

February 4, 2013
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Pastor Pat Lovitt of the First Baptist Church.

Present: Mayor Lentz, and Commissioners Krug, Forkenbrock, Edwards and Barton.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2013 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2013 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3231 (Payroll) in the amount of \$33,118.35 Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3232 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$58,663.15. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Efficiency Kansas Commercial Lighting Program

Preston Miller from the State of Kansas was present to explain the program and answer any questions from the Commission. The City of Horton will be the pilot project for this program. This program allows small businesses to do lighting retro-fits. The T12 styles of lights are outdated and the businesses can get a revolving loan to replace the lights with more energy efficient ones. The loan has a maximum of \$30,000 and can be paid back in 1-5 years at 5% interest or 6 years at 6% interest. The payment is attached to the utility bill and then the City sends that to the bank making the loan. The business must be owner occupied and must have been in business for at least 3 years. Anything up to 15,000 square feet is considered a small business. The Commission will discuss this with their consultant, Scott Shreve.

Discussion of Bridge Agreement with KMEA for Purchase of Power

Scott Shreve was unable to attend the meeting and will come at a later date to discuss this agreement that will be needed when the City leaves the Kansas Power Pool (KPP) in June.

Lease Agreement with Enterpol

The City Attorney reviewed the lease agreement for the software and equipment for the police department. He emphasized that a non-appropriation clause is required and the agreement did have that included. The Commission questioned the total amount and payment amounts

because they were different than they had expected. Chief Hasenohr advised that there was computer equipment needed that had not been quoted previously and the City had requested that the \$9,000 for training be included in the financing instead of paid up front. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the lease agreement with Enterpol. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Aye – Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Forkenbrock and Edwards. Nay – Commissioners Krug and Barton. The motion carried.

The Commission asked Chief Hasenohr if there were areas where he could cut costs this year to make up the difference in payments. He advised that he could wait to purchase the firearms and the cage for the vehicle. There may be a need to use the court diversion funds.

Chief Hasenohr presented the Commission with the overtime report and also informed the Commission that Dugan Shoemaker was changed from a part time officer to a full time officer.

Pole Agreement with United Telephone

An agreement was presented dealing with the poles owned by the City of Horton and the poles owned by United Telephone. The agreement was reviewed by the City Attorney and he made some changes. The changes will be sent to United Telephone for their review.

Comp Time Policy

The comp time policy was presented. There was a question about the amount of accrual and the time frame that the time has to be used. Mr. Hill will make the changes requested by the Commission and will discuss at the next meeting.

Executive Session for Non-elected Personnel

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission, City Attorney, City Clerk and Duane Boldridge. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye. Not action taken after executive session.

Review Ordinances

The Commissioners reviewed the ordinances on the police department, public offenses and public property. The City Clerk made note of suggested changes.

Staff Reports

Mr. West reported on the activities of the crews. The water meter change outs will begin this week. Trees will be trimmed on Central south of 15th Street and the chip and seal routes.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

Ms. Schmitt presented the Commission the information on duties for the City Clerk, City Administrator and for a possible position in the Clerk's office.

Ms. Schmitt reported that the cost of lifeguard training has increased to \$200. In the last few years the City has paid for the training. Ms. Schmitt asked the Commission if they would want to continue this practice. The Commission would like to know the number of those who would need to be recertified and those that would need the initial training before making a decision.

Brown Atchison Electric has requested to be allowed to cover the “No Parking” signs around their facility for their annual meeting to be held on February 21 from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the signs to be covered. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. Aye— Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Krug, Edwards and Barton. Nay— Commissioner Forkenbrock. Motion carried.

Commissioner’s Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug asked if the Chief of Police and Community Services Officer had met about having range safety officers from the police department. Ms. Schmitt advised that applications from 2 officers have been turned in and they are waiting to be approved by the Firing Range Board at their next meeting.

There was discussion about the school zone signs by the Little Lake being moved up to the Armory area. Commissioner Krug is concerned that this is confusing to drivers and they fail to slow down because they think the school zone starts up on the hill. Commissioner Krug asked the other Commissioners to look it over and discuss at the next meeting.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

If the City is able to save money on the health insurance, Commissioner Forkenbrock would like the Commission to consider passing those savings on to the employees in the form of wages or bonuses.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards reported he has gained some knowledge and insight into legislative issues by reading the League News that Ms. Schmitt is forwarding by e-mail.

Commissioner Barton

A meeting to sign up campers will be held on March 25 at the Blue Building.

The Park Board will be looking at elections of officers, discussion of swimming area at the lake and fencing of area at Hickory Point. Commissioner Barton and Mayor Lentz will meet with the lake caretaker soon.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz gave an update on the sewer project. There will be a 30 day time frame to observe the pipe bursting and then the engineer will review and recommend whether more of the pipe bursting would be beneficial to the City.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to appoint Traci Molt as City Treasurer. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to designate Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug and Forkenbrock and Treasurer Molt as signers for the bank accounts at Horton National Bank, Union State Bank and Pony Express Bank. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor