

May 19, 2014
5:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 19, 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.

Mayor Lentz requested that a 15 minute executive session be added to the end of the agenda after staff reports.

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to pull #3301 from the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2014 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3300 (Payroll) for the amount of \$35,057.46. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3301 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$51,557.26 after getting clarification on a charge for tax exemption. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Public Comments

Lesa Duryea was present to give updates on The Manor and stated that they currently have 26 long term care residents and 16 assisted living. They will be having an evacuation drill in June, one planned, and on unplanned. They are still waiting for State authorization on Medicare.

Don Winchell was present to voice concern over the water in his basement. Mayor Lentz asked the City Clerk to request Sam Johnson and/or Pat Cox at a future meeting to discuss the issue further.

SweetPro Expansion

Craig Wischropp was present to answer questions from the Commissioners on the map provided to them on the proposed expansion of SweetPro. Bob Thornberg was also present. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve SweetPro to proceed with their plans, provide survey of the land, and utilize the drawing presented to obtain property, and authorize the Mayor to sign the QuitClaim Deed once it is prepared by Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Sewer Rate Complaint

Gary Bottorff was present to voice his concerns over his sewer rates to the Commission. Mr. Bottorff doesn't feel that he should have to pay the sewer rate to water his cattle since very little goes in the sewer. Mr. Edwards informed Gary that the Commission is in the process of discussing a sewer rate increase, but it has not yet been determined how this will take place. The Commission invited Mr. Bottorff to stay since the next topic on the agenda was sewer rates.

Sewer Rates

The Commission discussed the financial projections of the sewer fund that was prepared by David Arteberry. Mr. Arteberry also put together the rate increase that he thought would be able to cover the cities upcoming USDA payments for the sewer project. The sewer rates will likely increase within the next couple of months.

Banking Resolutions for the Horton National Bank, Pony Express Bank and Union State Bank— Designating Those Who are Authorized to Sign Documents.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the banking resolutions designating Tim Lentz, Mayor; Ken Krug, Commissioner; Al Barton, Commissioner and Traci Molt, Treasurer as those to sign checks and banking documents and requiring 3 signatures on checks. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Chief Calhoon

- Chief Calhoon commended the city workers, Reinvent Horton crew, and the citizens of Horton on how great the city is looking.
- Ready to proceed on the demolition of 9 properties if budget permits and how much help we receive from the Kickapoo Tribe.
- Community Service helpers aren't staying around long when helping out on mowing the city.
- Had an officer quit, so the city is one police officer down.
- Would like to go back to 9mm glock handguns for the police department. Chief Calhoon isn't a fan of the guns they currently have. He can purchase new guns for \$106 apiece. The Commission left it up to him on if his budget can afford them.

Staff Report

Rex West and team are working a lot on mowing and weed eating. The airport needs mowed. There have been a lot of complaints about the millings on the road around the lake. This was done because it was an inexpensive way of filling the holes. Rex stated that if the city wanted to purchase rock, it would cost \$19,964.00 delivered.

Mayor Lentz

- Mayor Lentz stated that some of the citizens' lawns were mowed by Reinvent Horton because it was graduation weekend.
- Marcus Lemonis purchased Kenny Knudson's building and three other buildings. Knudson's building will be demolished. The paperwork is in motion for all.
- Marcus would like the city to focus on sidewalks, curbs, streets, and lighting for the downtown area.
- The city of Hiawatha Commission would like a joint meeting with the city of Horton Commission. The date is set for June 3rd at 5:15p.m. This will be a special meeting.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

Kim asked about the potential janitorial position for City Hall and the Blue Building. Kim will prepare a job description for a janitorial position for the city.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Not Present.

Commissioner Stirton

- Commissioner Stirton asked if plans for chip and seal are in motion. Rex West assured them that they are.
- Told Chief Calhoun that he would like to see more officer presence during the day on the streets.
- Talked about grass being left in streets after mowing and not being cleaned up.

Commissioner Edwards

No Comment.

Commissioner Barton

Motion by Commissioner Barton to allow the Cluck's to keep their dock where it is. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

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, Barton, and Stirton, and Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

No action taken after executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor