

November 19, 2018
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Stirton called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Pastor Young. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Stirton, Commissioner Edwards, West, Bacon, and Krug. City Attorney Kevin Hill and Interim Administrator/Police Chief John Calhoon were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Bacon to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3532(Payroll) for the amount of \$33,804.78. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards approve Appropriation Ordinance #3533 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$88,712.08. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Waste Management

John Blessing was present per the Commissioners request to discuss the proposed rate per home increase of .46 cents from Waste Management. Mr. Blessing said that standard is to use the federal Consumer Price Index for Trash services (CPI-WST) when there isn't a specific index referenced in the contract, and that rates don't generally stay static for a 10 year period. Waste Management must adjust their charges to stay in line with rising costs on an annual basis. If approved by the Commission, the proposed increase would go into effect on January 1, 2019.

West is in favor of leaving the current contract the way that it is.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to put the increase of .46 cents per home out to the public and table until the next meeting on December 3rd to see if there is any opposition from residents. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

John Calhoon will let John Blessing know what the Commission's decision is after December 3rd.

Request to be placed on Agenda

The Commission agreed to let Shelby Howard and NEK-CAP, Inc. use the Blue Building on November 20, 2018 for the charitable event rate since they are a non-profit.

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Father Dan was present on behalf of the South Brown County Ministerial Association to request the use of the Civic Center. Motion by Commissioner West to allow the use of the Civic Center to fill bags for the Luminaries. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye. Father Dan also requested that the city turn out the street lights, put up barricades, and police the area as they have done in past years. The Luminaries are on December 2nd.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Paula Jacobson and Viki Stone from The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ were present to appeal for a lower rate for the use of the Armory for Faith & Fun Club on Wednesdays. The reason for the request is because with the \$877.50 that they have spent for the use of the Armory, they have used their budgeted funds and don't have any money left for other activities.

The Commission thanked the ladies for bringing it to their attention and told them maybe they can revisit after the first of the year once utility costs are reviewed for all city owned buildings.

Faith & Fun Club hosts 35 to 40 mostly low income community kids weekly.

2019 Auditor Approval

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to select Mize & Houser to prepare the 2018 audit for the city of Horton in 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Review Parks and Rec Board Members and Their Appointments

Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the appointments of the existing Parks & Recreation Board members as suggested by Calhoon. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Per the Ordinance, the first appointee is to serve for four years, the second for three years, the third and fourth for two years, and the fifth for one year. Following the initial appointment, members' terms shall be for four years.

Calhoon recommended the following appointments for existing members:

Four Years – Colby Knudson

Three Years – Karl Gaskell

Two Years - Diana Coffman (and the newly appointed member)

One year – Andrew Monson

Discussion Follow-up Letter to Utility Service Co. Inc. Regarding Maintenance Contract for Water Tower

A proper cancellation letter was signed by the Commission to be submitted to Utility Service Co, Inc. to request the cancellation of our water tower maintenance agreement effective December 31, 2018.

Consideration of Camping Rate Increases and Fees for 2019

Per the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Board, Calhoon presented a \$100 increase in seasonal camping rates, making them \$300 a season for 2019. The Board also recommended extending the camping season from March 15 to November 15. Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the proposed camping rate increase, but leave the season camping dates the same. Seconded by Commissioner West. Aye- Commissioner West, Bacon, Edwards, and Krug. Nay- Mayor Stirton. Motion passed. The Board will meet at the end of the month again to go through camping regulations.

Motion by Commissioner West to develop the area on the east side of the lake (above B's Cove) for additional 14 day camping spots. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. Aye- Mayor Stirton, Commissioner West, Edwards, and Krug. Nay- Commissioner Bacon. Motion passed.

Calhoon mentioned that the Parks & Recreation Board was not in favor of putting the 14 day spots there because it would obstruct the view of lake for the house that is there.

Consider Purchase of a Used Truck/Street Sweeper

Motion by Commissioner Bacon for the city to purchase a used truck with a street sweeper attached for \$17,500. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Calhoon, Edwards, and Randy Mayfield watched a demonstration of the street sweeper vacuum that was found on Craigslist and were all impressed.

Chief Calhoon/Interim City Administrator

Due to the increase in employee rates with Delta Dental, Calhoon has been working with Derek Dick from Kaw Valley Insurance, Inc. to come up with an alternate dental option for the city. Derek presented an option from Humana to Calhoon.

Mayor Stirton

Commissioner Stirton asked if there was a city Ordinance about throwing candy from a vehicle during a parade. The Commission thinks there is a safety concern, but wasn't aware of an Ordinance.

Commissioner Bacon

Commissioner Bacon is opposed to compensating volunteers, such as the flag football referees for their services, but is asking on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Board to give each of the six volunteer referees for flag football \$50 in Chamber Bucks. Mayor Stirton thinks that it is a nice gesture to compensate them something.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to give \$50 in Chamber Bucks to each of the six volunteer referees for flag football. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. Aye- Mayor Stirton, Commissioner West, Bacon, and Krug. Nay- Commissioner Edwards. Motion passed.

Per the recommendation of the Park Board, Bacon asked about putting a carport or shelter house near the new playground area. Edwards expressed his concerns that there will be other expenses coming such as lighting for the area. If a carport or shelter is approved, it would also need concrete and seating purchased.

Calhoon requested that we ask the city auditor if funds that were budgeted for parks in 2018 weren't spent, could they be carried over to 2019? Kim informed the Commission that it would likely not be an option, but she would ask.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table the discussion until the budget carryover question is answered. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Bacon will not be at the next Commission meeting on December 3rd.

Commissioner West

Commissioner West asked if the doors at the fire station can be closed while the firefighters are out on a call, especially during the colder weather.

West noticed that some of the city crews were not wearing hard hats while putting up Christmas lights this past week. He wants the crews to be reminded that this is mandatory when any overhead work is being done.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards stated that the city currently does not have a formal safety program in place. He recommended that the city work with KMIT (Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust) to get one formally established.

Commissioner Krug

No comment.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor