

April 17, 2017
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order. The prayer was led by Younghwan Won. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Edwards, Stirton, and Forkenbrock. City Attorney Kevin Hill and Deputy City Clerk Carol Stirton were also present. Commissioner Krug arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to remove the disbursements and minutes from the consent agenda and to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3452 (Payroll) for the amount of \$32,261.67. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from April 03, 2017 after making a correction in reference to Disbursement Ordinance to:
"Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3451 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$112,573.66 after asking what the attorney fees were that were paid out of the pool budget. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye."
And after making a correction in reference to Commissioner Edwards agenda to:
"Commissioner Edwards voiced his concern about the state chipping away at home rule."
Motion seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3453 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$358,145.19 after correcting the mower purchase to be paid out of the street budget instead of the parks budget. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Sewer Rate Discussion

After a late arrival, David Arteberry presented the commission with a Sewer Cash Flow Overview that showed a 9.5 percent increase in operation and maintenance expenses. City Clerk/Administrator Kim Knudson had spoken with Arteberry over her concerns about the cash flow in the sewer fund. The Commission consensus was to set up a conference call possibly next week with Arteberry and Knudson to discuss the expenditures for this fund in more detail.

Updated Building Permit Code to Include Shipping Containers

Kevin Hill reported that he still needs to make contact with Kim Knudson on what the color and size requirements for shipping containers should be to continue with the update to building permits. This issue was tabled to the next meeting.

Dock Approval

The Park and Recreation Board sent their approval for Barry & Vickie Schuetz to place a dock at Mission Lake to the City Commission. A spec sheet was presented to the Commission to review. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Barry & Vickie Schuetz to install the dock at Mission Lake. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel-Department Head Evaluation #1

Executive Session was tabled to the next meeting.

Todd Horton

Not present.

Chief Calhoon

No report.

Mayor Lentz

No report.

City Clerk/Administrator

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to reappoint David Kooser and Richard L. Trager to the Board of Commissioners for the Horton Housing Authority. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. Both terms will expire on 04/01/2021.

The Kansas Fairgrounds Association sent a letter to the City asking for an item valued between \$75.00 and \$500.00 to be donated for a silent auction to raise funds to improve the grounds for the Kansas State Fair. The Commission regrettably declined at this time.

Mayor Lentz asked that someone call Steve and Darlene Finger and inform them of the City's insurance company findings that the City was not negligent in the unfortunate incident of their sewer line backup and that the claim was denied.

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug presented the Commission with a map of the airport that showed 24 acres of potentially new cropland since the conservation work has been completed. The bid lease is ready to put out for bid immediately to include the additional ground with a total of 40.1 acres. Bids will be due by noon on May 01, 2017 so that the lease can be awarded at the May 1st Commission meeting. It will be the responsibility of the successful bidder to kill the brome, no till, and plant.

Commissioner Krug stated that he is under the impression from the Lake Caretaker that he may be disappointed with his current contract wage. It is the same as last year. The Commission instructed Krug to have the Caretaker contact City Clerk/Administrator Knudson about the issue if he would like to have an adjustment considered.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton asked if we have the new vehicles yet. Chief Calhoon said they would be coming in approximately three weeks.

An individual had contacted Commissioner Stirton about a deteriorating property at 2nd Ave West and 11th Street as to whether anything was being done about it. Chief Calhoon informed the Commission that the property owner is in China, but the property is on the structural code list and a notice has been sent.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards will continue working with City Clerk/Administrator Knudson on the Personnel Policy changes and will defer this matter to the next meeting. Commissioner Edwards requested a copy of the Treasurers Report be given to the Commission. Commissioner Edwards and Kim Knudson recently attended a KMEA meeting and received some information about Cities that were interested in pooling insurance coverage. Electrical plants are under one pool, while general insurance is in another pool and no City would have any liability for other towns. Each City would have their own deductible.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

After the last meeting Commissioner Forkenbrock spoke with Todd Horton about the possibility of moving the playground equipment from the park on West 10th Street to another area. Commissioner Forkenbrock feels that the residents in the area of the West 10th park need to be informed and given an opportunity to show any opposition prior to this being done. Information will be published in the paper as well as flyers being placed at residents within an approximately 3 block area of the park.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton.

Carol Stirton, Deputy City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor