

August 19, 2019  
5:15 P.M.  
City Hall

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Stirton called the meeting to order and the opening prayer was led by John Calhoon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Bryan Stirton, Commissioners Wade Edwards, Rex West, Bobby Bacon, and Ken Krug. City Administrator John Calhoon was also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2019 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3571 (Payroll) for the amount of \$40,163.90. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3572 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$278,918.45. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

### **Public Comments**

LaMont Cook, manager of Mission Village Living Center, provided a few updates to the Commission regarding the facility. A claim was filed with their insurance company, and a new roof will be installed along with some minor improvements on the interior of the facility that was caused by rain water.

Nancy Martin, the Director of Nursing, is adjusting well in her new position and will be introduced to the Board of Directors at a future meeting.

There are currently 24 residents, with 5 potentials at the facility.

A garage sale was held at the Blue Building this past weekend.

LaMont stated that there would be an open house in the near future to promote assisted living at Mission Village Living Center.

Greg Rodvelt spoke on behalf of John Broberg and stated that the Hiawatha Community Hospital plans to circulate a petition to place a countywide half-cent sales tax initiative on the November 5<sup>th</sup> general election ballot.

### **Big Kansas Road Trip**

Connie Werner, co-chair for The Big Kansas Road Trip was present to give an update on the event that will be held in Brown, Doniphan, and Nemaha counties on May 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2020. The event will promote Kansas and invite people to come to our towns.

Connie is requesting \$8,350 in funding for the event from Brown County. They will be asking for that amount from each county. Hiawatha has contributed \$2,000.00 so far.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Horton to contribute \$1,500.00 for the event. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

The Commission recommended that the committee talk to the county and other smaller cities in the area like the Kickapoo Tribe, Everest, and Sac and Fox Casino for contributions.

### **Consider Approval of 2018 Audit**

Edwards voiced concern over the auditor's notes regarding reconciling balance sheets regularly, and policies concerning credit card usage. Motion by Edwards to accept the 2018 audit with the concerns mentioned. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

### **Consider Appointment of Sean Gordon for 2019 Audit**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards West to appoint Sean Gordon (of Gordon CPA) to prepare the 2019 audit for the city. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.  
Sean will meet with Kim, John, and Edwards in the near future to go over specifics regarding the 2018 audit.

### **Review Armory Facility Use Agreement & Facility Request Form**

The Commission discussed the agreements and Edwards pointed out a typo. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Armory Facility Use Agreement & Facility Request Form with the alteration of the typo. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

### **Discuss Change in Employee Dental Coverage**

Calhoon asked for the Commissioners blessing to change the city employees' current dental provider from Humana to Delta Dental due to Delta Dental providing better coverage. The employee pays 100% of the premium for dental, so it is no extra cost to the city.

### **Discuss Joint Highway Improvement with KDOT \*\*North City Limits**

KDOT has offered to do a 2" overlay heading north out of town if the city pays for materials. West said that it would buy the city time, but we aren't out of the woods. He recommended that the city start budgeting funds for such repairs in the future.  
Motion by Commissioner West for the city to enter into an agreement with KDOT for a 2" overlay on the north city limits. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

### **Appoint LKM Voting Delegates**

Motion by Commissioner West to elect Commissioner Edwards as the cities voting delegate, and Kim Knudson as the cities alternate voting delegate for the League of Kansas Municipalities. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. Aye – Mayor Stirton, Commissioners West, Bacon, and Krug. Abstain – Commissioner Edwards.

### **City Administrator/Chief of Police Calhoon**

Calhoon requested a change to the interest rate that was quoted by Union State Bank in the last minutes. They quoted 3.25, *not 3.45* for a rate on a loan. The city went with Pony Express Bank for the loan.

Blue Green Algae was still present in Mission Lake as of today and warning signs have been hung. Calhoon is still waiting to hear back from KDHE.

Randy Mayfield passed his Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Class II test. The city may use Lonnie Boller for the Water Operation portion until one of the employees gets their Class II Water Operator certification.

Calhoon asked if the city would consider giving one of the 14 day campers a break on rates for the remainder of the 2019 season. She has spent over \$700 this season and Calhoon proposed that she pay \$100 a month for the next three months. The Parks & Recreation Board was okay with it, but the

Commission is worried that it will set a precedent for other campers. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to decline the offer from the young lady in the interest of maintaining stable camping season rates at Mission Lake. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. Aye –Commissioners Edwards, West, Bacon, and Krug. Abstain – Mayor Stirton.

Motion by Commissioner West for Calhoon to draft a letter of support for a grant application for the Civic Center and authorize the Mayor to sign off. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All Aye.

Chuck & Teresa Oswald would like to sign their existing dock at Mission Lake over to Laurice Nigus. The dock was already preapproved.

Motion by Commissioner Bacon to allow the development of two new camping spots at the north end of Mission Lake at the campers' expense. Seconded by Commissioner West. Aye –Commissioners Edwards, West, Bacon, and Krug. Abstain – Mayor Stirton.

The camper will pay for the pole, meter, pads, gravel, and brush/tree removal.

The Parks & Recreation were opposed because they feel that the north end is too crowded already.

The camper will pay \$600.00 for the remainder of this season for the two camping spots.

Motion by Commissioner West to move the next Commission meeting to Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the addendum to the previous approved agreement between the city and Rodney and Sandy Paden. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

#### **Mayor Stirton**

Mayor Stirton would like to see the city keep up on the washouts in the alleys in town.

The water plant has weeds growing out of the gutters and need tended to.

The city crews need to trim the brush on East 13<sup>th</sup> between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mayor Stirton gave kudos to the city crews for their hard work on the outage last Saturday.

#### **Commissioner Bacon**

Commissioner Bacon noticed that the new shelter house by the playground didn't get worked on last weekend. Calhoon said it was cancelled due to the wet weather. Bacon would like to see it completed by the end of August.

The Parks & Recreation Board recommended that designated tent camping spots be located between the new 14 day camping spots and the horseshoe pits (by the boat ramp). Bacon disagrees.

Commissioner West said there is no shade in that area.

The Commission agreed that they are not interested in designating any spots for tent camping, and they would leave it to the lake caretaker's discretion.

#### **Commissioner West**

Commissioner West would like the expenses reviewed for the Armory and Blue Building to see if an increase in rental fees is needed.

**Commissioner Edwards**

Commissioner Edwards gave a big thanks to the Public Works Department for resolving the outage last Saturday in a timely manner. The power was restored quickly, and the team worked through the hazardous weather in an emergency situation.

Edwards asked Calhoon when the CDF site will be burned. Calhoon said that the site is still too green, but agrees that it needs to be burned soon.

Calhoon would like to get an agreement in place with the contractor for the ADA compliant restroom project at City Hall showing an itemized list of materials.

Edwards asked Calhoon where he is at with the Parallel Generation Policy. Calhoon will work to get it completed.

**Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug would like residents to be more conscious and not blow their grass clippings in the street when they are mowing.

Krug asked who administering code enforcement in town. He sees a lot of uncut grass, junk vehicles, etc. in the residential areas. Calhoon said that the police have been slacking a little and that he will encourage Assistant Chief Boller to delegate to the other officers more.

Krug reiterated that he feels that the Commission has given the city crews and fire department good tools and equipment to complete their daily work with over the years, which in turn helps them perform their jobs better.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

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Kim Knudson, City Clerk

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Bryan Stirton, Mayor