

July 18, 2016
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 18, 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 Chief Calhoon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Lentz, and Commissioner Edwards, Krug, Stirton, and Boller. City Clerk/Administrator Kim Clausen was also present.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2016 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2016 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3413 (Payroll) for the amount of \$30,411.10. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3414 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$271,253.75. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Rita Higley – Request for Library

Commissioner Edwards requested that Rita get the budget request for the library to the Commission earlier next year so they can review prior to the meeting.

Rita Higley asked for an additional \$350/qtr. or \$1400 yearly. The current distribution is \$55,700, she requested \$57,100.

EMS Subsidy/Chamber Fireworks

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to increase the EMS Subsidy by \$1,000.00 in 2017 to go only to the ambulance service itself. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Jeremy Forkenbrock informed the Commission that the Chamber would no longer be putting on the fireworks show over the 4th of July for the city.

Healthcare Discussion

Ron Jurgensmeier and Randy Dick were present from Corporate Plan Management, Inc. to discuss partially self-funded insurance plans.

Present Dock Approvals

Motion by Commissioner Boller to approve the dock installations of Andy Becker on the north end of Mission Lake, and Bryan Rhodd (around spots 5, 6, and 7). Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Todd Horton

Todd Horton mentioned his three new hires, Jeff Swendson, Josh Haverkamp, and Brent Shaffer.

Todd requested raises for two members on his team. Motion by Commissioner Boller to approve a .50 per hour increase for Ray Wahwasuck, and a .25 per hour increase for Todd Swendson. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Chief Calhoon

The white truck is getting equipment installed and should be done shortly.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz talked about the downtown project how quickly it is moving along.

Mayor Lentz believes that there needs to be a no tolerance policy for people living in, or renters renting out rundown houses to tenants. He thinks that the Commission needs to take a hard look at this and review further once Kevin Hill returns.

Ron Barton (Al's Motor Service) requested that rebar be placed in his sidewalk that is being laid for the downtown improvements. It was allowed because he paid for it out of his own pocket.

Motion by Commissioner Boller to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss possible acquisition of property to include the Commission, City Clerk, Chief Calhoon, and Todd Horton. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Kevin Hill to proceed with the acquisition of 520 West 9th & 845 1st Avenue West. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

City Clerk/Administrator

No comment.

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug discussed the need to have speed bumps installed on the road by his house. He is worried that someone is going to get hurt from people driving over the speed limit through there.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton will not be at the next Commission meeting on August 1st, he will be on vacation.

Commissioner Edwards

No comment.

Commissioner Boller

No comment.

2017 Budget Workshop

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to publish the public hearing for the 2017 Budget with a mill levy of 67.744 to be held on August 15th at 5:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor