

**CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015 6:30PM  
Mayor Scott Blubaugh**

Council met in regular session with Mayor Scott Blubaugh in chair. Present were Eric Barker, David Earls, Don Evans, Clayton Snyder, Greg Stierwalt and Brande Vogele.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the April 13, 2015 Council Meeting.  
Appropriation Ordinance No. 04222015 and 04272015.  
March Municipal Court Publication Report.  
Motion by Don Evans second by Clayton to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

**RECOGNIZE GUEST**

Wade Beal, President of the Recreation Commission, was present to update council on the progress of the Harper Sports Complex. The new mower had arrived, the line posts were in on the new softball field (old t-ball field), they were reusing the fencing but still needed 400 feet of top rail. They had sold more scoreboard signage-Harper Camperland, Harper Industries and Misak Auto, leaving one more space available for long term signage. The recreation board was still looking for someone to fill the vacant position. Mr. Beal informed council of a minor league exhibition game he was trying to host in Harper. The governing body asked for more figures on funds needed to sponsor and any organization that might be willing to promote the event at the May 11, 2015 meeting.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Don Evans for Mayor to make appointments as presented. Yea-Vogele, Stierwalt, Snyder, Evans, Earls and Barker; Ney-0; Motion carried 6-0.

City Attorney-----Phil Unruh	Municipal Judge-----Richard Befort
Zoning Adm. -----Tiffany Hartson	Civil Defense Director-----Doug Murphy
Floodplain Adm.-----Melinda McCurley	

Motion by Don Evans second by Eric Barker to accept the Mayor's appointments to the Fire Department as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Fire Chief-Ken Leu	Scott Blubaugh	Stan Ryberg
Mark Darnell	Doug Ricke	Dan Donnay
Matt Loesch	Gary Ummel, Jr.	Melanie Miller
Dale Bebermeyer	Greg Blanchat	Zach Darnell
Calvin Flores	Seth Harding	George Blubaugh
Troy Ord	Dean Hufford	Ray Bonner
Steve Hageberg		

Motion by Greg Stierwalt second by Don Evans for Mayor to make the following board and committee appointments. Motion carried 6-0.

Library Board	Shirley McCartney to complete a 4 year term.
	Bob Hottman to complete a 4 year term.
Recreation Commission	vacant
Transient Tax Advisory Commission	Matt Brannon to fulfill the unexpired term of Clayton Snyder, term expiring September 2016.

Motion by Don Evans second by Brande Vogele to adopt Ordinance No. G-343 an ordinance terminating the inter-local agreement which provided for the creation of the Harper County/Cities Joint Planning Commission and Harper County/Cities Joint Board of Zoning Appeals. Yea-Barker, Earls, Evans, Snyder, Stierwalt, Vogele; Ney-0; Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Don Evans to adopt Ordinance No. G-344 an ordinance relating to and fixing the charges to be paid to the City of Harper for water services, amending Section 15-226 of the Code of the City of Harper and repealing Ordinance No. G-333 of the City of Harper, Kansas. Yea-Earls, Evans, Snyder, Stierwalt, Vogele, Barker; Ney-0; Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Brande Vogele to hire BG Consultants to perform the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual inspection of the water tower standpipe for a cost of \$1,780.00 to be paid out of the water reserve fund and for the mayor to sign the notice to proceed. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Don Evans second by Eric Barker to approve the addendum to the Hickory, Maple, Spruce and 13<sup>th</sup> Street project approving new storm sewer improvements on Hickory and 13<sup>th</sup> St. for a cost not to exceed \$15,000 to be paid out of the General Street Storm Drainage System Fund. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Don Evans second by Brande Vogele to permit the cut curb permit for Dennis and Leslie Roberts in Lots 1 and 2 in Block 23 in the City of Harper to construct driveway for entrance to new garage. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Blubaugh appointed council members to the following committees.

**FINANCE**-Snyder & Stierwalt  
**STREET/WATER**-Evans & Barker  
**PERSONNEL**-Vogele & Evans  
**AIRPORT**-Barker & Earls

**PARK/CEMETERY**-Evans & Vogele  
**BUILDING**-Stierwalt & Snyder  
**HEALTH**-Earls & Vogele  
**INDUSTRIAL DEV.**- Snyder & Stierwalt

**OLD BUSINESS**-Mayor Blubaugh reported that the interior wall of 119 W. Main was still in progress and he was still awaiting a bid from Blick Construction for 914 Central.

Councilmember Earls reported that he had visited with Larry at Sturdi-built on the gazebo over the downtown stage. He better clarified the design of the gazebo, which would need to be adjusted for the support of the front of the gazebo. He is expecting a new quote and possibly a rendering. The upgrade on the previous quote was from treated lumber to cedar.

Council discussed the city establishing its own Harper Economic Development Committee. It was determined since the Chamber of Commerce had its own economic development committee that the city allow them to take the lead and just develop better communication between that committee and the city with the industrial development committee being involved with development of any incentives or solution to needs.

Chief Murphy reported that he had reviewed the Kingman ordinances and it was not relevant to addressing Harper's needs. After discussion it was determined to draft new ordinances that allowed the code enforcement officer to issue violations and hearing to be held by the municipal judge.

**NEW BUSINESS**-Councilmember Earls informed council that he would be on the May 11<sup>th</sup> agenda representing the Harper County Fair Board requesting support for entertainment during the 2015 fair.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS** Police Chief Murphy reported a hit and run at the Fence Post, the suspects had been located. There was also a report of a stolen laptop that also had been located. Chief Murphy informed council that the abuse case he reported at the previous meeting was determined to be unfounded. He also reported that through VIN Inspections and the Harper County Treasurer's office a Butler County Community College trailer stolen in 2006 had been recovered.

Fire Chief Leu reported the restoration of the 91 year old Model T that was being funded by the Gene Jacobs Memorial Fund.

PWD Sander reported that Tim Rinke was working on a bid for a bridge for the north of the park that would replicate the bridge in the park.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS** Clerk Hartson reported the need for the Airport Committee to meet with the Airport Board. The meeting was set for Thursday, April 30 at 6:05 at City Hall. Clerk Hartson also confirmed that Earles Engineering did amend their contract to supply the city with sufficient costs of design and plans for the engineering for an access south of Green Line Industries at no cost to the city.

Motion by Don Evans second by Brande Vogeles to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Tiffany M. Hartson, CMC  
City Clerk