

May 16, 2016
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Chief Calhoon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2016 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3405 (Payroll) for the amount of \$30,505.13. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3406 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$70,217.41. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Shelley Lowe was present to ask permission to use the Blue Building at no cost except for deposit and utility fee. Motion by Commissioner Boller to allow the use of the Blue Building on April 15, 2017 for vacation bible school for the United Methodist Church. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Horton Pool Discussion

Tom Arpin from BG Consultants, Inc. gave a presentation on three different pool layouts that they designed. Sam Johnson from BG Consultants, Inc. provided the Commission with a Condition Assessment of the current pool.

David Arteberry from George K. Baum & Company provided the Commission with information on the proposed sales tax amounts and sunsets for the upcoming election in August. Motion by Commissioner Krug for Gilmore & Bell to move forward with drafting the Resolution for ballot stating a 1% tax increase and sunset date. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Aye—Commissioners Krug, Stirton, and Edwards. Nay—Commissioner Boller. Motion carried.

The resolution will be considered for adoption at a special meeting on May 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

TekCollect Presentation

Morgan Miller gave a presentation on behalf of TekCollect, a collection agency. Motion by Commissioner Krug to pay ½ of the one-time charge (\$3,375.00) for up to 500 accounts, and the other half to be paid once TekCollect collects \$10,000.00 in utility and/or court bad debt for the city. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Approval of WAPA Agreement and Generation Updates

After recommendation by Scott Shreve, motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the WAPA Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. The Hydro Pooling Contract between KMEA and the city of Horton will provide Horton with a 30 year extension through September 30, 2054.

Park Board Discussion on Hiring Facility Coordinator

There were further discussions on hiring an Activities Coordinator for the city. Kim will post a job opening in the newspaper for the position, and it will be discussed further at the special meeting on May 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

First Reading of R1 to C1 Ordinance for TLC & Warman Construction

The first reading was done for Ordinance No. 1156. The Ordinance will be voted on for approval at the June 6th Commission meeting.

Rex West

Rex and his team will be working on cleaning up the houses that were demolished once the ground dries a little.

Mayor Lentz wished Rex West well in his retirement. Rex's last working day at the city will be June 18, 2016. Mayor Lentz focused on how many projects have been completed since him and Rex's time together working for the city.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to accept the resignation of Rex West with best wishes. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Chief Calhoon

Chief Calhoon will be spending around \$25,000 on equipment for the new police truck which will be reimbursed through a grant.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Lexipol to update the police policies and procedures on a one year basis in for the amount of \$2,941.00 annually. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. The annual contract begins on July 1, and end on June 30th of the following year.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz stated that the current CDBG funded Downtown Improvements are underway.

Mayor Lentz would like to discuss the repair/replacement of the retaining wall at 103 East 8th street. The wall was inadvertently damaged by the city crew. This will be put on the agenda for the special meeting on May 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

He will be working with Samuel Johnson from BG Consultants, Inc. in the near future to discuss applying for a Community Facilities Grant for an ADA restroom at city hall and ball field improvements...etc.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to appoint Ciara Nioce to the Library Board of Trustees effective immediately. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. Candy Schmitt resigned from the board on April 18, 2016.

City Clerk/Administrator

The Brown County Relay Team asked permission to stand at the four corners (at 1st and 15th, and 15th & Central) to collect money for the Brown County Relay. Motion by Commissioner Boller to allow the Brown County Relay Team to stand at the four corners on May 28th from 9-11:00 a.m.

Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Kim hired Michele Yost as the part-time cleaning person for the city at a wage of \$10.00 an hour. She will start on May 23rd.

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug voiced that he doesn't think that the city needs to hire a supervisor to replace Rex West at this time. Kim voiced that the need for the position is imperative to keep communication on the day to day operations with the water, sewer, street, and electric departments. The position is also important to provide daily guidance to the outside teams.

Commissioner Krug asked Chief Calhoun for an update the progress on the unattractive trailers on west 9th. Chief Calhoun stated that Officer Stuart has issued 45 day letters but the manager claims he never received one.

Commissioner Stirton

No comment.

Commissioner Edwards

No comment.

Commissioner Boller

No comment.

Motion by Commissioner Boller to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor