

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

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, September 15, 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 Al Barton.

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

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3316 (Payroll) for the amount of \$36,102.15. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3317 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$66,060.40. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

Lamar Shoemaker was present to provide feedback to the Commissioners about the results of the ISO (International Organization for Standardization) he received for the fire department.

Don Winchell asked for updates regarding water leaking into his basement. Mayor Lentz advised Don that he would talk to the new contractor coming into town for Phase II of the sewer project about digging up the flowable fill and replacing it with dirt at his property.

#### **Follow-up on Utility Bill for Water Leak**

Stephanie Green-Demby was present per the request of the Commission to discuss the water leak at 1430 Central. Motion by Commissioner Krug for the city to credit \$400 to the account, and Stephanie work with the City Clerk on paying the remainder of the balance. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

#### **Discussion on Appointing New Board Members**

Luke Pollock put in his resignation for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Lentz would like the City Clerk to check for vacancies on all of the boards and present at the next meeting.

#### **Chief of Police**

Chief Calhoon stated that he has about finished training on the new officers, except for one that is currently on military leave. They have given out 16 NTA's for code enforcement violations. There was discussion on the NRA and Glock Training and who sets these up. The Commission would like to be asked permission for use of the Blue Building in the future. Chief Calhoon noted that these trainings bring revenue into the community while they are here.

**10 Minute Executive Session**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 10 minute executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel to include Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Edwards, Krug, Barton, and Stirton, Kevin Hill, Kim Clausen, and Chief Calhoon. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. No action taken after executive session.

**Staff Reports**

Rex West and team have sprayed the lily pads at the little lake and are working on spraying the dam. Spraying has been slowed down due to the rainfall.

The fire hydrants have been flushed and several calls for water leaks have been coming in.

They have also been working on cutting ditches.

Rex asked his team to turn in any extended vacation leave for the remainder of the year.

**Mayor Lentz**

Mayor Lentz reported that bids for the downtown improvement were opened on September 12<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Two bids were received, one by Bottorff Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$320,440.00, and the other from Goodman Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$281,728.00.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to put the downtown improvements on hold until a workable solution for the demolition of Kenneth Knudson's building is decided. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Mayor Lentz to speak with Marcus Lemonis on his intentions for the buildings that he purchased downtown before moving forward with the downtown improvements. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to allow the use of the Armory on November 8<sup>th</sup> for a Memorial for George Reeves at no charge. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

The city is going to have an excavator to borrow for the demolition of derelict houses. Mayor Lentz would like to see the focus be on demolishing the larger houses on the list while we have the use of this equipment.

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

No comment.

**Commissioner's Agenda****Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug asked if any response on us filing for property tax exemption for the Armory. They are still in the process of reviewing the application.

**Commissioner Stirton**

No Comment.

**Commissioner Edwards**

Commissioner Edwards requested that the City Attorney send out demand letters to the cities' large utility users that are delinquent on their utility bills. Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Kevin Hill to draft a demand letter to the cities large utility users notifying them that all or part of their services could be disconnected if their bill is not paid. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. The suggestion was also thrown out to the Commission to increase the reconnect fees for any customer that has their services shut off due to non-pay.

**Commissioner Barton**

Commissioner Barton informed the Commission that the new bouncy rides for The Heights are in and just need to be installed. He would also like to see the lake caretakers house put on the demolition list before the end of the year, and the volleyball courts completed.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to hold a special meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss downtown improvements for the city. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

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Kim Clausen, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor