

January 7, 2019
 5:15 P.M.
 Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Stirton called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Al Schirmacher. 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 Bacon to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3538(Payroll) for the amount of \$32,353.18. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3540(Payroll) for the amount of \$38,727.78. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3539 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$113,557.60. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3541 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$81,926.51. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Motion by Commissioner West to allow Jason Gibson to set traps for muskrats and beavers at the Little Lake, the north end of Mission Lake, and Mission Creek from the spillway to the south end of the park. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Open 2019 Material and Hauling Bids

Item No.	Description	Stirton Bros.	Whetrock, Inc.	Hamm, Inc.
Horton				
1	1/2" crusher run (gray)	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ -
2	1/2" screened chat (gray)	\$ -	Call	\$ -
3	1" crusher run (gray)	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ -
4	1 1/2" crusher run (gray)	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ 14.75
5	3" crusher run	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

		-	12.00	-
6	Sand--Mason or Brick	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7	Sand--Pit	\$ 8.00	\$ -	\$ -
8	CMK	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9	Cold Patch	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10	AB3	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00
9	AG Lime	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ -
10	Saturock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Motion by Commissioner Krug to accept the low bid for 2019 materials (highlighted in yellow).
 Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Aye – Commissioners Bacon, West, Edwards, and Krug. Abstain – Commissioner Stirton.

		Stirton Bros.
		Horton
Price per ton per loaded mile		\$0.159

Motion by Commissioner Krug to accept the low bid for 2019 hauling (highlighted in yellow).
 Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Aye – Commissioners Bacon, West, Edwards, and Krug. Abstain – Commissioner Stirton.

Revisit Discussion on Rock in Alley

Matt Howell has put in one trailer in town, and will likely move in another later this year near an alley that has been vacated for years. Calhoon feels like the city can do some work on it to his driveway currently where his trailer is sitting coming in from the west, and not do the whole alley at this point. When the other trailer is set we will see what the city can do. Motion by Commissioner West to approve gravel to be installed from the top end down to the building to the west side of the drive. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Review Water Supply Contract

Per the request of Rodney Paden, Attorney Kevin Hill drafted a Water Supply Contract for customers that are affected by the master water meter located at 2 RR#1 (north of town). The agreement outlines the responsibilities and obligations of each resident that currently have water being delivered to the master meter. The city will provide the contract to Rodney Paden and let him know this is what the Commission reviewed at the meeting, and ask him to provide his input. If the contract looks okay to him, he can start circulating to the customers that are on the master meter.

Sunday Alcohol Sales

The topic of whether or not the city should allow alcohol sales on Sundays was revisited. Commissioner Bacon would like to see Sunday sales happen just to prevent people from going elsewhere to buy it. Mayor Stirton talked to businesses that don't even sell alcohol and they have said that any kind of positive foot traffic in town could entice the consumer to purchase other items as well, and also take notice of the other businesses in town. Edwards and Krug are against Sunday sales.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to not allow the sale of alcohol or malt beverages on Sundays and to amend the current Ordinance as necessary. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. Aye- Commissioner West, Edwards, and Krug. Nay- Mayor Stirton and Commissioner Bacon. Motion passed.

Chief Calhoon/Interim City Administrator

The deadline for the 2019 Waste Tire Grant is approaching. This grant supports the purchase of products made from recycled tires including playground cover, picnic tables, and benches. The grant will be competitive and pay up to 50% of the cost of the products. Applications are due 01/15/2019. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Calhoon to apply for the 2019 Waste Tire Grant. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

The new school zone sign that was installed last year is having some issues with getting programmed. The city staff is aware.

Raise proposals for the city staff will hopefully be presented at the next Commission meeting on January 22nd.

The city is seeking applications to fill 3 part-time lifeguard positions for the 2019 pool season. This will allow for more flexibility for time off when scheduling. Tara Speer will be the pool manager, and Abby Ross will be the assistant manager for 2019.

Calhoon will present the Commission with proposals for hiring a part-time Court Clerk, and a full-time Maintenance Assistant. West recommended advertising for the open positions to the public.

Calhoon recommended hiring Jim Hoffman back as the Lake Caretaker for the 2019 season. He would also like the city to follow through with the pay increase that was budgeted for him.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to move the Commission meeting to January 22nd in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. on the 21st. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Mayor Stirton

No comment.

Commissioner Bacon

Commissioner Bacon asked for an update on the city placing gravel on West 8th in the alley. Calhoon stated that the city could fill in potholes but doesn't think it warrants spending a lot of money on gravel it since it isn't a thru street and doesn't have a lot of traffic.

Bacon will present the Commission with pictures of equipment that he would like to try and purchase in 2019 at the next meeting.

Commissioner West

No comment.

Commissioner Edwards

Edwards discussed the hospital and their routine late utility payments to the city. After the last shutoff day (December 31st, 2018), city officials threatened to shut off the business office if a payment wasn't made by noon. A payment was wired to the city (not including penalties) that same afternoon. Going forward, Edwards is not in favor of the city contacting the hospital for payment after the delinquent notice is sent out. If the utility bill is not paid in full by shutoff day the business office will be disconnected.

The Kickapoo Chief of Police provided a letter to Calhoon asking for forgiveness on their monthly dispatch payment during the partial government shutdown.

Commissioner Krug

Krug noticed that the Electric Fund Cash took about a \$200,000 hit since the report in December. He is concerned that the cash carryover amounts from 2018 were lower than they have been in the past. There were some items purchased and projects done in 2018, but he is getting tired of people thinking that just because funds are budgeted that it's an automatic purchase. Krug informed the Commission that they need to tighten some belts, and really take a look at spending in 2019, and that he is going to be more vocal.

Kim will provide a list of detailed expenses that were budgeted for 2019 to the Commission as requested by Edwards.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor