MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF HARRAH
19625 NE 23RD STREET
HARRAH, OKLAHOMA
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2026

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 Glenn, Ward 1
John Cochran, Ward 2
Bill Lisby, Vice-Mayor, Ward 3
Jeremy Sellers, Ward 4

Also Present: Matt Love, City Attorney
Jacob Wood, City Manager

Flag Salute was led by John Cochran

Invocation was given by Paul Wiegert

1. Review, consideration and possible action regarding:
   a. Approve or deny an Agreement for Specific Assistance with Oklahoma County to repair or improve N Peebly Rd north of NE 23rd St to the Railroad Tracks

A motion was made by Glenn and seconded by Sellers to approve the Agreement for Specific Assistance with Oklahoma County to repair or improve N Peebly Rd north of NE 23rd St to the Railroad Tracks

YAY: Wiegert, Glenn, Cochran, Lisby, Sellers
NAY: None
MOTION PASSED

b. Approve or deny closing out REAP 2026-1 Sidewalk Grant

A motion was made by Lisby and seconded by Glenn to approve closing out the REAP 2026-1 Sidewalk Grant.

YAY: Wiegert, Glenn, Cochran, Lisby, Sellers
NAY: None
MOTION PASSED

2. Workshop Discussions, discussion only, no action will be taken:
   a. Discuss Quarterly Grants for future consideration, discussion only, no action will be taken.

Council discussed upcoming grant programs including the Main Street Program Grant, the TSET Healthy Initiative Grant and the OWRB REAP Grant. Jacob Wood discussed the required pre-work that had to be completed prior to qualifying for the TSET grant.

Discussed using grant funds for playgrounds, speed bumps, improving walkability. Discussed what steps Council would need to take and what steps Staff would need to complete. We would need a rate study for the OWRB REAP grant, Jacob will look into the cost to complete that. Discussed cybersecurity grants, a Recreational Trail Program in December, and a Public Fleet Conversion Grant. Discussed preparing to apply for the TSET Grant in the October cycle of next year and to consider Blacksmith Park or Lions Park for a conservation grant and to look into a grant to upgrade Heritage Park bathrooms.

b. Discuss Downtown Parking Solutions, discussion only, no action will be taken.

Council discussed adding timed parking on Church Avenue and restriping Main Street. Discussed staff requirements to enforce timed parking. Discussed installing signs saying 30 minute or one hour parking only with enforcement falling on the Police Department to ticket. Solution will be temporary until the Comprehensive Master Plan is completed and the new revitalization plan is ready to be implemented. Discussed installing angled parking and restriping Main Street to get more spaces, and installing crosswalks with push lights. Discussed setting 1hr parking from Tim Holt to Navarre and adopting an Ordinance setting the timed parking.

c. Discuss Council Handbook and Best Practices, discussion only, no action will be taken.

Council discussed proposed changes to the Council Handbook, discussed concerns about ability to abstain from voting, ability to over rule parliamentary rulings by the chair, correction of the number of members that creates a quorum and agenda submission policy and ability to over ride rejection of an item with the support of two Council members. Staff will work up changes and send to Council for consideration at the next meeting.

d. Discuss Special Event Guideline changes, discussion only, no action will be taken.

Council discussed reworking the Special Event Guidelines to be shorter and easier to read and understand, with a gridlike table showing deadlines, removing the reference to a Special Event Food Truck License, make it scalable based on the type of event, change the deadlines for submissions to allow insurance to be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the event and food vendors to be submitted no later than 7 days prior to the event, allowing the application to be submitted up to a year prior to the event with preliminary approval from the City Manager shortly after submission instead of waiting for the pre-event meeting. Mentioned a couple of other corrections and to change the EMT and security requirements, allowing some of these things to be set at the pre-event meeting instead of being automatically required, and establishing a process to appeal application denials and revocations.

e. Discuss Updates to the City Fee Schedule, discussion only, no action will be taken.

Jacob gave an overview of how the City's fees align with other municipalities in the area, focusing on contractors licenses, permits for construction and services and inspections. Tripling our current fees would get us into the median average with surrounding cities. They will work on a more in depth cost analysis. Recommended an annual review in January, and reviewing the Code of Ordinances to remove any fees set by code and reference that fees will be as presented on the Fee Schedule adopted by resolution.

f. Discuss Community Stakeholder Committee Meeting to discuss members,

identify candidates, discuss meeting schedule and possible mission statement, discussion only, no action will be taken.

Council reviewed their plans for the Community Stakeholder Committee Meeting, the committee will have two members of Council, two members from the School Board and a member from the Chamber, with the Mayor and School Superintendent attending as non-voting members. Will vote on this at November's meeting.

Mayor Wiegert left the meeting at 7:41pm, returned at 7:42pm.

g. Discuss City Planned Events, discussion only, no action will be taken.

Council discussed adding more events that the City sponsors. Primary challenge is manpower to put events together. Discussed concerts or having a musical festival and the manpower required for that. Discussed creating a tourism budget, creating a subcommittee to plan events and work with the Chamber, and improvements to the City that would improve walkability and parking for events.

h. Discuss Comprehensive Master Plan 1st meeting recap, discussion only, no action will be taken.

Jacob gave the highlights of the first Comprehensive Mast Plan meeting. They will need to put together a committee and plan public engagement avenues with the citizens.

3. **Executive Session**: discussion and possible action on, request under provision:
   a. 25 O.S. Sec 307 (B)(3) Consideration and possible action pertaining to the sale of real property by the public body.
      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 Sellers and seconded by Lisby to enter into Executive Session to discuss item 3.a.

YAY: Wiegert, Glenn, Cochran, Lisby, Sellers
NAY: None
MOTION PASSED

Entered Executive Session at 7:59 pm.

Returned to open session at 8:18 pm.

A motion was made by Sellers and seconded by Cochran to accept the offer from AMCR Properties LLC as presented.

YAY: Wiegert, Glenn, Cochran, Lisby, Sellers
NAY: None
MOTION PASSED

With no further business the meeting **adjourned at 8:20 pm.**

Paul Wiegert, Mayor

Attest:

Tina Rodriguez, City Clerk

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