

November 5, 2018
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 5, 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 Father Dan. 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 Calhoon were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3530(Payroll) for the amount of \$33,095.43. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards approve Appropriation Ordinance #3531 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$135,904.31. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Public Comments

Donnie Groshong would like to recognize Horton resident Trey Dishon who has helped at fairs and parades, etc., and put a sign up to name the street around the park between the football field and the swimming pool after him. He would like the young people from our city to get recognition. Mayor Stirton thinks it is a good idea and mentioned even naming a day after him.

The Commission is not against the idea and would like it placed on the agenda for future consideration. Calhoon suggested maybe at the conclusion of this football season.

Bobby Drury, from Eagle Scout Troop 478 in Atchison asked if the city has any projects that are needed that could be done as an Eagle Project. Calhoon said that benches are needed throughout town and that could be a possibility. Bobby was asked to give his contact info to Calhoon.

Drury would also like to raise money to place AED (automated external defibrillator) devices that are needed in facilities for emergencies. The Eagle Project cannot raise funds for items such as AED devices, but items can be donated. This is the last badge that he needs.

Picnic Table Assembly

Krug suggested that rather than Larry Pottroff attending a meeting to discuss the high schoolers building picnic tables, that Calhoon or Bacon meets with him to discuss.

Right now there are approximately 58 picnic tables at the lake for over 100 camping spots. Jim Hoffman has been repairing and repainting some of the existing tables.

Approval of Ordinance No. 1177

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Ordinance No. 1177, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-201 OF THE HORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD IN THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, There is hereby established a recreation advisory board that shall consist of five members to be appointed by the governing body of the City of Horton, Kansas to serve as follows: the first appointee to serve for four years, the second for three years, the third and fourth for two years, and the

fifth for one year. Following the initial appointment, members' terms shall be for four years. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.
The Parks and Recreation Board will recommend another member to be appointed by the governing body.

Waste Management Increase Discussion

The Commission discussed the proposed rate increase of 46 cents per home from Waste Management that would go into effect on January 1, 2019. Waste Management is requesting that the rate per home be adjusted according to federal Consumer Price Index for Water, Sewer, and Trash services. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table the discussion and invite a representative from Waste Management to the next Commission meeting on November 19th. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Consideration of Employee Bonuses

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve bonuses as presented and include both seasonal and contractual help to be paid out of the electric fund. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.
Full-time employees will be paid \$300.00, and seasonal, part-time (based on hours worked), and contractual will be paid \$150.00.
Commissioner Edwards added that the employees shouldn't think that bonuses are a given, and that he only received one thank you from the employees last year.

Chief Calhoon/Interim City Administrator

Veterans Day Parade is on Sunday, November 11th at 1:30 p.m.

Edging and rubber mulch has been installed around the new playground equipment. The city crews are working to repair ruts and put grass seed down.

Under the guidance of Keith Olsen, flag football raised \$1350.00 in revenues this season. Keith requested (6) \$100 dollar bills to pay the six volunteer referees for the season, and also requested \$97.79 for t-shirts for the winning team.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize the purchase of the t-shirts for \$97.79. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye. Edwards is opposed to giving volunteers money.
The Commission agreed to defer the money to the officials until Keith can attend a meeting to discuss further.

Calhoon updated the city material and hauling invitation for bid forms to show that the city is not responsible for any costs associated with standby time or any other fees other than the hauling per ton, per mile. He also placed saturock, highway millings, and ag lime on the materials form.
West reminded Calhoon to be cautious when purchasing highway millings as the size of the millings can vary. He recommended not to place on the invitation for bid and purchase as needed.
West also stated that there is only one place that makes saturock in the area, and they make it on demand.

Calhoon has a quote from Central Salt for salt for \$40 per ton. West suggested getting with the State for a list of suppliers that they deal with.

Three of the electric employees have started in the rotation for the on call phone. Water employees have their own on call phone.

Calhoon is working to compile a list for city owned surplus to submit to Kevin Hill.

Calhoon has acquired the snack vending machine at city hall. The current vendor wanted to sell out.

Mayor Stirton

Commissioner Stirton asked for an update on the property at 326 West 12th Street. Calhoon said that it should be about to the end of the 45 days of the notice that was served. The city will then have to decide how they want to proceed if the sole owner doesn't do anything to the home as requested.

The tax sale should be scheduled soon!

Calhoon has located a used diesel truck with dump bed and plow with less than 60,000 miles on it. It will likely need new tires. The cost is \$22,000 and Calhoon will proceed with purchase later this week.

Mayor Stirton got one intersection of curbs and some fire hydrants painted until he ran out of paint.

Commissioner Bacon

Commissioner Bacon thanked the city crews for their work on the speedy installation of the playground equipment, rubber mulch, and edging.

Commissioner West

Commissioner West asked Calhoon about damage that was done to the John Deere backhoe and how much it is going to cost to repair. Calhoon said that it would be \$2,800 if we went with new, or roughly \$1,250 for a used door and window.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards reminded the rest of the Commission that there is a Fair Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 7th at City Hall.

Edwards and Calhoon met with members from the Horton Hospital including the President of the For Profit Corporation, Michael Christensen, Ty Compton, and 4 HIDC members.

Michael Christensen explained the financial position of the corporation and the hospital. They currently own 14 hospitals.

Edwards voiced his concern on their inability to pay their monthly utility bill on time which assesses a 10% penalty after the 16th.

They are looking at some new services for the hospital and discussed the rapid turnover of physicians in Horton.

Christensen said they would be willing to consider a new hospital in Horton if they had a year of 12 months in black operation, plus a 4% profit. Meanwhile they will be doing some remodeling and fixing up of the present building.

They made a promise to come back in three months with a progress report on where they are.

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug asked Calhoon if he has priced the solar speed limit signs that flash at you if you are over the speed limit. Calhoon said they are pricey and that the current speed trailer that is owned by the city does something similar. Calhoon will look at more definite prices for the signs.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor