

December 18, 2017
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 18, 2017 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2017 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3483 (Payroll) for the amount of \$31,575.54 after asking Kim for clarification on the totals on the Payroll History Report. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3485 (Payroll) for the amount of \$33,295.29. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock approve Appropriation Ordinance #3484 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$88,534.69 after asking Kim about disbursement amounts and why the totals don't match the reports. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock approve Appropriation Ordinance #3486 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$94,509.11. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Request to be Placed on Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for the rental fee to be waived for use of the Blue Building on January 20, 2018 for a charitable event to benefit Everest Travel Club. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. Beth Jensen is aware that the utility fee will be assessed.

Hearing for Demolition Resolution

Mayor Lentz opened the public hearing for the demolition resolution of properties at 905 4th Avenue West, 520 West 9th Street, 417 East 7th Street, and 921 1st Avenue East at 5:38 pm. Dennis Bidner requested to be on speaker phone during the hearing. Chief Calhoon stated that none of the properties have made the necessary repairs; therefore he recommended to deem the properties as unsafe and order them to be demolished. The public hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Edwards for the city to abate all four properties by demolition. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. The city will then assess the costs against the property owner.

Samuel Johnson – Updates

Not present.

Open Grave Digging Bids

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to award bid to Lonnie A Boller for the amount of \$350.00 for opening and closing an adult grave, and \$150.00 for opening and closing a child's grave. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

KMEA Dogwood Ballot

Mayor Lentz and Scott Shreve (earlier in the week) explained that KMEA is going to get financing and then Garden City, Gardner, and 3 others are solely responsible for the debt repayment. If one or all of them isn't able to make the payment, then the city of Horton is on the hook as is everyone else within KMEA to pay. It takes a majority vote. Even if the city votes no and it passes, we are still on the hook.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to vote NAY to question #1 on the ballot because there was not adequate information provided to vote on. *Shall KMEA be authorized to enter into revenue bond documents relating to the financing of the purchase of a 10.1% undivided interest in the Dogwood Energy Facility? The total principal amount of bonds issued in one or more series shall not exceed \$37,500,000, the true interest cost of the financing will not exceed five and one-half percent (5.50%) per annum and the final maturity date will not be later than April 1, 2040. The Dogwood Participating Members and KMEA have entered into Dogwood Project Agreements providing, in part, that the Dogwood Participating Members will be responsible for their proportionate share of the costs of the Dogwood Energy Project, including principal, interest and the costs of issuance of revenue bonds. The Dogwood Project Agreements will remain in effect as long as the revenue bonds are outstanding. The Board of Directors further authorizes the Executive Committee, officers and employees of KMEA to adopt a resolution consistent with this ballot question and to execute all documents and to perform all other actions necessary to complete the financing.* Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to vote AYE to question #2 on the ballot. *Shall Resolution No. 206 of KMEA be adopted to add the Cities of Chetopa and Robinson as members to KMEA? Both cities have passed an Ordinance authorizing membership in KMEA.* Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Consider Approval of CMB Licenses

Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve CMB license renewals for Lentz Express, Super Store, Horton Pool Hall, and Blue Ribbon Diner. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. Aye—Commissioners Krug, Stirton, Forkenbrock and Edwards. Abstain—Mayor Lentz.

Consider Approval of EMS Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the annual agreement between the City Commissioners of Horton and CAH Acquisition Company #3 dba Horton Community Hospital. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. Aye— Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Stirton, and Edwards. Abstain—Commissioner Forkenbrock.

Approve Payment Request No. 6 for Pool Project

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve payment request No. 6 in the amount of \$53,254.80 for the pool project. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Powhattan Township Fire Contract

The city of Horton received a letter from the Powhattan Township board on 11/17/17 stating that they have made an agreement with the Powhattan Fire Department regarding primary coverage for their township and the Horton fire department is no longer needed for this coverage.

After a lengthy discussion with the Commission and Lamar Shoemaker (on the telephone) it was determined that the Commission would like to see an updated agreement provided by the Powhattan Township regarding the Automatic Aid Agreement detailing how it will be handled going forward. Chief Calhoon will work with them to get the updated agreement.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 1167 Sewer Minimum Increase

The first reading was done. The Ordinance will be considered for approval on January 8, 2018.

Consider 3% COLA Increase for Employees

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve a 3% COLA increase for full and part-time employees for 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Chief Calhoon

Chief Calhoon stated that the dog kennel regulations have been revised by the state.

The dog ordinances haven't been updated in a while and Chief would like to increase the penalties, impound, and pick-up fees. He would like to put some teeth on the late fees for dog tags as well. The Commission would like Chief to write up suggestions and bring back to the table.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz spoke about change orders for the pool, one to wrap poles, and the other to put concrete under the slide. He felt that these change orders were too costly and denied them.

City Clerk/Administrator

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Write-Off report as presented by Kim. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. Kim will send a list of five people from the Write-Off report to Kevin Hill for possible garnishment.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve year-end bonuses for full (\$300) and part-time (\$150) employees. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to include the lake caretaker in the bonuses for \$150. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

The all employee luncheon will be this Friday; the 22nd at Mayor Lentz's building downtown. Kim invited to Commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug commended the police officers for the quick response to his gun shop when his alarm went off in the middle of the night.

Commissioner Krug would like to discuss revising Blue Building fees at one of the upcoming Commission meetings.

Commissioner Stirton

No comment.

Commissioner Edwards

No comment.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock discussed the possibility of the dispatchers renting out the Armory Building if someone is interested and the front office is closed. Everyone agreed that it shouldn't be a problem due to the minimal requests we would receive.

15 Minute Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 15 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to include Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Edwards, Forkenbrock, Stirton, and Krug, and Kim Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. No action taken after executive session.

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After executive session, Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve a \$2.00 an hour raise in pay for Kim Knudson, and authorize her to hire a lead person from the existing workforce. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor