

July 7, 2014  
5:15 P.M.  
City Hall Court Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Court Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Rob Gaskell.

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 Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to pull #3307 from the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2014 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3306 (Payroll) for the amount of \$35,440.66. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3305 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$80,804.76 after getting clarification on the city's petty cash accounts. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

Don Winchell asked about the status of his complaint to the city about water getting in his basement after rain. The City Clerk provided him a copy of what was given to the city by Sam Johnson from BG Consultants.

#### **Sewer Rate Discussion**

David Arteberry was present to show the Commissioners a sewer rate analysis that he prepared. The sewer rate increase will be necessary for the city to be able to afford the USDA payments for the sewer improvement projects. He suggested that an increase be put in place sooner than later because another rate increase will likely be needed in the near future.

#### **Power to Fish Cleaning Station**

Matt Allen stated that the fishing derby was a huge success with a record amount of kids. Matt also requested power to the fish cleaning station which would be metered, and would also be on a timer.

#### **HIDC Requests**

Candy Schmitt, Secretary for HIDC was present to request funds for next year's budget in the Industrial Development Fund to replenish this year's funds. This money would be used to assist people that want to build a business here in Horton.

#### **Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation**

Theresa McAnerney was present and thanked the Commission for their support in the past and presented them with the Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Initiative. Teresa requested a

commitment for the city for \$3,360. Commissioner Krug would like to see a breakdown of what they have done for specifically for Horton and Brown County before we make a commitment. Teresa will e-mail Kim with stats to provide to the Commission.

### **City Hall Tower**

Connie Werner visited with the Commission about placing a clock in the tower at City Hall. She shared a proposal and some costs. Mayor Lentz would like to see the downtown construction finished and for Connie to explore other options for getting contributions. Mayor Lentz said that the city will also take a look at budget numbers.

### **Reinvent Horton**

Several Reinvent Horton volunteers were present and a lot of them voiced frustrations ranging from yards that have already been cleaned up and the residents not keeping up on them, to city workers whose salaries are paid by the tax payers, not doing their share of volunteer help. There was an extended discussion regarding Mayor Lentz carrying on his extended duties as he has been and not hiring a new City Administrator. They don't feel that the city should spend a costly amount to hire a new administrator when Tim has been handling the outside projects just fine.

The volunteers also think that it is time for the city to contribute to a new street, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks for the downtown area.

### **Code Quote**

The City Clerk asked the Commission about having the League of Kansas Municipalities complete the ordinance codification that was started years back. The Commission requested for Kim to see how long the quote that was provided is good for, and revisit at a later time.

### **Chief of Police**

John Calhoon provided the Commission with info regarding:

- Stats for his department.
- A part-time dispatcher on his team has gone to full-time.
- Extended overtime in the Police Department and Dispatch due to the shortage on staff
- Security for the fair, and that it would be provided by the city of Horton Police Officers.

### **Staff Reports**

Rex West stated that the new lights for the ball field will be delivered soon. His team will be working on trenching the underground wire. Rex stated that new schematics were needed from StressCrete since the original design has changed.

### **Mayor Lentz**

Mayor Lentz talked about the amounts that the city could contribute to new street, curbs, gutters, lights, and sidewalks for the downtown area. He requested that the City Clerk discuss with the auditors the proposed figures that the Commissioners came up with. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the street improvement project subject by review from the auditing firm and detailed review of bids given by the contractors. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. Mayor Lentz also discussed the bid for 11 new light poles for downtown that he received. Updated the Commission on the repairs and painting that have been completed at the Civic Center.

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

Kim Clausen asked for the Commission for a Resolution to be passed to allow her to authorize her to transfer funds for investment in the Municipal Investment Pool and authorize her to

withdraw funds from time to time, to issue letters of instruction, and to take all other actions deemed necessary to appropriate for the investment of funds. Motion by Commissioner Barton to pass the Resolution authorizing Kim to execute documents and make deposits and withdrawals. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Warman Concrete and Construction requested an extension to the original bid for repairing the sewer drain near the bridge because of more labor hours. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the extended bid from Warman for \$750.00. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Kim opened and read aloud two bids that were received for curb, gutter, sidewalk, and driveway approaches for downtown from J & B Contractors and Warman Concrete & Construction.

### **Commissioner's Agenda**

#### **Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug wanted to thank Lonnie Boller and others for the cleanup of fireworks round the lake after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### **Commissioner Stirton**

Commissioner Stirton said that the plugs in the basketball court at the Armory have been installed.

#### **Commissioner Edwards**

No Comment.

#### **Commissioner Barton**

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve a dock on the east side of the lake. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Commissioner asked about proceeding with a meeting date with the Drag Race Boat Administration.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

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Kim Clausen, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor