

August 17, 2015
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Marvin Stone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Mayor Barton requested to have an executive session before the staff reports. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda with the executive session addition. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2015 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3366 (Payroll) for the amount of \$32,672.90. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3367 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$428,466.63. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comment

George Wingo was present to ask permission to have a viewing of Jaws I and II at Mission Lake on a big screen between pavilions. Motion by Commissioner Barton to allow the showing of Jaws I & II at Mission Lake on August 29th at dusk, as long as the safety rules for the park are followed. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Residents were present to ask for the use of the Blue Building at no charge for a benefit to raise money for motorcycle accident survivor, Billy Richardson. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the use of the Blue Building at no charge for an instructional painting fundraiser at the Blue Building on October 4th. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye. The renters will however have to pay the standard deposit for the rental of the Blue Building.

Motion by Commissioner Barton on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board to appoint Diana Coffman, Tim Wilson, and Andrew Monson to fill the three vacancies on the board. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget

Mayor Lentz announced the Public Hearing at 5:27 p.m. There were no comments made by the public, and the Public Hearing ended at 5:30 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the 2016 Budget with a mill levy of 67.744. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Request to be Placed on the Agenda

Rita Higley was present to ask the Commissioners to be a partner for the Destination Library Grant project and contribute to the new LED sign that they want to put in front of the library. They need three partners to proceed with the grant process, and Reinvent and the Kickapoo

Tribe/Golden Eagle are a possibility. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to contribute the requested \$5000.00, however the Commission needs to time to determine where funds are going to come from and it will be determined at a later date. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Review Ordinances for Updates

The Commissioners reviewed five older Ordinances had a brief discussion. They would like Rex West to review Ordinance No. 1023 on the emergency snow routes and street cleaning routes within the city and give to the City Clerk for a future meeting.

10 Minute Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Barton to go into a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to include Mayor Lentz, Commissioners, Edwards, Barton, and Stirton, Kevin Hill, Kim Clausen, and Rex West. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. No action taken after executive session.

5 Minute Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Barton to go into a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to include Mayor Lentz, Commissioners, Edwards, Barton, and Stirton, Kevin Hill, Kim Clausen, and Rex West. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. No action taken after executive session.

Staff Reports

Rex West and team are working on repairing some water leaks, trimming trees, and reading meters this week. They have also painted the crosswalks and tested the school lights in preparation for school starting.

Chief of Police

Chief Calhoon would like to purchase a few new tasers and updated bulletproof vests for the officers. John voiced his concern about an email he received from the City Clerk stating that the funds in the city's General Fund are low. The Commission stated that Chief Calhoon, and all other department heads should go through Kim for any purchases for the remainder of the year.

The Sheriff's Office would like to host a CPR training class for Horton high school students at the Blue Building at no charge. Motion by Commissioner Stirton to allow the use of the Blue Building at no charge on September 16th & 30th for the high school students to get certified in CPR. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz provided updates on the Geometric Improvement and Phase II Sewer Projects. He provided updates on curb replacements that have taken place, and will take place this week.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

The National Weather Service will be here on Tuesday to present Dawn Hadley (the Horton Water Department) a plaque to show their appreciation for providing daily temperatures and precipitation amounts to the Topeka National Weather Service for the last 75 years. Audrey Odermann from Mize Houser & Company P.A. will be at the next Commission meeting on September 8th to present the 2014 audit.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Not Present.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton wondered if the city should rake some of the dead grass around town to prevent it from killing the current grass. Asked Chief Calhoon if extra patrols would be on hand this week due to school starting back up.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards asked how many keys that the tree dump has, and how long they can be checked out for. The city will get more keys made so that multiple keys can be checked out at one time. Edwards asked for an update on what it costs the city to run the electricity at the Blue Building. He would like to enforce an electric charge to those who are renting the Building in the near future. He asked Attorney Kevin Hill for an update on the Public Notice that the city received from the US Army Corps of Engineers that he was supposed to review.

Commissioner Barton

No Comment.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor