

November 18, 2013
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Commissioner Barton.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Forkenbrock, Edwards and Barton, Kevin Hill, and Kim Clausen.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to pull #1 and #3 from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2013 regular meeting after making suggested changes. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Commissioner Forkenbrock made the motion to approve Appropriation Ordinances #3272 (Payroll) for \$33,380.20. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Commissioner Forkenbrock made the motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3273 (Disbursements) for \$158,434.86 after requesting that an invoice be taken out of a different fund. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Manor Update

Lesya Duryea was present to give updates on the Manor. They currently have 42 residents, which is near capacity. October Fest was a success with a great turnout. Lonnie Boller is letting them use a store downtown rent free at 834 Central to sell various items over the holidays.

Lesya thanked the Commission for the snow fence that was installed near The Manor.

2012 Audit Presentation

Michael Peroo was present and gave the Commission a brief presentation on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the Independent Auditors Report.

Staff Reports

Rex West and team,

- Finished up the dirt work on Central. They still may need to add more after it settles.
- Are working on a water leak on East 11th.
- Continue to work on electrical work on the east side of the lake as time permits.
- Are going to complete dirt work at 15th and 5th Avenue West.
- Are reading meters this week.

Chief Calhoon spoke to the Commission about eliminating part-time Police Officers that are difficult to reach and are unable to come in and work as needed. He presented to the Commission a potential applicant that resides in St. Joseph, MO. The candidate has some experience in law enforcement and would be available to work as needed two weeks out of the month.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to hire Zane Goforth at a pay rate of \$11.29 an hour as a part time officer. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

The Commission made a note that if Zane ever wanted to go full time he would have to live within the 30 minute limit drive of city limits.

Wireless Management Agreement

The Commission would like Utility Service Communications Inc. to come and present the benefits in person before they agree to sign the agreement.

Horton EMS Subsidy

Kevin Hill presented an updated agreement. The Commission will review it further at the December 2nd meeting.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

Kim shared her experience of the Municipal Clerk Institute that she attended the week prior.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Not present.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock voiced his concern over people being in Armory and having access to supplies, and/or getting hurt around equipment. He suggested moving some of the stuff to a locked area.

Commissioner Forkenbrock said there were some issues with radio channels that were caused by Midwest Mobile. This issue has since been resolved.

Commissioner Forkenbrock talked about moving the school crosswalk that currently has no stop signs up one block to the four way intersection.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards shared that he and Mayor Lentz are learning a lot of technical stuff about electricity while preparing how to provide economical electricity and a 50 year water plan for the city.

Commissioner Edwards would like to see what the cost is that the city pays to operate all of the city buildings. Kim will provide this information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton would like to pursue a contract for the lake caretaker that among other things would include him/her having a cell phone to be reached at. Motion by Commissioner Barton to revise a contract by the beginning of camping season. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Commissioner Barton and Mayor Lentz concluded that the lake needs about 15 new picnic tables built. Commissioner Barton is going to get an estimate on the cost and present it to the Commission.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz informed the Commission that Kansas Gas Service is in town doing an inspection for gas leaks as a result of the sewer project.

Brian Foster and Mayor Lentz looked at the water meters in town and determined that some of the meters will still need to be physically read after all the new meters are installed.

Mayor Lentz worries that the hydro seeding that was spread isn't thick enough for it to come in full in the spring.

10 Minute Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission, Kevin Hill, and Kim Clausen. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

No action was taken after executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor