

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

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

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Al Barton.

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

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to remove item #1 from the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2013 regular meeting after requesting some changes from Kim Clausen on the wording on his agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2013 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Commissioner Forkenbrock made the motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance #3263(Payroll) \$40,162.91. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Commissioner Forkenbrock made the motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance #3264(Disbursements) \$510,874.50. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Public Comments

Residents were present to voice concern over their alleys being put back to the way they were before the sewer project. Mayor Lentz assured it would be fixed, but it may take some time.

Manor Update

Lesia Duryea was present and presented updates for the Manor. They had a Shelter in Place drill on September 15, 2013 that was a success.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow Mayor Lentz to work on street closures for the craft fair and car show's for October Fest on October 19th. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Tornado Alley Water Leak

Tim Wilson was present and stated that his business had a water leak within 30-45 minutes of the city changing his water meter out. Tim requested that the city pay for the repair in the amount of \$183.90. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to turn the claim into the city's insurance company for them to review. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Sewer Project Updates

Samuel Johnson was present and gave updates on the completion of Phase I of the sewer project. Substantial completion is set to be on September 20, 2013 and then a punch list will be generated for cleanup such as alley repairs, seeding, and picking up sticks and rocks from yards.

There is a one year guarantee on the sewer project from the substantial completion date. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow Mayor Lentz and Kevin Hill to work on additional costs. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Brownfields Targeted Assessment

Mayor Lentz provided an update to the Commission on the Brownfields Targeted Assessment Report for abandoned bulk fuel station located at 1st Avenue East and 3rd Street.

City Employee Insurance Discussion

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the renewal of package KZ-C Choice Plus with United Healthcare for city employees. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. The Commission requested to have Brad Bukaty come and explain the new package to the city employees.

Bid Approval for Curb and Gutter Repair

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve award the bid for curb and gutter repair on 16th (near SweetPro) to J & B Contractors in the amount of \$10,572.00. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Chief of Police Position

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into 5 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission, Kevin Hill, and Kim Clausen. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye. No action taken after executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to go into 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission, Kevin Hill, John Calhoon, Candy Schmitt (via telephone) and Kim Clausen. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

After the executive session a motion was made by Commissioner Forkenbrock to hire John Calhoon as the new Chief of Police at a salary of \$46,000. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Aye – Commissioners Edwards, Forkenbrock, Krug, and Mayor Lentz. Nay – Commissioner Barton.

Kevin Hill

Kevin Hill recommended that the Commission work with John Calhoon when he turns 55 and will be required to be off for 60 days that he will be able to come back to his position as Police Chief.

Staff Reports

Rex West and staff are near completion of installing water meters. They need to get the odd sized meters ordered and will be installing the larger meters first, then the electric meters in the winter since installation is not affected by the weather.

Rex is ordering salt and his team is doing maintenance on the snow removal equipment to prepare for the upcoming winter months.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

No Updates.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug asked about who owns the bridge that was removed. He also asked if there are funds to replace some curbs in town.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock clarified with John Calhoon on his start date. John stated that he could start with the city on September 30, 2013. He also asked about when John Calhoons' benefits would start with the city.

Commissioner Edwards

No Comment.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton discussed the new yearly fee and service charge for camping with the Commission. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to allow campers to reserve their spots for an additional \$25.00 which will be due in January. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz asked the Commission for direction on the next step to take on the new lights for the ball field.

Motion by Commissioner Barton for Mayor Lentz to see how much money the city could get for scrap on the oil tank and distributor. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adjourn the meeting at 7:25p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor