

February 16, 2016  
5:15 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Tuesday February 16, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by John Calhoon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Lentz, and Commissioners Edwards, Stirton, Krug, and Boller. City Attorney Kevin Hill and City Clerk/Administrator Kim Clausen were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2016 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3392 Payroll) for the amount of \$30,648.27. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3393 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$66,926.61. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

Roger Madere is running for 2<sup>nd</sup> District County Commissioner and asked for individuals support. Wilma Carlson was present to ask for relief on her water bill after a leak was discovered in her unoccupied house. The city clerk will set up a recurring payment of \$20.00 a month until \$265.58 is paid in full.

#### **Request to be Added to Agenda**

Shelley Lowe was present to request the use of the Blue Building at no charge for the Horton United Methodist VBS Craft Fair Benefit on April 16, 2016. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the use of the whole Blue Building for the \$25.00 electric charge, and waive the rental fee. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

#### **Discuss Fireman's Pay Going through Payroll**

The city clerk discussed the auditors' recommendation to have the volunteer firefighters pay go through payroll, rather than getting paid cash. The purpose is to report the wages on a W-2 and withhold appropriate taxes. Lamar will discuss with the firefighters and get feedback before this is brought to the table again at a future meeting. An option was discussed to raise the pay a little to offset the cost of taxes being withheld.

#### **KMU Mutual Aid**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Mayor Lentz to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement with Kansas Municipal Utilities. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

#### **Discuss No Parking in Front of Grade School**

After a lengthy discussion on displaying no parking on School Drive (south side), it was recommended that Rex West and Chief Calhoon review the current Ordinance of No Parking areas and discuss at the next meeting.

**Approve Sewer Ordinance No. 1153**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Ordinance No. 1153 **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SEWER RATES FOR USERS OF THE HORTON MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PLANT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM.** \$4.00 per thousand gallons based upon their applicable annual winter monthly average water consumption. Commencing April 2016, the user charge shall increase 2%, with said user charge increasing an additional 2% every three months thereafter. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. There was no sunset established by the Commission at the current time.

**Open Hay and Crop Bids for Airport**

Motion by Commissioner Boller to award the crop bid at the airport to Harold Heinen for the amount of \$2019.60 for 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. No hay bids were received.

**Review Grave Opening/Closing Costs**

The Commission reviewed the current Ordinance on pricing for opening/closing graves and discussed increasing it due to the latest bid that awarded last month. Kevin Hill will draft an Ordinance for the review at the next Commission meeting on 3/7.

**Rex West**

The contractors have begun work at the Electric Plant on upgrading the cities generators.

Rex will have a training class this week on training his team on the new backhoe and trench excavation. He feels that everyone should be proficient on the backhoe in case of an emergency situation.

Rex and team continue to line the banks at Mission Lake that are washing away.

**Chief Calhoon**

Community Policing Training will be held at the Blue Building on May 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Storm Spotter Training will be on March 29<sup>th</sup> or the 31<sup>st</sup>.

The new police vehicle is officially in production.

**Mayor Lentz**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for the city to contribute \$333.00 out of the general fund to the city of Hiawatha for forensic software for cellphones. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. The total cost for the software was \$999.00.

Bids for the 2015 Special Round Downtown Improvements will be advertised this week in the newspaper. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Reinvent donated \$4000.00 to the library for their new sign.

Reinvent will be raising money for the remaining new lights being installed downtown. Mayor Lentz asked the Commission if Reinvent can sell the old light poles that were taken down in the downtown area for additional funds for their account. Motion by Commissioner Boller to allow Reinvent to sell the old light poles. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

**City Clerk/Administrator**

Brown Atchison Electric has requested to be allowed to cover the "No Parking" signs on 17th Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East for their annual meeting to be held on February 18th from approximately 10:00

a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the signs to be covered. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

The fire station will be mowed by either Josh White or the volunteer fireman going forward. The city will no longer pay to have it mowed.

Kim will attend the City Clerk Conference from May 21 – 26<sup>th</sup> in Omaha, NE. Kim will travel and room with the city of Hiawatha City Clerk, Vivian Constable.

**Commissioner Krug**

No comment.

**Commissioner Stirton**

No comment.

**Commissioner Edwards**

Commissioner Edwards asked if the new Mission Lake rule books have been printed yet.

**Commissioner Boller**

No comment.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

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Kim Clausen, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor