

December 17, 2018
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Stirton called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Dan Burns. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Stirton, Commissioner Edwards, West, Bacon, and Krug. City Attorney Kevin Hill and Interim Administrator/Police Chief John Calhoun were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Bacon to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3536(Payroll) for the amount of \$44,582.02. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards approve Appropriation Ordinance #3537 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$79,041.78. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Public Comments

Rex Lockwood voiced concerns over the city putting 14 days spots on the east side of the lake (above B's Cove). The concerns included the 14 day camping spots not having easy access to the lake, and parking issues for those who currently camp at B's Cove. Rex also asked the Commission why the proposed extension of the camping season wasn't approved by them.

Budget Hearing – 2018 Budget Amendments

Mayor Stirton opened the public hearing for the budget amendments. There were no public comments or questions. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the amendments to the 2018 budget. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

The adopted budget for 2018 was \$401,971 for Water and \$397,702 for Sewer. The proposed amended amount is \$403,500 for Water and \$405,000 for Sewer.

HIDC Video Presentation

Greg Rodvelt and Tim Lentz were present on behalf of HIDC. Tim showed a short video that was created by Rainbow Communications and Harvest Video to promote various organizations throughout the community. Tim also gave each Commissioner a packet that included a business plan, lot descriptions, and zoning information for a meat processing plant that is interested in opening in Horton. HIDC would like to meet with the Commission again in January to discuss the information in the packets. Josh Haverkamp and Brent Shaffer are interested in opening the business heading west out of Horton on West 15th Street.

The Commission would like the owners to proceed with the title process through the bank.

Carport/Shelter Discussion

As requested, Karl Gaskell was present and stated while he has not had time to get another quote for materials for a shelter house to install by the new playground equipment, he was able to get a list of volunteers to help build. The bid for materials for a 20x30 ft. shelter house with 6x6 posts and a tin roof would cost \$4,000.00 with an exposed rafter, or \$4,600 with a ceiling. A 5 inch concrete slab floor would

cost around \$1,400.00. Motion by Commissioner West to approve up to \$4,000 for the structure and up to \$1,500 for concrete, with volunteers to construct. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

The Commission also discussed lighting for around the pool. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize the administrator to purchase lights, conduit, and poles not to exceed \$9,500. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Collection Bureau of Kansas

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize the formation of a contract with the Collection Bureau of Kansas pending review of the contract by attorney Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Revisit Waste Management Discussion

John Blessing was present to receive an update on the proposed rate per home increase of .46 cents from Waste Management.

Commissioner Edwards lead the opposition based upon his communication with residents about sub-standard service. The comment was supported by Commissioner Bacon.

Motion by Commissioner Bacon to deny the increase suggested by Waste Management. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

School Choice Week Proclamation

After Mayor Stirton recited, Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the Proclamation Commemorating Horton School Choice Week. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. In the future Krug would like more information on who is requesting the Proclamation prior to the Commission considering for approval.

Chief Calhoon/Interim City Administrator

Calhoon would like to discuss employee raises in one of the upcoming meetings and have the raises retroactive to January 1, 2019. 3% was budgeted for the raises, yet some employees received raises in 2018 and signed a waiver that they would not receive a raise in 2019.

Calhoon would like to bid on an admin vehicle on Purple Wave on Tuesday morning. Motion by Commissioner West to allow Calhoon to shop for an admin car to replace the current admin vehicle. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

The current admin vehicle will be used as a police vehicle.

Mayor Stirton

Greg Rodvelt who leases property that belongs to Dave Wellman and requested relief on his water bill was present to discuss further at this meeting. Edwards told Rodvelt the customer owns the water line from the meter to the house and it is their responsibility. Edwards doesn't know how the leak is the cities problem, and the city has never forgiven water since he has been on the Commission. Only the sewer rate has been reduced. The Commission concluded that they can't see any way for the city to forgive what is not our responsibility.

Matt Howell moved in two trailers in town and there is no gravel in the alley since it has been a vacated alley for some time. The Commission requested Matt's presence at the next meeting to discuss what he is requesting.

Mayor Stirton spoke with Trey Dishon's dad about Donnie Groshong's previous request to recognize Trey and put a sign up to name the street around the park between the football field and the swimming pool after him. Greg suggested naming the street(s) after the school with nameplates of students who go four years. The Commission will plan on doing something in the future.

Mayor Stirton brought up the recurring discussion of alcohol sales in town on Sundays. Commissioner West isn't in favor of the convenience stores selling on Sundays if the liquor store cannot. He is only in favor if all can sell. The Commission will review current Ordinances that are currently in place and discuss further at the next meeting.

Commissioner Bacon

Commissioner Bacon thanked fellow Commissioners again for letting him participate in the meeting via telephone during the last meeting.

Bacon would like to see more funds from the parks budget go for used toys for the smaller parks in 2019.

Commissioner West

No comment.

Commissioner Edwards

Edwards discussed the costs that the city pays to provide utilities to their own (43) buildings.

Commissioner Krug

Krug asked if the hospital is current on their utility bills. Calhoon assured them that they are.

Krug asked what the policy is for more than one person requesting to be off at the same time within the same department, and who approves. Calhoon stated that the employee manual will be updated in early 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor