commissioners and the City of Harrah.

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Scalzo to approve re-newing the Fire Equipment Agreement between the Oklahoma County Commissioners and the City of Harrah.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Lisby, Scalzo

NAY: None

Absent: Rudek

MOTION PASSED

- c. Ordinance No. 2025-8 amending Section 4-114 regarding requirements related to Chicken Coops and Keeping Chickens. (Staff Report)

- d. **Ordinance No. 2025-9** amending Sections 12-217.B; 12-226.A.8; 12-236.A; and 12-246.A regarding Planning, Zoning and Development to allow Poultry and Fowl. (**Staff Report**)

Staff explained the purpose of the two Ordinances and the changes they would make to regulations pertaining to keeping chickens. Council discussed concerns with setback size requirements and how this would limit the number of properties that would be in compliance and allowed to have chickens. Discussed changing the setback requirements to 20 or 30 feet instead of 40 and to 50 feet from other houses and structures instead of 100 feet and removing wording that references "breeding". Council directed Gary to work on an amended Ordinance to bring back to Council.

- e. Seeking public input for potential priorities or strategies for improving pedestrian and trail infrastructure in Harrah. (**Staff Report**)

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Lisby to approve the public input survey and to distribute it to citizens with a disclaimer that the request for email is for validation purposes only.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Lisby, Scalzo

NAY: None

Absent: Rudek

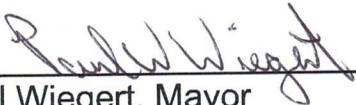
MOTION PASSED

4. City Manager's Report

- Planning Commission Minutes 4.21.25
- Parks and Recreation Board Minutes 5.14.25


City Manager gave his report.

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



Paul Wiegert, Mayor

Attest:



Tina Rodriguez, City Clerk

