

October 15, 2018
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 15, 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 Ron Cobb. 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 Edwards to adopt the agenda after Sam Johnson from BG Consultants, Inc. was added to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2018 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3528(Payroll) for the amount of \$34,526.43. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards approve Appropriation Ordinance #3529 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$84,544.45. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Public Comments

Traci Molt and Margo Chartier were present to give updates on behalf of the Fair Board. As of now, there is no carnival scheduled for 2019. The board is currently looking for another carnival. Everything with the fair will be pushed back a day in 2019, so the parade will be on Wednesday, July 10th, and entertainment will be on Friday, July 12th.

The Fair Board will host a meeting on November 7th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Reinvent Horton, The Chamber, and Commission are invited to attend.

Consider Appointment of New Municipal Judge

Since Jerry Kuckelman was appointed as the district judge for Atchison and Leavenworth counties, he will no longer be able to serve as the city's municipal judge. Patrick Henderson, an attorney in Atchison Kansas who currently serves as assistant Atchison county attorney was recommended by both Kevin Hill and John Calhoon to replace Kuckelman.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to appoint Patrick Henderson as the new municipal judge for the same salary that the past judge received. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

BG Consultants, Inc.

Sam Johnson was present to provide a Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Update and discussed reasons for modifying the process from SBR to Aero-Mod (AM). Sam also presented a Statement of Design for the Commission to review, and a revised schedule.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to accept the change in plan from SBR to Aero-Mod. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Skyler Dobson was not present. The Commission recommended that Mr. Dobson contact the police department regarding his issue with excessive speeds in his neighborhood.

2017 Audit Presentation

Sean Gordon from Mize Houser & Company presented the 2017 Audit to the Commissioners. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to accept the audit as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

NEKEF Pledge Discussion

Back in August, Teresa McAnerney from Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Initiative requested a commitment of \$3,300 for 2019 from the city. Calhoon wanted to revisit the conversation so Teresa could be provided with an answer. Calhoon recommended that we commit \$3,500.00 from the Industrial Fund. West is more in favor of giving the money in the Industrial Fund to HIDC rather than NEKEF.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to commit \$2,500 to NEKEF for 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. Aye- Mayor Stirton, Commissioner Edwards, Bacon, and Krug. Nay- Commissioner West. Motion passed.

Edwards would like to request that Teresa McAnerney attend a city budget planning meeting in the future to request the proposed commitment amount.

Revision of Ordinance No. 1160, 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 1177

The first reading of Ordinance No. 1177, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-201 OF THE HORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD IN THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS was done. The Ordinance will be considered for approval at the Commission meeting on November 5th.

Consider Purchase of Mulch for New Playground Area

Bids for rubber mulch for the new playground area by the pool were received from Rooster Rubber out of Kansas City, and Rubber Recycle out of New Jersey.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Calhoon to purchase natural black rubber mulch from Rubber Recycle, and also purchase some edging not to exceed \$5,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Discuss Acquisition of Used Truck for Street Department

After discussion about the worsening condition on one of the existing city trucks used for plowing, Motion was made by Commissioner West to allow Calhoon to purchase a used 1 ton truck with a plow not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

If purchased in 2018 the money will be taken out of the equipment reserve fund and reimbursed back with budgeted funds in 2019. Approximately \$20,000 of the current equipment reserve fund is from transfers from the fire department fund.

Chief Calhoon/Interim City Administrator

Designated Halloween nights for 2018 will be October 30th and 31st.

There will be a free AARP Smart Driver Class at the Library on Friday, October 19th

Motion by Commissioner West to designate December 24th and 25th as the paid holidays for city employees. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to waive the fees and allow use of the Blue Building on February 20th and 27th 2019 for ACT testing for juniors and seniors. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye. The building will be in use from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on those days.

Calhoon proposed that if employee bonuses were to be given this year that they are distributed the first pay period in December.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Calhoon to present bonuses with cost and funding source to the Commission. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Mayor Stirton

Commissioner Stirton discussed FirstNet, which is a nationwide public safety broadband network for America's first responders if you are an AT&T subscriber.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize Calhoon to write a letter to AT&T to initiate the FirstNet program. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Commissioner Bacon

Commissioner Bacon would like Larry Pottroff to be invited to the next Commission meeting to discuss building picnic tables as a school project.

Commissioner West

The heavy snow this week prompted Commissioner West to remind city crews that the tree limbs in the primary electric lines need to be trimmed.

Commissioner Edwards

No comment.

Commissioner Krug

No comment.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor