

March 8, 2018
9:00 A.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a special meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

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

Present: Mayor Stirton, Commissioner Edwards, Forkenbrock, and Krug. City Attorney Kevin Hill and City Clerk/Administrator Kim Knudson were also present.

Consider Appointment of Interim Police Commissioner

The Commissioners interviewed Cody Spire, Chad Reynolds, Bobby Bacon, and Rex West who were all present. Carol Barton and Avery Thornton also submitted a letter of intent, but were not present.

Commissioner Forkenbrock asked for Chief Calhoon's feedback since he was in attendance. Chief Calhoon stated that two of the applicants are former employees of his and it concerns him that they are younger and inexperienced. One of the two employees left the city of Horton in good standing. Bobby Bacon has been at all of the meetings and Calhoon has a good relationship with him. Rex West has a lot of years working together with Chief Calhoon at the city and there has always been good communication. Out of all the applicants we had Chief Calhoon said that he could work with any of them, and he is happy that we had a number of people who showed interest.

The Commissioners all provided their feedback as well saying that they are all pleased with the turnout. They thanked all of the applicants and said that it is uncomfortable, but policy states that the selection is made in open meeting.

They encouraged that even if not selected; don't let it stop them from running again in the future and attending Commission meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to appoint Rex West as interim Police Commissioner.
Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Revisit Discussion on Storm Drain at 1301 Central Avenue

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the relocation of the storm drain at 1301 Central Avenue. Commissioner Krug encouraged all of the Commissioners to go and look at the site.

The pipe serves no purpose to the homeowner. Kevin Hill stated that the city would want an easement if the city paid the expense and we would likely assume the responsibility to maintain it. Forkenbrock, Monson, and Winchell would all have to agree to the city easement.

Kim will try to locate maps from Schwab Eaton and Meadows Construction and get a cost on a construction utility easement prior to the next Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table the discussion until we get more information. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. Aye – Mayor Stirton, Commissioner Edwards and Krug. Abstain – Commissioner Forkenbrock.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor