

February 3, 2014
5:15 P.M.
Court Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Court Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Father Dan Gardner.

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

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

Commissioner Forkenbrock asked to remove appropriation ordinance #3286 (Disbursements) from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2014 regular meeting and the minutes from the January 22 & 28 special meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3282 (Payroll Sick Pay) for the amount of \$2,842.47. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3283 (Payroll) for the amount of \$35,018.38. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3284 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$82,046.03. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3285 (Payroll) for the amount of \$32,883.96. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3286 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$47,374.41. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

Adam Rogers was present to let the Commission know that he will do the necessary repairs on his property, but because of his job it might not be completed in 45 days. The Commission directed Mr. Rogers to submit a plan in writing to the Chief of Police, and to the Code Enforcement Officer.

A few citizens voiced concerns over cars being parked along the street that are either in danger of being hit, or are a danger because they are blocking the view of children running out in the street. Chief Calhoun was tasked to present problem areas to the Commission at the next meeting, and we will consider updating the Ordinance to reflect them.

Discussion of Transfers of City Funds

Motion by Commissioner Edwards that in conjunction with what was discussed at the last Commission meeting that the city will also hold off on transferring funds from the water and solid waste funds, not just the electric. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Draft of Lake Caretakers Contract

Commissioner Barton presented the Commission with a few proposed changes. Before the Commission votes to approve the contract they would like it to be presented to the current lake caretaker, and to the Park Board

Handicapped Parking Spot Request

Commissioner Krug asked the Commission on behalf of Debbie Galbraith if the city could accommodate a handicapped parking spot downtown for a bus.

Chief of Police

Chief Calhoun presented three recent bids for a 13 camera system at City Hall. The bids were from The Computer Doctors, LLC, Gerber Electric Inc., and Kansas Audio Video. The Commission would like more time to mull over before making a decision.

Chief Calhoun asked the Commission about getting a credit card through the city so he can make purchases without going through the front office. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to allow Mr. Calhoun to get a city credit card if he kept it in a locked secure area. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock for the Mayor to sign the maintenance agreement from Century Link. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Kevin Hill offered to spend the \$350.00 for John Calhoun to attend the Finding Words training in Eldorado, KS, Feb 24-28. Finding Words is an intensive five day course that will teach him how to interview children of sexual abuse and prepare them for court. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the city to cover the lodging and meals for Mr. Calhoun. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Mr. Calhoun showed the Commission an excerpt from the Employee Handbook that states Full-time employees employed as dispatchers and law enforcement officers with the Horton Police Department required to work on a holiday set forth in subsection 2(a) shall be compensated at one and one-half times their regular salary for the day. Full-time employees employed as dispatchers and law enforcement officers with the Horton Police Department not required to work on a holiday set forth in subsection 2(a) will be paid their normal wages for that day.

Mr. Calhoun still has an open position for a full-time Police Officer.

Staff Reports

Rex West was not present at the meeting due to repair on a water line. Mayor Lentz spoke on his behalf and stated that Rex and team are preparing equipment for the snowfall that is expected. They also had to tear out a sidewalk to repair a broken water line downtown, but will not be able to replace the sidewalk until the weather breaks.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

Cannon will be installing a new server at City Hall within the next few weeks so that we can start scanning documents.

Dirk Waser donated some Christmas decorations and lights to the city for the tree downtown.

Kim reminded the Commission that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18th due to the holiday on Monday.

Commissioner's Agenda**Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug has been meeting with FSA and the FAA regarding regulations at the airport for four new hangars.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock is concerned that if the city is going to invest in new lights for the downtown area in the near future that we shouldn't spend money on new trash lids or cigarette butt receptacles.

Commissioner Forkenbrock suggested that the city hire someone to clean City Hall and the Blue Building after every use. J.T. Strube is going to get a list of chores to be done at the Blue Building, and Kim will make a chore list for City Hall. This position will possibly be contracted out.

Commissioner Forkenbrock would also like to see the Horton Website be updated or redone. It is outdated, and doesn't show the numerous things that the city has going on right now.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards has had many complaints about noxious weeds at the CDF site. The Commission suggested that we work with the county in getting these sprayed.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton was happy with the good turnout at the Public Meeting about the pool.

There is still an opening on the Parks & Rec Board. They will be opening letters from applicants at the Parks and Recreation meeting on February 12th.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz talked about citizens wanting to donate funds to help the revitalization of the City of Horton, but we currently have nowhere to put it. He spoke to Kevin Hill at the meeting, and is also working with the city auditor about setting up a bank account, and weighing our other options.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor