

August 4, 2014
5:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 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 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 approve the minutes from the July 21, 2014 regular meeting after requesting that the amount of \$245,000 that was approved for downtown improvements be added to the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2014 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2014 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3310 (Payroll) for the amount of \$35,284.63. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3311 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$155,845.74. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Public Comments

Buzz Allen was present to ask the Commission about changing the Ordinance to allow people to park in their yards as long as their vehicle is legal. After a lengthy discussion, the Commission and Chief of Police would like to keep enforcing the current Ordinance the way it is.

Connie Shippy would like the city to assist in replacing the draining pipe at Orchard Heights. The City Clerk, Mayor, and Rex West will meet with Connie on 8/5 to discuss further.

The new administrator at The Manor was introduced. The Commissioners welcomed Patricia Raasch to Horton. There will be a reception to welcome Patricia in the sunshine room at The Manor on 8/12/14 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

BG Consultants, Inc.

Brian Foster gave the Commissioners an update on the bids that were received recently for the 2014 Water System Improvements. The bids that were received were too high so the scope of work will need to be changed by BG Consultants, Inc. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to reject the current bids and authorize rebidding for the project. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Ordinance to Increase Sewer Rates

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Ordinance 1136 to increase the minimum charge per month to \$19.15, and the \$3.60 per thousand based on the applicable annual monthly winter average water consumption. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Chief of Police

John Calhoon has had no luck in receiving applications for Police Officers. He asked the Commission about waiving the current residency rules, even if temporary, to try and get some applicants. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to hire qualified applicants regardless of their residency. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. Aye – Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Krug, and Edwards. Nay – Commissioner Barton and Stirton. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Rex West and team repaired a water leak by the Armory, along with several others. Chip Sealing is complete. They will be flushing the fire hydrants on 8/11/2014. The ball field lights are moving right along.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz talked about the new Kickapoo/Horton sign that was purchased. The sign will be 8x14 and Horton's portion is \$560.00. Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve the purchase of the sign. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. There will be a ceremony to present the sign on August 20th, from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Lentz gave Reinvent Horton updates, and would like to go out for bid soon on the downtown improvements.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

Kim asked for approval for a new condenser to be installed at the sewer plant. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the bid from Waser Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$3800.00, to be taken out of the sewer budget. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Commissioner's Agenda**Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug asked the City Clerk about placing which department that each check is coming out of on the stub before he signs them.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton asked for updates on the repair on city roofs that were bid out. Asked if the new guns arrived for the police department.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards would like to see a copy of the Purchasing Policy for Horton.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton said that the two new toys for the park should be arriving soon, and that the ball field is looking nice.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor