

June 16, 2014
5:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 16, 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 Father Dan Gardner.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Barton to pull #3305 from the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2014 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2014 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve appropriation ordinance #3304 (Payroll) for the amount of \$37,570.61. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve appropriation ordinance #3305 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$86,079.98 after getting clarification a drill that was purchased for the lake. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

A citizen was present to voice concerns over citizens not keeping up on their properties after Reinvent Horton has dedicated their time to help clean their yards. He also suggested that the Commission look at budgeting to install a handicapped accessible restroom at City Hall.

Another citizen was present to speak of her parking situation at her home after code issued her a warning. Chief Calhoun said he would work with her and allow her a little more time to get gravel put where she parks her vehicle beside her home.

Commissioner Edwards would like to see a copy of the current Ordinance for review at the next Commission meeting.

Firework Donations

The Lion's Club is requesting a donation from the City for fireworks. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to donate \$250 for fireworks. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Roof Bids

Additional bids for the Civic Center and surrounding buildings were reviewed. After the completion of the roofs at City Hall and the Power Plant are finished, the city will determine how the budget is sitting before proceeding with the Civic Center.

Library Board of Trustees

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to appoint Deb Gerdes as the new member of the Horton Library Board of Trustees due to the term expiration of John Scott. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Chief of Police

John Calhoon provided the Commission with an update on the purchase of new glocks for his department. Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the purchase of 6 new glocks for the amount of \$662.00, and any holsters that are needed. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. Chief Calhoon would also revise the current gun policy within the Police Department.

Chief Calhoon also provided the Commission updates on warnings that have been given to citizens by Code Enforcement.

Staff Reports

Rex West and team have completed trimming trees in preparation for chip seal route. After the softball tournament on July 4th, they will be proceeding with the installation of electrical and lights for the ball field.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz asked the Commissioners about what kind of commitment he has from them regarding the street and curb repair downtown. Mayor Lentz spoke with Marcus Lemonis and he is not willing to proceed further until he sees the cities buy-in as far as shaping up downtown. Mayor Lentz will visit with the business owner's downtown and see what they expect for the cities part.

Mayor Lentz spoke to the Commission about reports from Sam Johnson at BG Consultants regarding Don Winchell and his leaky basement, and patching of the Maxwell driveway. These are issues that have been brought to the city after the last sewer improvements.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the Proclamation with the Kickapoo Tribe. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

Kim Clausen asked the Commission about employees using e-cigarettes in the office. They will not be allowed to be smoked indoors.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug wanted to emphasize that the Commissioners will be focusing on the pay scales within the city to get them more comparable with surrounding cities.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton talked about the plugs on the floor at the Armory for volleyball poles. This would be provided by donations.

Commissioner Stirton made a request to dispatch from the fire department that they are more specific when giving directions to addresses that are in rural areas.

Commissioner Stirton stated that the alley by the water tower needs some repair due to standing water.

Commissioner Edwards

No Comment.

Commissioner Barton

Motion by Commissioner Barton to purchase 100 ton of sand for the volleyball court for \$2,400.00. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve three dock requests at the lake. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Commissioner Barton recommended that the city advertise for a city administrator. Motion by Commissioner Barton to advertise for a city administrator. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. Commissioners Barton and Stirton voted aye. Commissioners Edwards and Krug voted nay. Mayor Lentz abstained from voting. Motion did not pass.

Mayor Lentz resigned from his administrative duties with the city and left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor