

October 6, 2014
5:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 6, 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 Al Barton.

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda after requesting that an Executive Session be added before the Commissioners agendas. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2014 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve appropriation ordinance #3318 (Payroll) for the amount of \$37,505.96. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve appropriation ordinance #3319 (Payroll) for the amount of \$36,423.21. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve appropriation ordinance #3320 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$94,988.61. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

Mark Tollefson was present to ask for approval on behalf of the American Legion Post 7 and VFW Post 2031 for the Annual Veterans Parade on November 11th. Motion by Commissioner Barton to allow the parade to start at 2:30 p.m. on Central. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Mr. Tollefson also spoke of the bad condition of the flags in front of the Armory. The Commission agreed that the city would continue to purchase the flags.

The Horton High School Drama Club will be hosting Scary Socks 5k Walk/Run on Saturday, October 18th at 10:00 a.m. This is a benefit for youth in the Horton Community. Motion by Commissioner Barton to allow the walk/run on 10/18/2014 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Buzz Allen asked if the tax base for the city will be affected after the downtown improvements and Reinvent Horton.

New Hospital Administrator

James Noble was present and introduced himself as the new Hospital Administrator.

Award Bid for 2014 Water Distribution Improvements

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to award the base bid of \$182,169.90 to Banks Construction Company, LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. Per Brian Foster from BG Consultants, Inc. the project will begin around the first of the year, weather permitting. Also, the contracts for Phase II of the Sewer Project were signed by Mayor Lentz.

HealthCare Rates for 2015

Brad Bukaty from Bukaty Companies presented to the Commission that if the city decides to stay with United Healthcare on Dec 1, that there will be a 9% increase. The city clerk stated that a 10% increase was budgeted for 2015. The Commission will make a final decision at the meeting on 10/20/2014.

Request for Abandonment of Property

Darren Lamme was present to request the city to abandon the 900 block of West 12th street, the alley to the north, and the north half of the 1200 block of 9th Avenue West. The Commission will discuss further at the next meeting and have asked Rex West to check into the easements and utilities. Kevin Hill said that an Ordinance would need to be passed listing the specifics first and also need to file with the register of deeds.

Senior Citizen Center Help

Three members from The Chamber were present to discuss the utility bill at the Senior Citizen Center. Mayor Lentz recommended they get an efficiency study done. There was also discussion on turning part of the Senior Citizens Center into a Visitor Center.

Dr. Davies and Boy Scout Troop 112 came and introduced themselves and attended part of the meeting.

15 Minute Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 15 minute executive session to discuss attorney client privilege to include Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Edwards, Krug, and Barton, and attorney Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye. No action taken after executive session.

Chief of Police

Chief Calhoon received a quote to put a privacy window in dispatch for \$350.00. He also spoke of having the incoming and outgoing calls recorded in dispatch.

Chief Calhoon and James Stuart will be attending some training classes coming up.

Staff Reports

Rex West and team are working on a lot of tree trimming by power lines. They will be working soon on draining and cleaning the basin at the sewer plant. Rex also discussed an invoice to fix the backhoe from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., and informed the Commission that he will be ordering some salt for the roads.

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Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Mayor Lentz to proceed with ordering the new lights for downtown from StressCrete in the amount of \$49,654.00. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. There will be a six week turnaround.

Marcus Lemonis and team are working to get the sale of the downtown buildings finalized that he purchased. James Stuart will be in charge of the asbestos removal in any of these buildings.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to waive the rental fee of one section of the Blue Building for 4-H enrollment. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. This request came from Matthew Young at the Brown County Extension Office. They will be using the Blue Building on 11/17/14 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No Comment.

Commissioner Stirton

Not Present.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards asked the city clerk to look into raising the life insurance policies of our police officers. Per our insurance company, they would have to raise the life insurance payout on all or none of the city employees.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton would like to see more gravel placed out around the lake where the rain has washed away the existing rock. Rex West will work on getting some gravel ordered.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor