MINUTES CITY COUNCIL CITY OF HARRAH 19625 NE 23RD STREET HARRAH, OKLAHOMA REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2025

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

Roll Call Roll was called by Tina Rodriguez

Present: F

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

Mike Bower, Interim City Manager

Flag Salute was led by Jennifer McCammond

Invocation was given by Robert Thompson

- 1. Consent Agenda: any item can be removed for further discussion
 - a. Accept and approve the Minutes of the 10.16.25 Regular meeting
 - b. Approve TIF payment of \$4,304.06

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

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo, Lisby

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

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

None.

- 3. Review, consideration and possible action regarding:
 - a. Building Use and Management Agreement (<u>Version 1</u> or <u>Version 2</u>)with the Harrah Chamber of Commerce

A motion was made by Rudek and seconded by Scalzo to approve Version 1 of the Building Use and Management Agreement, for a 3 year contract with payments due by the 15th of the month to begin January 1st, 2026 with the City paying water, sewer and trash.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo, Lisby

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

b. Extending the ability to waive permit fees for properties that were damaged as

a result of the November 3rd tornado.

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Lisby to approve extending the waiver of permit fees for properties that were damaged as a result of the November 3rd tornado for another 6 months.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo, Lisby

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

c. Appoint Gage Beavers to the Parks and Recreation Board for a term ending June 2027

A motion was made by Rudek and seconded by Scalzo to appoint Gage Beavers to the Parks and Recreation Board for a term ending June 2027.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo, Lisby

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

d. Name the new Food Truck Park

A motion was made by Scalzo and seconded by Rudek to name the park The Assembly at Benny's Place.

Discussion continued and Scalzo amended his motion to select three names: Assembly at Benny's, Chevy Park, and The Corner Assembly, and submit them to a survey vote of the people.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo, Lisby

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

e. Approve for the purchase of trash cans, picnic tables and traffic bollards for the Food Truck Park from Oklahoma Correctional Industries in the amount of \$4,417.00 from the Beautification Project fund

A motion was made by McCammond and seconded by Lisby to approve the purchase of the trash cans, picnic tables, and traffic bollards with decorative sleeves for the food truck park from Oklahoma Correctional Industries in the amount of \$7,168 from the Beautification Project fund.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo, Lisby

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

f. Report on the results of the Street and Sidewalk Public Surveys

Gary Bolling gave a report on the results of the Street and Sidewalk Public Surveys.

g. Report on the results of the Bridge Inspections

Jerry Lawhorn gave a report on the results of the bridge inspections.

4. Comments:

City Manager Mayor/Council Staff

- Park Board Minutes 9-10-25
- Planning Commission Minutes 9-15-25

Mike Bower informed Council that they need to plan on setting up an abatement fund for the future. We currently have about 12 properties that need to be abated for high grass and weeds and dilapidated structures and there are no funds set aside for these projects.

McCammond asked about the sound system at the park, the park board plans to work on getting the stage lights repaired first.

Rudek informed everyone that they still need help putting up Christmas lights at the park.

Scalzo informed the Council that he and Wiegert went to the MCO workshop and had a mock council meeting. He shared some of the details he learned at the workshop.

Jerry Lawhorn informed council that they met with Aim High about the asphalt work to be done in the park. They also installed the sleeves for the electric for the Christmas lights.

Marty Burns gave Council an update on properties that are being addressed by Code Enforcement. One property on 29th Street has now been demolished by the owners and they have reached out to the owners of 620 Turtle Creek and 17330 Turtle Creek. He informed Council about a new law that allows cities to initiate foreclosure proceedings on properties with over \$1,500 in abatement fees. He also gave Council an update on an incident that happened recently involving an attack and car theft at Dollar General.

Levi Dean informed Council that the new deputy chief will start on the 24th.

- **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 McCammond and seconded by Rudek to enter into Joint Executive Session with the Harrah Public Works Authority to discuss item 5.a. and 5.b.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

Entered Executive Session at 7:27 pm.

Returned to open session at 8:05 pm.

Item 5.a.

No action taken.

Item 5.b.

A motion was made by Lisby and seconded by Rudek to proceed as discussed in executive session to resolve litigation on 5.b.

YAY: Wiegert, McCammond, Rudek, Scalzo, Lisby

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Attest:

Tina Rodriguez, City Clerk