

August 7, 2017  
5:15 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda after Mayor Lentz requested to add a 20 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, and discussion about county-wide dispatch. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2017 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2017 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2017 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the July 31, 2017 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3466 (Payroll) for the amount of \$33,655.77. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3467 (Payroll) for the amount of \$33,515.63. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock approve Appropriation Ordinance #3468 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$340,911.88 after Commissioner Stirton asked for clarification regarding the bill from EMG, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

Morgan Miller from Fiabesco asked about having a Fiabesco Fun Night, with a street dance, face painting, food, beer garden, etc., with a percentage of the proceeds going to the new city pool. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the Fiabesco Fun Night on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and consider approval of the beer garden at a later date. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Shelley Lowe was present to ask that the rental fee at the Blue Building be waived for a craft fair held by the Horton United Methodist Church on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to waive the rental fee, but still pay the \$25.00 electric charge. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

#### **County-Wide Dispatch Discussion**

Chief Calhoon updated the Commission on the status and his teams' thoughts regarding county-wide dispatch. There was an extended discussion with the Commission, Chief Calhoon, Kevin Hill, and

Melissa Gormley. There will be a Special Meeting held at the Blue Building on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. to discuss further with the city, county, and representatives from other entities.

**Request to be placed on Agenda**

Randy Beach was present to discuss semi-trucks running their engines all day and night, rattling his windows, and the smell of diesel from the county shop. The Commission would like Chief Calhoon to investigate this with the county.

**Request to be placed on Agenda**

Teresa McAnerney was present and thanked the Commission for their support in the past and presented them with the Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Initiative. Teresa requested a commitment from the city for \$4,100 in 2018. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the commitment of \$4,100 from the city of Horton for 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

**Discuss Sale of Properties at 129/131 West 9th**

The Commission tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

**Approve Payment Requests No. 1 & 2 for Pool Project**

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve payment request No. 1 in the amount of \$44,806.50, and No. 2 in the amount of \$21,186.00 for the pool project. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

**Register League Voting Delegates**

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to elect Commissioner Edwards as the cities voting delegate, and City Clerk Kim Knudson as the cities alternate voting delegate for the League of Kansas Municipalities. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

**Revisit Employee Manual Revisions**

This will be revisited at the next Commission meeting.

**Chief Calhoon**

The owner of the home that burnt down on 1573 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East doesn't have the money to tear the house down on her own.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to declare the property an immediate hazard and direct the public officer to be taken down without delay. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. Such action may be taken without prior notice to or hearing of the owners, agents, lienholders and occupants. The cost of any action under this section shall be assessed against the property.

Chief Calhoon presented the Commission a list of eight properties to be demolished. One can be taken down now. A resolution for the other properties will be prepared at a later date.

**Mayor Lentz**

The pool project is going exceptionally well.

The parking lot by the pool and football field needs the rock to be back dragged prior to the day of the eclipse on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Krug offered to look at the lot and do this for the city.

The new backstop for ballfield three is built, and is ready to be installed.

Per the request of Horton Kansas Topics, a Facebook forum, the Commission discussed whether or not to change the Commission meeting time to later in the evening so that more individuals might have the opportunity to attend. The Commission discussed and would like to keep the time where it is at for now.

**City Clerk/Administrator**

Jon Goslin of 640 West 15<sup>th</sup> is requesting an audit of his utility bill and that he get reimbursed for services not rendered due to his sewer line not being connected to the city sewer. If his request is verified as correct, \$668.13 would be credited to his account.

**Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug visited with someone from another cemetery and shared that they experience the same issues that our city does with damages at our cemetery.

Asked about what has been done with the tennis court.

Asked about the airport conservation plan, and if the bills have been turned in.

**Commissioner Stirton**

Commissioner Stirton talked about tree limbs that have been dropped by the city crews, but not picked up.

**Commissioner Edwards**

School will be back in session on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, so the traffic and cross walk signs need to be tested by the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some trees also need to be trimmed by the signs.

Commissioner Edwards recommended that the city crew pick up a calendar from the school office, so they know when school is not in session.

**Commissioner Forkenbrock**

Commissioner Forkenbrock asked for updates on the city plans for porta pots, traffic control, and trash cans for the eclipse. He requested that Chief Calhoon head this up.

Commissioner Forkenbrock would like to discuss the Mission Lake Christian Camp lease agreement and utilities at the next Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 20 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to include Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Edwards, Forkenbrock, and Stirton, Kim Knudson, and attorney Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. No action taken after executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

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Kim Knudson, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor