MINUTES CITY COUNCIL CITY OF HARRAH 19625 NE 23RD STREET HARRAH, OKLAHOMA REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 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

Tim Rudek, Ward 2

Steve Scalzo, Vice Mayor

Absent:

Bill Lisby, Ward 3

Also Present: Patrick Neville, Acting City Attorney

Levi Dean, Acting City Manager

Flag Salute was led by Tim Rudek

Invocation was given by Paul Wiegert

- 1. Consent Agenda: any item can be removed for further discussion
 - a. Accept and approve the Minutes of the 10.02.25 Regular meeting
 - b. 1st Quarter Street & Alley Funds
 - c. September Treasurer's Report:
 - i. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
 - ii. Sales & Franchise Report

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

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

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

None.

- **3.** Review, consideration and possible action regarding:
 - a. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. <u>10162025-1CC</u> Notice of Election for April 7, 2026 to elect a Council Member for Ward 2 and Ward 4

A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Rudek to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 10162025-1CC.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

b. Discussion about applying for an ACOG Air Quality Grant for <u>Solar Street</u> <u>lights</u> along selected streets and trails throughout the City

Rudek presented his reasons for applying for the ACOG Air Quality Grant, gave a list of locations he planned solar lighting for to include the trails, the parks, the Community Garden, the Food Truck Court, the Senior Center, Blacksmith Park and around the school stops.

c. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. <u>10162025-2CC</u> authorizing the application for an Air Quality Grant for Solar Street Lights along selected streets and trails throughout the City

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Rudek to adopt Resolution No. 10162025-2CC authorizing the application for an Air Quality Grant for Solar Street Lights.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

d. Abatement of the following property:

i. <u>18139 Ridgewood Ave</u> - Dilapidated Structure

Scalzo informed the council that since the last meeting there has been community discussion on this property on social media and several members of the community have stepped up and offered to assist with the demolition of the house. They have secured access to the equipment needed and only need to work out dumpsters to haul off the debris.

A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by McCammond to approve extending the deadline for the property owner by 3 months to allow them time to demolish the house and remove the debris.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

e. Discussion and finalization of City of Harrah's Vision and Mission Statements

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Scalzo to approve the fifth (5th) mission statement and the original vision statement submitted by McCammond.*

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

f. Discussion and possible action to adopt <u>regulations and fees</u> for the Harrah Food Truck Park

A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by McCammond to adopt the regulations for the food truck park and to establish a \$10 daily fee for space rental at the food truck park. YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

g. Ordinance No. 2025-17 amending Section 9-111 of Part 9 Licensing and Business Regulations pertaining to Food Trucks, License Required

A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Rudek to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-17 amending section 9-111 of Part 9 Licensing and Business Regulations pertaining to Food Trucks, License Required

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

h. Discussion and possible action to name the new Food Truck Park

Council discussed some name options, decided to request suggestions from the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Board for consideration at the next meeting.

i. Discussion and possible action to approve a Harrah Bike Night Event to be held on November 13, 2025 on Main Street from 6pm to 10pm

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Rudek to approve the Harrah Bike Night Event to be held on November 13, 2025

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond

NAY: Scalzo, Rudek **MOTION FAILED**

4. Comments:

City Manager Mayor/Council Staff

Rudek mentioned the work being done for Christmas in the Park, they need volunteers. Cathey Byerley said there was an event that Saturday open to the public to come and help set up. Rudek also mentioned that the History Center has a clean up day scheduled for Saturday at 9am and they need help.

McCammond said she has received comments about Heritage Park in regards to the sewer smell. She is proud of our parks.

Scalzo says the smell will clear off once the lift station repairs are completed.

Levi Dean informed Council that they had offered a job offer to a deputy chief. Rudek asked about the status of the fire truck, truck can take up to a year to be completed.

Wiegert informed Council that the 1st Thursday of November will have nighttime disc golf.

5. Executive Session: discussion and possible action on, request under provision:

- a. 25 O.S. Sec 307 (B)(1) pertaining to appointing or hiring an interim City Manager.
- b. 25 O.S. Sec 307 (B)(4) Consideration and possible action to discuss a settlement offer in the litigation of: Cedar Point, et al, v City of Harrah
 - i. Vote to enter Executive Session
 - ii. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - iii. Return to open session
 - iv. Possible action regarding item(s) discussed in Executive Session

A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by McCammond to enter into Joint Executive Session with the Harrah Public Works Authority to discuss item 6.a. and 6.b.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

Entered Executive Session at 7:40 pm.

Returned to open session at 8:29 pm.

Item 6.a.

A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Rudek to hire Mike Bower with the same contract terms that he had before through December 31st.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

Item 6.b.

A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Rudek to have the attorney proceed as discussed in the litigation of Cedar Point and the City of Harrah.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

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Paul Wiegert, Mayor∕√

Tina Rodriguez, City Clerk

*Vision Statement:

As the heart of the Heartland, the City of Harrah is a welcoming community unified in its dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors. We are committed to delivering high-quality public services, maintaining and improving our infrastructure to support balanced growth and long-term stability, and fostering an environment where families and businesses can thrive. Through innovative leadership, collaboration, and a steadfast focus on community values, we work every day to strengthen Harrah's future while honoring its heritage.

Mission Statement:

Harrah is committed to serving its residents and visitors through exceptional public safety, high quality services, and well-maintained infrastructure that supports balanced growth and stability.