

**CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014 6:30PM
Mayor Scott Blubaugh**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the December 8, 2014 Council Meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 12222014.

There was no November Municipal Court Publication Report.

Motion by Don Evans second by Eric Barker to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

RECOGNIZE GUEST

6:32 p.m. Mayor Blubaugh opened the public hearing for the budget amendments to the 2014 Airport, Infrastructure Sales Tax and Hospital Sales Tax budgets. No members of the public were present, Mayor Blubaugh left the hearing open to await any late arrivals.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Jan Graves to approve Charlie's Pizzataco's business license for a mobile food truck in the City of Harper. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jan Graves second by Eric Barker to approve Casey's General Store #3063 602 W. 14th application for a 2015 CMB license for sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the licensed premises. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jan Graves second by Don Evans to approve Casey's General Store #2955 103 W. 14th application for a 2015 CMB license for sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the licensed premises. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jan Graves second by Eric Barker to approve Roy Jacobs', Copper Lounge 703 E. 14th, application for a 2015 CMB License to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on premises. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Don Evans second by David Earls to approve Roy Jacobs', Copper Lounge 703 E. 14th, application for a 2015 CMB License to sell cereal malt beverages in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the licensed premises. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Don Evans second by Eric Barker to approve Maria Manzeneras', La Fogata 102 W. Main, application for a 2015 CMB License to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on premises. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Brande Vogele to designate state or national banks, state or federally chartered savings association, federally chartered savings banks in the City of Harper and Municipal Investment Pool as official depositories for city funds for year 2015. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Don Evans second by David Earls to designate the Harper Advocate as the City's official newspaper for 2015. Motion carried 6-0.

6:38 p.m. Mayor Blubaugh asked if any members of the public were present for the public hearing to amend the 2014 Airport, Infrastructure Sales Tax and Hospital Sales Tax funds. None were, Mayor Blubaugh closed the public hearing.

Motion by Don Evans second by Eric Barker to adopt the budget amendments to the 2014 Airport, Infrastructure Sales Tax, and Hospital Sales Tax Funds. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Don Evans second by Brande Vogele for the Mayor to appoint Shirley McCartney to the Harper Library Board to fulfill the vacant position of Pat Smith, term expiring April 2015. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by David Earls second by Greg Stierwalt to approve Matt Brannon's hang sign permit for the Red Rooster Café, 524 W. 14th. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Don Evans second by Eric Barker to adopt Resolution No. 732-14 a resolution directing and providing for the transfers of surplus funds. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Don Evans second by Brande Vogeles to adopt the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan with priority of funds to be given to street, water, airport/industrial development and parks projects. Motion carried 6-0.

Rosalea Hostetler, representing the Balmer Fund, was present to update council on the repairs of Rosalea's Hotel at 121 W. Main. She informed council that Harry Adams, a long time board member and benefactor, had passed away the previous Thursday. The Balmer Fund had signed a contract with Farha Construction and they planned to begin stabilization right after the holidays. Ms. Hostetler was asking for unlimited access to the building to clear the rooms out to prepare for the work to be done. She had cleared out the basement for the most part which was where they would begin their work. Councilmember Stierwalt asked how the request related to the court order regarding the building. Mayor Blubaugh said that was something to be looked into and that the contractors needed to come in and sign the waivers of liability also. Clerk Hartson informed council that the previous resolution allowing access to the building had a deadline that expired at 3:30 p.m. earlier that day. If they wished to grant continued access to Ms. Hostetler they would need to adopt a new resolution extending access time. Mayor Blubaugh pointed out that for stabilization the original resolution allowed persons inside who were shoring up the building. Councilmember Evans requested to see the contract before allowing further access. Chief Murphy reminded council that by court order the Balmer Fund had until January 15, 2015 to show proof of funds available to pay for the repairs. Ms. Hostetler informed council they could request a copy of the contract from Farha's lawyers. Council continued discussion regarding whether or not the city should request a copy of the contract, with a court deadline looming council did not take any further action or extend building access to Ms. Hostetler. Council asked Clerk Hartson to visit with the city's attorney on who is liable for the building once the construction starts.

Council was presented with a proposal from Andale Paving for road base replacement, resurfacing and curb and gutter repairs for parts of Hickory (1300 blk), 13th (W. 600-700 blk), Maple (1300 blk) and Spruce (1300 blk). The cost of which could be paid for by utilizing the infrastructure sales tax funds. Council wished to see bids from other companies that do road repair, even if not in the same fashion as Andale Paving. Clerk Hartson was instructed to send out bids to at least two other contractors for their method of repair/replacement and costs, setting bids to be open the second meeting in January. Councilmember Evans also asked Clerk Hartson to identify what type of maintenance there was on a concrete surface.

OLD BUSINESS Clerk Hartson informed council that the PAPI baffling kit had not arrived on schedule, but was expected to be in and installed before the end of the year.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS Chief Murphy informed council that the outdoor warning sirens were not able to be set off by his mobile radio nor from a distance as far as Anthony, he will be working with a radio programmer to figure out the problem with the programming. Fire Chief Leu updated council on the county's upcoming purchase of a computer dispatch system.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS Clerk Hartson reviewed with council the monitoring letter received from Linda Hunsicker, KDOC CDBG, for the monitoring of the water treatment plant. There were three items that needed attention: an original of a payroll needed to be submitted, a contractor needed to be approved and some of the originals of the LMI surveys were unaccounted for. Clerk Hartson informed council that surveys were being submitted during the time of the transition between CDBG grant administrators. It was likely that the originals were still at Ranson Financials offices.

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

Tiffany M. Hartson, CMC
City Clerk