

April 21, 2014  
5:15 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Al Barton.

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

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock pull #3296 from the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2014 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3296 (Payroll) for the amount of \$36,172.58 after asking about an employee's vacation time payout after they are no longer employed with the city. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3297(Disbursements) for the amount of \$241,967.60. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

Lesa Duryea was present to give updates on The Manor and stated that they currently have 33 long term care residents. Nursing Home Week will begin on May 11<sup>th</sup>. They will be having an evacuation drill coming up. They had a great turnout for the Easter egg hunt.

Another resident was present to ask for forgiveness on his water bill due to a water leak. The City Clerk will investigate the bill and get in touch with the citizen by the end of the week.

#### **Phone System Upgrade**

Angie Kreider from Rainbow Communications was present and gave the Commission a presentation on the sales quote for a new phone system at City Hall. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table the decision until a future meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye. Angie also visited about the camera system that was recently installed by Rainbow to make sure the cameras are all set where we want them.

#### **Water System Improvements**

Brian Foster from BG Consultants, Inc. presented the Commission with a map and probable cost sheet to replace water lines on the NW corner of town, and work towards the west end of town. There is money left in the budget from the water system improvements with USDA to fund this project. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow BG Consultants, Inc. to go out for bid on the project and report it back to the Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Gary Behrnes gave an update on the recent ISO inspection and expects that if it goes down one point to a 6 that it could save businesses on their insurance premiums. Gary also spoke about some of the hydrants in town that were tested had little to no water pressure.

### **Sewer Rate Analysis**

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to contact Audrey from Mize & Houser Company about preparing a sewer rate analysis for the city so that the new rates can go into effect soon. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

### **Chief Calhoon**

Chief Calhoon is in search of a part-time dispatcher; meanwhile he has filled the patrol positions that were open. He would like to step up on Code Enforcement and possibly change some shifts around to accommodate weekend and evening coverage for Code Enforcement.

Chief Calhoon would like to hopefully make some vehicle changes within his department in the 2015 budget.

John Expressed his gratitude to Jeremy Forkenbrock since it was his last meeting on the Commission.

### **Staff Report**

Rex West and team are:

- Doing dirt work on 15<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.
- Going to tear down the old gas station house.
- Repairing a water leak at 8<sup>th</sup> street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.
- Starting repair on Hammersmith's driveway.
- Spraying fence lines at the ball field.

Summer mowers have started mowing at the cemetery, and are also taking pictures of all of the headstones. The new business district signs came in and Rex's team will put them up.

Rex asked about spraying the vacant lots like the city did last year to cut down on mowing and unsightly weeds. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to spray using the same program as we did last year. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Rex also shared that he has enjoyed working with Jeremy over the years.

### **Mayor Lentz**

Mayor Lentz discussed getting a GIS System from BG Consultants.

Mayor Lentz recognized all of the projects that have been completed and how far the city has come since Jeremy Forkenbrock has been on the Commission.

The Mayor asked the Commissioners their thoughts on contributing to the cost of the curb in front of Pat Scotts home.

Mayor Lentz is going to redo the sign at City Hall.

HNB is donating paint for the fairground buildings up to \$1000.00. Bill Stevenson and donated money for paint.

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

Kim voiced that she has had a lot of calls regarding the use of the dumpster at the fairgrounds, and what items can be taken to the tree dump.

Kim told Jeremy Forkenbrock that she admires his determination and dedication and wished him luck.

### **Commissioner's Agenda**

#### **Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug has been approached about the city eating expenses for the repairs of businesses and asked the Commissioners their thoughts.

**Commissioner Forkenbrock**

Commissioner Forkenbrock asked Chief Calhoon to look into if Netawaka is showing wrong on the emergency map.

Jeremy gave a statement and thanked everyone in the city (past and present) who he worked with over the years and gave reasons why he has enjoyed working for them.

**Commissioner Edwards**

Commissioner Edwards talked about Code Enforcement in Topeka and how they have been in the paper for not being clear on their codes.

**Commissioner Barton**

Motion by Commissioner Barton to allow the installation of two fish feeders on the north end of the lake. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. The city will provide the food, and the fish and game club will build the feeders and fill them.

On behalf of the Commission, Wade Edwards presented a plaque to Jeremy Forkenbrock for his years of service as Police Commissioner.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

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Kim Clausen, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor