

August 20, 2018
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 20, 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 Theola Carter. 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 Edwards adopt the agenda after adding a 10 minute executive session to discuss attorney-client privilege. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2018 regular meeting after Edwards requested a couple typographical errors be corrected. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3520(Payroll) for the amount of \$39,312.44. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards approve Appropriation Ordinance #3521 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$75,351.41. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Public Comments

Tim Lentz, the newly hired director of HIDC (Horton Industrial Development Corporation) briefly discussed his goals as director to the Commission. Lentz has already met with the Commissioners on an individual basis to discuss what they would like to see accomplished. Lentz requested to have a work session with the Commission, and would also like to have quarterly meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to have a work session on Tuesday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss economic development and hear proposals from HIDC, Reinvent Horton, and the Chamber. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

2019 Budget Hearing

Mayor Stirton announced the Public Hearing. There were no public comments regarding the proposed 2019 budget. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the 2019 Budget as published with a mill levy of 67.755. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Gene Gormley and concerned members of his family were present to talk to the Commission about the property next door to their home at 326 W 12th Street. They have had ongoing issues with rodents and roaches in the now vacant home. Gene is currently spraying the home to keep the roaches at bay, but doesn't feel that it is his responsibility to do so. He is also concerned about him and his wife breathing the fumes from the insecticide.

Kevin Hill offered to work with Calhoon and Officer Stuart to come to a resolution on this. Some of the options discussed were to have the current owners of the home Quitclaim the property over, and the city demolish it. Gene has offered to contribute up to \$3,000 to assist in the demolition. Another option is to serve an Administrative Search Warrant. Calhoon will contact the Gormley's with an update by mid next week.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Lawrence King was present to ask about setting a trailer house on properties that he purchased at 723 & 739 West 10th. Lawrence will meet with Kim and/or Calhoon to discuss what the property is zoned as, and if a trailer is permitted. He was advised that this may have to go to the Planning Commission for approval, and then to the Commission.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Teresa McAnerney from Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Initiative gave a presentation and provided stats on the counties, board members, introductions, clients, new, expanded, and retained businesses, jobs created or retained, and tune-ups of existing businesses. Traci Molt and Angie Kreider were also present to speak positively on behalf of NEKEF. The Commission did not want to commit to a pledge to NEKEF until after the session on 08/28 with HIDC. They will discuss further at the next Commission meeting on September 4th.

USDA Paperwork for Phase III Sewer Project

Rita Clary announced the Notification of Intent to File Application and Public Meeting for financial assistance with USDA Rural Development. The specific purpose of this application is for improvements to the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant – Phase III. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to pass the Resolution, Adopting and Providing for Standards for Procurement, Bidding, and Contract Awards after making the changes suggested by Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. The suggested changes by Kevin Hill are at the end of the first paragraph he recommends the following addition: ...and (b) establishing procurement and contracting procedures to be used when utilizing loan funds. He also recommended that the second paragraph be revised by crossing out "prior consent or approval of the Government as provided in" so that the end of the second paragraph reads "....where funds derived from loans made or insured by, or grants made by, the Government are not involved, such regulations shall not be required."

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize the City Clerk to sign the Resolution as recommended. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize the mayor to sign the Legal Services Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Discuss and Vote on Location of Newly Purchased Playground Equipment

After discussion Motion was made by Commissioner Bacon to place the new playground equipment on the east side of the basketball court. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Rainbow Poll Rental Agreement

Motion by Commissioner West to table the discussion until the Commission meeting on September 4th until we receive a report from Rainbow regarding franchise fees. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

3 Minute Executive Session to Discuss Attorney-Client Privilege

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 3 minute executive session to discuss attorney client privilege to include Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Edwards, Krug, West, and Bacon, and Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye. No action taken after executive session, information only.

Discuss Additional Camping Spots and Improvements at Mission Lake

The Parks and Recreation Board met on 08/14 and showed interest in the Commission considering additional camping spots at Mission Lake. The Commission discussed and agreed to add meters to the existing poles to the southwest of the boat ramp by the dam, which would create 4 to 5 more spots. Gravel will also have to be laid for pads for the campers. The Commission would like to see these utilized as additional 14 day spots.

The Commission would like the Parks and Recreation Board to provide a report to them on a regular basis.

Employee Share Insurance Proposals

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the new insurance premiums as presented by Calhoon. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye. Effective September 1st the employees will continue to pay 10% of their premium. The premiums for employer and employee should show a decrease from last year.

Chief Calhoon/Interim City Administrator

Calhoon spoke on behalf of Tim Lentz regarding water usage that went through the meter when the service was supposed to be shut off at 225 East 11th Street. The Commission agreed that the city can't prove that he used the water. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to forgive the bill and refund the usage for water and sewer. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

The discussion was brought up about the doors to the showers and restrooms at the pool being painted blue, while the other doors are brown. Mayor Stirton said that he doesn't think it is that big of a deal. The Commission suggested to look at the past minutes and see if there was a motion saying what color the doors should be, otherwise leave them the way they are.

Calhoon will be having future talks about cost share for curb replacement for business and residential customers, and about CDBG project ideas from the Commission.

Connie Werner, on behalf of Reinvent Horton requested to have the city crew assist in relocating the train in Rock Island Park and a Welcome to Horton sign. The Commission added that the city would need permission from KDOT before relocating the sign.

Calhoon is going to look into getting a cover for the pelican slide at the pool for the winter.

Calhoon will be using several vacation days between now and the end of September. He will be reachable by phone if needed.

Mayor Stirton

Per the request of Jason Cline, Mayor Stirton will meet with him to discuss new lighting, bleachers, and track renovations and how the city can assist.

Commissioner Bacon

Bacon met with the pool manager(s) and the lifeguards and expressed his appreciation to them individually and shared that he hopes that they come back next season.

Commissioner West

No comment.

Commissioner Edwards

Edwards would like to limit the time for speeches and presentations of those who request to be on the agenda. The Commission suggested that the front office provide the Guidelines for Citizen Participation at City Commission Meetings when someone requests to be placed on the agenda. Edwards also discussed more than one person talking at the same time during meetings.

Commissioner Krug

Krug would like to give accolades to the city generation crew for the quick turn-up time of the generators when the city was out of power last week.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor