

December 16, 2013
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Forkenbrock, Edwards, Krug, and Barton, Kevin Hill, and Kim Clausen.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Father Dan Gardner.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to pull #1 and #2 from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2013 regular meeting after making suggested changes. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Commissioner Forkenbrock made the motion to approve Appropriation Ordinances #3276 (Payroll) for \$33,974.87 after asking for clarification on some overtime hours. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Commissioner Forkenbrock made the motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3277 (Disbursements) for \$14,624.56. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Public Comments

Lesia Duryea was present and stated that The Manor currently has 39 in house residents. Lesia also thanked the city for the repairs in the parking lot of The Manor, and for the snow fence that was installed.

Public Hearing on 2013 Budget Amendment

Mayor Lentz opened the public hearing for the budget amendment at 5:23 pm. There were no public comments or questions. The public hearing was closed at 5:24 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the amendment to the 2013 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Conceal and Carry Discussion

Kevin Hill and the Commission discussed the options of Conceal and Carry Law in state and municipal buildings. The first option is to assess the city buildings and establish a security plan and adopt a resolution to exempt certain buildings from the requirements of the act for four years. The second option is for the city to provide metal detectors or wands and personnel at each public entrance and then post the building as no-carry. The third option is to remove the no-carry signs and allow concealed carry in our municipal buildings.

EMS Subsidy Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow Mayor Lentz and the City Clerk to sign the agreement with the Horton Community Hospital. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. Aye – Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Krug, Edwards and Barton. Abstain – Commissioner Forkenbrock.

Payment on iRecord System

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to pay \$5,028.33 out of the miscellaneous general fund for the iRecord system in Hiawatha. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. The cost was split between the City of Horton, the Brown County Sheriff's Office, and Hiawatha.

City Commission Election in April

The positions of Parks & Recreation Commissioner and Police Commissioner are up for election in 2014. The deadline to file or withdraw from the city election is January 21, 2014.

Cereal Malt Beverage License Approvals

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve renewal of cereal malt beverage licenses for Nayana Patel, Super Store and Jim Gormley, Horton Pool Hall. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Staff Reports

Rex West and team are working on breaking down the old water meters and separating into parts. They have set poles at the lake and are working on reading meters. Rex provided the Commission with the latest update on moving the filtration pipe from the bottom of the pool so that insurance will continue to provide coverage. Rex would like to meet with an engineer or a pool specialist to discuss options.

Chief Calhoun stated that the Dodge police truck is currently getting a new seat installed, and then it will be used as the primary truck since it has the most miles on it.

The city is still down one police officer. Chief Calhoun has been advertising more but still hasn't had anyone locally apply.

A volunteer has been working to do some wall repairs upstairs to prepare for painting.

Chief Calhoun told the Commissioners that in upcoming meetings he will be presenting 5 code violations they are working on and give updates on them.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

Kim invited the Commissioners to the employee luncheon on December 23rd at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock for the city to pay for the chili fixings for the employee holiday luncheon. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to provide the city employees with a bonus of \$300 for fulltime employees, and \$150 for part-time to be distributed as soon as possible. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. The bonuses will be taken from a non-tax levy fund of the budget.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No Comments.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock would like to know what has been spent out of capital outlay of the police budget. The City Clerk will provide him with this information.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards shared that he attended the Utility Rate Setting & Financial Planning Training in Manhattan, KS.

Commissioner Barton

No Comments.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz talked to the Commission about using remaining sewer loan money on the broke down generator at the wastewater plant. RD will reimburse the city for the money after we pay.

Mayor Lentz was approached about the use of armory for a fallen soldier memorial. More details to follow.

Mayor Lentz would like the city bid out for repair of the roofs at city hall, the civic center, and the electric plant in early 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor