

August 15, 2016
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 15, 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 Calhoun. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda after removing Samuel Johnson. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

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

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3417 (Payroll) for the amount of \$32,895.14. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3418 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$73,201.45. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

Diana Coffman and other Mission Lake campers were present to state the unfairness that some of the campers have their electricity metered, while others are still paying \$7.00 a day. The Commission recommended that the front office determine the average rate that the campers with meters are paying, and impose that cost to the campers without meters for the remainder of the 2016 camping season.

A citizen voiced his concern about the rubble left behind after the houses were demolished and cleaned up by the city. He recommended putting up orange fences and cleaning up the properties better to keep kids out.

Request to be Placed on Agenda

Kaleigh Lamme, who lives on the west edge of town, asked about owning certain types of animals (bucket calves, goats, pigs, etc.) on her property if her kids wanted to show them in 4-H. The Ordinance states that it shall be unlawful for the owner, lessee, occupant or person in charge of any premises in the city to possess and maintain any animal or fowl within the city or permit to be maintained thereon any stable, shed, pen or other place where horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats or swine, or undomesticated animals are kept. The Ordinance would have to be changed in order to support her request.

Request to be Placed on Agenda

Kenny Molt from Tom's Towing was present to voice his concern over cars that he impounds for the city of Horton. He feels that the good cars go to the city impound, and the bad cars go to him. It costs him money for liens on the vehicles, and he has to have a clear title to junk. Kenny also voiced his concern about the dispatchers being rude, and police officers not responding when he requests assistance when towing vehicles.

Public Hearing for 2017 Budget

Mayor Lentz announced the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m. There were no comments made by the public, and the Public Hearing ended at 6:12 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the 2017 Budget with a mill levy of 67.744. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Hearing – Melissa Razo

Melissa Razo requested a hearing to discuss the unsatisfactory conditions of two buildings that she owns on 103 & 105 East 8th. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table the discussion until August 29th so the Commission can see the structural engineering report on both properties. Kevin Hill will draft two Resolutions for the Commission to review at that time as well. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Resolution for Abatement

Kevin Hill presented Resolution 2016-004, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC OFFICER OR AGENTS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS TO ABATE CONDITIONS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTIES THAT ARE INJURIOUS TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY OR GENERAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY OR DETRIMENTAL TO ADJOINING PROPERTIES, THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR THE CITY BY REPAIRING, DEMOLISHING OR REMOVING THE SAME AFTER THE PASSAGE OF 20 DAYS FROM THE DATE THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, AT WHICH TIME THE OWNER, HIS AGENT, LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD, OCCUPANTS OR OTHERS WITH CHARGE, CARE, CONTROL OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE PREMISES, REGARDLESS OF STATUS AS OWNER, RENTER, TENANT OR LESSEE, WHETHER OR NOT IN POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH STRUCTURES AND CONDITIONS SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED, DEMOLISHED OR REMOVED OR MADE SAFE AS TO THE SAID DANGEROUS STRUCTURES OR DANGEROUS CONDITIONS. The Resolution will be published in the newspaper for two consecutive weeks, and the hearing for abatement will be held on September 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Melvin Shafer, the resident agent for three of the properties was present, as well as some of the current occupants of the homes.

Ordinance No. 1158 Implementing Sales Tax

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Ordinance No. 1158, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS IMPOSING A GENERAL ONE PERCENT (1%) CITY-WIDE SALES TAX AND RELATED MATTERS.** Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Approval of Ordinance No. 1157

Motion by Commission Edwards to approve Ordinance No. 1157, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9-112 OF THE HORTON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO COURT COSTS ASSESSED BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. The State of Kansas increased the state assessment for the Law Enforcement Training fund from \$20.00 to \$22.50 effective July 1, 2016. This increased the city of Horton's court costs from \$91.00 to \$93.50.

Revenue Workshop

The Commission had the first of several revenue workshops determining what the city can do to increase revenues being brought in.

Todd Horton

Todd provided the Commission with a Progress Report on what he and his team have been working on. He will also start requesting daily activity logs from each member on his team starting next week.

The new relays have been installed at the generation plant.

The electric expansion for SweetPro will begin at the end of the month. Scobee Powerline Construction, LLC will be performing the work.

Equipment has been ordered for the Robert Rork electric expansion.

The Commission agreed for the fence to come down behind the Armory. This will allow for more room for SweetPro and Compton's. SweetPro has agreed to maintain the grass once the fence comes down.

Chief Calhoon

Chief Calhoon applied for a grant for \$33,000 for new portable radios for his departments.

There will be a competition shoot and a gun raffled off to help raise funds for a new building at the shooting range.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz commended Todd Horton and his team for all of their hard work.

City Clerk/Administrator

Rainbow Communications would like to install a camera on the utility pole directly north of the library next to the alley. The only thing mounted on the pole will be the bracket and camera. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the camera and bracket to be mounted to the utility pole. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Buzz Allen may have to relocate the place where he parks his vehicle while being a crossing guard. He is blocking a resident's driveway where he currently sits.

Commissioner Krug

The Kansas Highway Patrol would like to have a night firing at the shooting range on August 29th and 30th. They would be finished by 11:00 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Stirton to allow the night shoot. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. This will be advertised in the newspaper and social media to let the citizens of Horton know ahead of time.

The city was approved by the Brown County Conservation District for financial assistance to install a Tile Outlet Terrace, Underground Outlet, and Water & Sediment Basin at the airport farming property. The city has been tentatively approved for \$2,218.50. Commissioner Krug thinks it will cost about double that. All work must be completed and bills submitted to the Brown County Conservation District office on or before December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton would like to see the number of drug cases be added to the monthly Municipal Court Report that is provided by Candy.

There will be a 5th & 6th grade volleyball league that will be playing at the Armory at times. Bryan asked if Keith Olsen could assist in putting up the nets if needed.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards shared that the latest water tower inspection for the city showed no deficiencies.

Commissioner Boller

Not present.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor