

March 17, 2014  
5:15 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 2014 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.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Forkenbrock, and Barton. Kevin Hill and Kim Clausen were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adopt the agenda after requesting that the City Clerk move a fund from the police budget to the court budget. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2014 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3291 (Payroll) for the amount of \$35,026.40. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3292 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$75083.06. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

A citizen asked about painting the curb for any no parking spots rather than putting up signs to save on cost for the city.

The new hospital CEO, Don Weidermann introduced himself.

#### **Cost Comparison on Auditors**

The Commission discussed the cost comparison between Michael Peroo and Audrey Odermann from Mize Houser & Company. Mayor Lentz and the City Clerk are going to have a meeting with Michael Peroo regarding some issues that the city has experienced over the last year with him. The Commission did not make a final decision on an auditor for 2014.

#### **Sealed Bids for Roof Repair**

The City Clerk opened and read the sealed bids that were provided for roof repair throughout the city. Bids were received from Danker Roofing, Unruh Construction, WD Spray Foam Solutions LLC, Faith Roofing Company, Lanter Spray Performance Specialists, and ADS Distributing Inc. The Commission requested that the City Clerk compile a spreadsheet with the prices of each bidder and the roof that they bid on and present it at the next Commission meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Better Beef Days**

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock made the motion to support Better Beef Day on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Grounds in Horton. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

**Sewer Rates**

The discussion of sewer rates will be tabled until the next Commission meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> when the whole Commission is present. Meanwhile Mayor Lentz and the City Clerk will have a call with Michael Peroo to discuss him providing a rate structure analysis for the city.

**Chief of Police**

Chief Calhoon and James Stuart have been asking citizens to clean up their houses and yards or take the assistance that is being offered by the city if they are unable.

Chief Calhoon stated that there might be some overtime within the police department with the Taser and Active Shooter Training that is going on.

**Staff Reports**

Rex West and team are reading meters, repairing water leaks, installing outlets at the lake, and cleaning up brush from the weekend cleanup.

**Mayor Lentz**

Mayor Lentz would like to the city to purchase a couple of signs for in town. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to allow the purchase of a business district sign and a sign for the power plant in the amount of \$310.00. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Mayor Lentz asked the city attorney to prepare a resolution with the addresses of several houses that are going to be demolished in town. He would like the resolution completed by March 24<sup>th</sup> for approval at a special meeting.

Mayor Lentz spoke of the city of Horton forming a relationship with the Kickapoo Tribe.

**City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda**

Kim gave updates on camping at Mission Lake after the camping signups on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Twenty five people signed up and there are eight vacant spots left.

**Commissioner's Agenda****Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug discussed the immediate need for a tile terrace with an underground tile outlet pipe at the farm ground by the airport. Motion by Commissioner Krug to allow Mr. Lowe to install the tile terrace at the tree dump, not to exceed \$1200.00. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

More tile terraces will need to be installed after harvest.

**Commissioner Forkenbrock**

Commissioner Forkenbrock would like James Stuart to write a blanket letter to the citizens of Horton on how they can maintain their property and the responsibilities of their yard and present it at the next Commission meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Forkenbrock spoke to the Commission about the Lion's Club and the discount they receive if they buy fireworks ahead of time for the annual fireworks display in Horton. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to allow the city to write a check to Jesse Kimmi now for \$250.00 and revisit possibly donating more money at a later date. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

**Commissioner Edwards**

Not Present.

**Commissioner Barton**

Commissioner Barton asked the Commission about taking funds that were budgeted for the pool to finish the ball field lights. Motion by Commissioner Barton to allow the city to purchase two poles and lights for the ball field. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Commissioner Barton would like to have the lake caretakers home demolished because of its poor condition. Motion by Commissioner Barton for the city to demolish the lake caretaker's house. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. The Parks and Recreation Committee discussed the possibility of putting new full service motor home stalls in its place in the future.

The Commission discussed going out for bid on the demolition of the City Pool and shower houses soon.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

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Kim Clausen, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor