

June 15, 2015  
5:15 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Father Dan Gardner and then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda after Mayor Lentz requested to add a 15 minute Executive Session to the agenda after Don Winchell. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the May 18th, 2015 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the May 20th, 2015 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2015 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3355 (Payroll) for the amount of \$36,601.32. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3356 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$3,461,309.36. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3357 (Payroll) for the amount of \$37,256.04. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3358 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$326,855.21. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3359 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$22,129.76. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

#### **Public Comment**

Robert Hicks was present to announce the reason for his resignation earlier in the week. After long discussion it was determined that Robert Hicks, the lake caretaker would continue reporting directly to Kim Clausen or Mayor Lentz, with no need to report to the Parks & Board meetings. The Parks & Board meeting will discuss any complaints that pertain to the lake to either Kim Clausen or Mayor Lentz, and if need be, the issues will be taken to the Commission meetings. With that, Robert Hicks withdrew his resignation and will remain the lake caretaker for the remainder of the 2015 season.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to amend the Lake Caretakers contract to remove #15 which says that he attend the monthly Park Board Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

The Commissioners discussed that there are currently 51 trash barrels at the lake, and a lot of campers would like to see them emptied no matter how much trash is in them several times a week. After determining the cost of the trash bags, the manpower to empty them, and the season cost that each camper pays, it didn't seem economical. They discussed that campers at other lakes are required to dispose of their own trash in nearby dumpsters. The city is going to place more dumpsters throughout the lake and remove the city receptacles and require each camper to dispose of their own trash in the nearby dumpsters.

Jim Bartley was present to voice concern over horses on the land near the hospital. The Commission stated that law enforcement should handle this as an Ordinance violation and ticket if necessary.

Jay Kinnear was present to request permission for a dock that he built to be placed in the water at the lake. Mayor Lentz went over earlier in the day to view and take pictures, and also spoke to another Park Board member. Motion by Commissioner Stirton to allow the dock to be placed in the water by Jay Kinnear. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

#### **Request to be Placed on Agenda**

Rita Boller was present to ask the Commission, on behalf of St. Leo's Church, if they could rent the Civic Center and pavilion for a concert on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Commissioner Stirton to allow the use of the Civic Center and pavilion on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. This concert will be targeted towards kids and will be outside (weather permitting).

#### **Announcement from Library**

Rita Higley was present from the library to announce that the library has received a grant to construct six little libraries and fill them with books. So far, there will be one in Robinson, Muscotah, Willis, and the Kickapoo Tribe. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow one of the little libraries to be placed at Hickory Point. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. Janice Crider will be the champion for this particular box.

The library will be partnering with the school and the Boy Scouts to build the little libraries.

#### **Request to be Place on Agenda**

Don Winchell is still having issues with water running in his basement after it rains. Two of the Engineers from BG Consultants, Inc. were present to discuss more options. Pat Cox will report to the Commission at the next meeting after he speaks with Terracon.

#### **15 Minute Executive Session**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 15 minute executive session to discuss attorney client privilege to include Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Edwards, and Stirton, Kevin Hill, and Samuel Johnson. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

No action taken after Executive Session.

#### **Open Bids for Electric Plant Building**

Two bids were opened for the new out building at the electric plant. Motion by Commissioner Stirton to request that Rex West does a comparison of the bids to verify that they both bid on the same specs and they will review at the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards.

### **Follow up on List of Boards & Committees**

Kim presented the Commission with a revised list of Boards and Committees. Mayor Lentz would like to see this stay up to date on the terms going forward.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to appoint Traci Molt as City Treasurer, Mike Riley as the Municipal Judge, and Kevin Hill as the City Attorney for another term. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

### **Review Ordinances for Updates**

Commissioner Edwards suggested that we table the review of the Ordinances until the next meeting due to this meeting running so long.

### **Staff Reports**

Rex West and team are working on mowing and trimming trees, and flushing hydrants. Chip seal and patching will be coming soon. They are also working on repairing washed out areas at Mission Lake.

### **Chief of Police**

Chief Calhoon spoke of a customer complaint regarding a sump pump running into his yard. The Commissioners said that the officers could ask the neighbor him to extend the line, and that it seemed like a neighbor to neighbor issue.

A surprise inspection was done at the dog pound and the inspector requested that the city provide controlled air in the facility, and paint some of the kennels where the paint is peeling.

Chief Calhoon also provided the Commission with stats from the police department.

### **Mayor Lentz**

Mayor Lentz has been working on a tap issue and determining a fix with the Stirtons. Reinvent Horton held its annual meeting. They are now a 501c 3 and has a board of directors.

Mayor Lentz will be working to get the remainder of the light poles (6) paid for by donation for the downtown area. This will mean that every light pole downtown was paid for by donation.

Reinvent is working to get the land where the building was demolished downtown leveled out and sodded before fair time. They will also be focusing on landscaping around the sign at the Civic Center.

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

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to designate Al Barton as a signer for the CD at Union State Bank. This will replace Jeremy Forkenbrock as a signer. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

The City Clerk had several agenda items for Al Barton in his absence.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the dock for Pat McAfee to be installed at Mission Lake per the recommendation of the Parks & Rec Board. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the installation of a pontoon dock at Mission Lake (pending name) per the recommendation of the Parks & Rec Board. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

The reason that one of the shelter houses at the lake doesn't have a dock is because the water is too shallow there.

The Parks & Rec Board discussed allowing the ball field lights to be left on until 11:00 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Stirton to allow the ball field lights to remain on until 11:00 p.m. to accommodate sanctioned tournaments or prior approval for any other tournaments. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to allow Little League put on their tournament at the ballfield over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

### **Commissioner's Agenda**

#### **Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug said that he has received several positive comments about the lake and how nice it looks.

#### **Commissioner Stirton**

Commissioner Stirton is concerned about the feedback the Commission will receive about the new trash rules being put in place at Mission Lake.

#### **Commissioner Edwards**

Commissioner Edwards discussed legislature updates with the Commission.

#### **Commissioner Barton**

Not Present.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

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Kim Clausen, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor