

July 16, 2018  
5:15 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

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

Present: Mayor Stirton, Commissioner Edwards, West, Bacon, and Krug. City Attorney Kevin Hill and Interim Administrator/Police Chief John Calhoun were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3515(Payroll) for the amount of \$41,465.36. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards approve Appropriation Ordinance #3516 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$100,602.55. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

None.

#### **Request to be placed on Agenda**

Becky Wahwasuck was not present, but she did submit a request for a discounted charge on use of the Blue Building for a church fundraiser on 08/11/18.

On 03/19/18 the Commission passed changes for fees pertaining to the Blue Building. One of the changes was that all not-for profit civic and social organizations will receive a 50% discount for each day of use. This discount applies to any event in duration of two hours or longer. Security deposit and \$50.00 utility fee still required. The Commission would like this fee to stand for this request.

#### **Meeting Rules Discussion**

The Commission was provided a copy of The Kansas Open Meetings Act, Guidelines for Citizen Participation at City Commission Meetings, and information on Serial Communications under the KOMA in their packets. Motion by Commissioner West to approve the guidelines for citizen participation at city commission meetings. Seconded by Commissioners Bacon. All aye.

#### **Consider Approval of Docks**

There were two dock drawings submitted for approval to the Parks & Recreation Board last Tuesday, spot #22 for Terry Petersen, and spot #100 for Bob Hardin.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to ratify the Park Board recommendation and approve the docks as presented subject to them signing a Dock Owner's Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

### **Approve 2018 Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code**

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Ordinance No. AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Ordinance No. AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2018 PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1170. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

### **Chief Calhoon/Interim City Administrator**

Chip and seal wrapped up Monday in town. The most improved roads are up by Dirk Waser's building, Obbard's, and Wellman's. There was also concrete laid in front of Tim Lentz's residence.

Calhoon will be getting some numbers for the repairs in the alley behind Auto's 4 U using highway millings for \$13.00 a ton.

Calhoon and Bacon attended the Parks & Recreation Board meeting last Tuesday. Some of the items that were discussed was adding more camping spots at Mission Lake, and removing the batting cage at the ballfields.

The possibility of an employee pool party was discussed with the pool managers and Calhoon.

John would like to be notified by the pool managers in the future if they are going to close the pool early.

The pool managers asked if the pool could stay open through Labor Day on the weekends if they have ample lifeguard staff. The Commission is okay to take it week by week and see how it goes.

The 2017 Audit draft was received. Sean from Mize Houser will give a presentation of the audit in one of the upcoming Commission meetings.

Edwards, Calhoon, Kim, and Carol met with three insurance brokers last week. The city is awaiting a quote in the upcoming weeks from one of the brokers that the group thought was favorable.

Calhoon praised the Public Works team on their hard work preparing for the fair and chip and seal, especially with the intense heat.

Preliminary budget numbers should be ready to be presented in a few days. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to have a special meeting on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. for a budget workshop, and to hear from Sam Johnson on the status of projects. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Calhoon would like to cancel the current water tower maintenance agreement that the city currently has and go with someone else. He feels that we could get maintenance with another company for a fraction of the cost that we are currently paying. The current company requests 90 days' notice to cancel prior to the next contract year. Edwards would like further research and numbers to be presented by Calhoon before cancelling.

The dam at Mission Lake is in need of repair per the Dam Safety Inspection Report that was received by the city recently. The Commission suggested seeing if there are any grants or state funding that could assist in the cost of repairs.

The lights and ballasts are in need of repair in the library basement. The city received a bid for \$1400.00 for LED lighting. The Commission requested to see if the library is willing to pitch in for the lighting if the city repairs.

Atchison Elks Lodge donated \$1000.00 to the city for drug and crime prevention. They also donated fans for those in need of one.

KDOT will lay the asphalt where there was a water leak was at the 800 block of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East now that it is repaired. The city will pay for the asphalt.

Calhoon proposed pay increases for several employees. Some of those employees would not receive a COLA increase at the beginning of 2019 if they receive a raise now. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize Calhoon to supply raises to selected employees as long as there is no negative affect on the budgets. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye. Calhoon will promote John Boller to Assistant Chief.

#### **Mayor Stirton**

The fireworks donations exceeded the expected amount, so there are some donations left for next year. Stirton hopes that someone other than the city steps up and takes over the fireworks for next year.

Reinvent, the Chamber, and the Fair board did a great job with the fair.

There was more discussion on Shawn and Pam Strecker and their issues they are having with Waste Management picking their trash up. Kevin Hill provided the Commission with an update on what he relayed to Pam regarding the issue and another franchise picking up their trash.

#### **Commissioner Bacon**

Bacon drove around the parks, pool, and ballfields to assess during his first week in office. He did notice that a lot of the benches in the parks need the weeds/grass mowed underneath them.

There were more talks about the Ballfield Association and who should be responsible for the upkeep of the fields etc. Bacon feels that if the city is going to maintain them that we should charge to do so.

Diana Coffman requested that the buoys in Mission Lake be placed in the correct areas of the lake.

#### **Commissioner West**

No comment.

#### **Commissioner Edwards**

No comment.

#### **Commissioner Krug**

Krug gave compliments for the fireworks at Mission Lake. He too hopes that another organization takes them over in the future years.

There was discussion about a sickle mower for the lake caretaker to utilize. West said that the one that the city currently owns won't work around the lake due to its size. He also said that you have to look backwards while using and would be dangerous to use around the lake.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

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Kim Knudson, City Clerk

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Bryan Stirton, Mayor