

June 6, 2016
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

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

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Edwards, Stirton, and Boller. City Attorney Kevin Hill and City Clerk/Administrator Kim Clausen were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2016 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2016 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3407 (Payroll) for the amount of \$30,967.89. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3408 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$154,892.88. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Public Comments

Bobby Bacon was present to get the status from the Commission, Chief of Police, and City Attorney regarding the dilapidated trailers in his neighborhood that he has brought up in the past.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Phyllis Shaefer from the Brown County Humane Society was present to ask for the city to consider budgeting a \$1,500.00 donation for 2017 to assist in the costs associated with the strays that are picked up from the city of Horton.

Chief Calhoon also recommended to the Commission that the city consider raising the fees associated with the city dog pound in the future.

Approval of Ordinance No. 1156 for TLC & Warman Construction R1 to C1

Since nobody from Warman Construction or TLC motion was present, motion was made by Commissioner Edwards to table until the next Commission meeting on the 20th before they consider approval. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Pay Application & Change Order (Samuel Johnson)

Motion by Commissioner Boller to approve pay request No. 1 from AHRS Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$53,543.90. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. Samuel Johnson hopes to have a change order to present at the next Commission meeting.

Employee Insurance Discussion (Brad Bukaty)

Brad Bukaty was present to discuss filing requirements, additional ACA fees, and go over frequently asked questions regarding self-insured plans.

Rex West

Rex and his team are doing some patching for chip seal, and will begin the cleanup of demolished houses. They also have flushing hydrants scheduled for this week.

Rex stated that this would be his last Commission meeting as a city employee and wanted to assure the Commission that he is leaving the city in good hands with Todd Horton as his replacement.

Chief Calhoon

Chief Calhoon wished Rex West well and voiced how he has enjoyed working with him over the years.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz voiced his concern on how slowly the downtown improvement project is moving along, and worries that it will not be completed by Fair time.

Mayor Lentz also provided the Commission with updates on the generation plant regarding testing, and the possible number of relays that are going to need to be replaced soon.

City Clerk/Administrator

The Commission interviewed three applicants on June 3rd to fill the City Superintendent position, two in house candidates, and one out. They voted unanimously to hire Todd Horton.

Motion by Commissioner Boller to increase Brianna Dowell's hourly rate of pay to \$12.41. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. Brianna's current hourly rate is \$11.41.

Commissioner Krug

Not present.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton asked Chief Calhoon for an update on the grant process and when the new police truck will have equipment installed. Chief Calhoon is anticipating it will be approximately July 15th. He also asked how soon the electric meters would be installed at the Mission Lake.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards asked what the status is for installing ADA Compliant restrooms at City Hall. The city was approved an extension through USDA/RD and hope to apply for a grant in the near future to include the restrooms, and possibly updates at the ballfields and soccer fields. He also asked about the barricades on Wilson Drive. They were used for the Fun Run over the past weekend and will be picked up by the city.

Commissioner Boller

Commissioner Boller would like to see the remainder of electric meters get installed at Mission Lake as soon as possible. He also asked if there any rules and regulations for swimming at Mission Lake. There are rules in place and are available with the caretaker and at city hall. There are more kids utilizing the lake to swim since there is no pool.

Motion by Commissioner Boller to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor