

March 18, 2013  
5:15 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Candy Schmitt, City Clerk/Administrator.

Present: Mayor Lentz, and Commissioners Krug, Forkenbrock, Edwards and Barton.

Mayor Lentz introduced Kim Clausen, the new City Clerk.

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

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2013 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2013 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Minutes from the March 6, 2013 meeting were corrected to show that the City Attorney was not present and that Commissioner Forkenbrock made the motion to hire the new city clerk. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2013 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3237 (Payroll) in the amount of \$36,043.60. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3238 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$132,266.67. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

None.

#### **Discussion of Developing the Market Site for the Farmers Market**

Jake Johannes appeared representing the Farmers Market. They would like to have electricity with an outlet installed as well as water access close to the market. The Farmers Market group could possibly hold some fund raisers to help pay the costs. Mr. West estimated the cost to be \$400-\$500. The Commission requested that Mr. West provide a total price at the next meeting.

#### **Discussion of Sewer Rates**

Sam Johnson, BG Consultants Inc., was present to give updates on the sewer project. The new completion date is September 1, 2013. The contractor is doing good work but it is going slower than originally expected.

After discussion about the proposed rate changes a motion was made by Commissioner Edwards to increase the sewer base rate to \$13.75 and the rate to \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used with the rates to become effective on the May 1, 2013 utility bill. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to base the new rates on the average of winter usage for the months of December, January and February. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

### **Report on Tri-County Manor**

The administrator of the Manor was present to give the Commission a copy of the newsletter and a financial report. The annual Easter egg hunt will take place next week.

### **Approval of Badge Purchase**

The Commission previously withheld payment on a badge purchased by the Community Services Officer. There was discussion concerning if this position was considered a department head. Commissioner Edwards requested a list of department heads. The Commission expressed concern that the Code Enforcement is not being done in a timely manner and fairly across the board. Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the purchase of the badge. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. Aye—Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Edwards and Barton. Nay—Commissioner Forkenbrock.

### **Discussion of the Purchase of AED Unit**

Ms. Schmitt reported that the cost of AED units is the same if you buy 1 or 6. The Commission discussed the location of one of these units and came to a consensus to place in the hallway of the Blue Building. Motion by Commissioner Barton to purchase one AED unit out of the diversion fund and install in the Blue Building. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

### **Approval of Agreement with KDOT on Geometric Improvement Project**

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to accept the agreement with KDOT for the geometric improvement at 15<sup>th</sup> and Central. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

### **Discussion of Alternative Options for the Health Insurance Plan**

Chris Corkran was present to explain the final numbers on the alternate health insurance plan. These figures will be in effect until May 1. The Commission will review and make a decision at the next meeting.

### **Ordinance to Add a Member to the Park and Recreation Board**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt Resolution 2013-001 setting April 15, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. as the hearing date for owners to appear and show cause why the structures should not be condemned. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

### **Request from Better Beef Day for City to Pay Boy Scouts for Cleanup of Civic Center**

The Commission received a letter requesting that they pay the boy scouts to clean up the civic center after the better beef day event in April. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to pay the Boy Scouts \$250 for the cleanup. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

### **Approval of Badge Purchase**

There was discussion concerning the purchase of a badge for the Community Services Officer. Ms. Schmitt requested a decision on making the payment to Gall's for the badge. Previously the Commission had directed to withhold the payment. The Commission requested that James Stuart appear at the next meeting to explain the purchase.

### **Staff Reports**

Mr. West reported on the activities of the crews. They are installing the new meters and will be putting in underground electric at the lake to the campsites.

### **City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda**

There has been a problem with semi-trucks and trailers being parked in the armory parking lot and left for days. There was discussion about putting up signs stating "no overnight parking" or something similar. Mr. Hill will check on an ordinance.

### **Commissioner's Agenda**

#### **Commissioner Krug**

No report.

#### **Commissioner Forkenbrock**

No report.

#### **Commissioner Edwards**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to limit access to free water at the lake to Horton water customers only and ask the police department to monitor and issue tickets. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. A sign will be ordered and installed.

The Commission asked Mr. West to bring back cost figures for installing a lighted flag at the cemetery in the area of the cannon.

#### **Commissioner Barton**

Commissioner Barton asked the Commission to consider allowing campers to pay in advance at the end of the camping season for the next year's season permit at a higher rate.

#### **Mayor Lentz**

Mayor Lentz presented pictures of the sidewalk in front of a business on Central. There was discussion about the city crews tearing out the cement and putting the fill material in and the owner replacing the concrete. After discussion it was decided that the Mayor and Mr. West will review the site and bring back information to the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission, Candy Schmitt and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye. No action was taken after executive session.

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Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor