

September 4, 2018
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Stirton called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Father Dan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Stirton, Commissioner Edwards, West, Bacon, and Krug. City Attorney Kevin Hill and Interim Administrator/Police Chief John Calhoon were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner West to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3522(Payroll) for the amount of \$34,630.76. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West approve Appropriation Ordinance #3523 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$376,414.87. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Gormley's were present to request an update on the property at 326 West 12th Street which was discussed at the last Commission meeting. Kevin Hill provided them a timeline of events that have taken place over the past two weeks, including that Ram Exterminators did treat the home last Thursday, and the last correspondence that he received from the Gormely's was on 08/28. Kevin did draft a Quitclaim deed in the event that the current owners of the home would be willing to deed the property to the city of Horton. To date neither owner has signed.

Ram Exterminators did recommend that the home be sprayed two more times, but it needs to be cleaned out before they can do that.

Kevin requested that the Gormley family e-mail him for updates going forward. He said that he, Calhoon, and Officer Stuart will review notices and timeframes and said we couldn't discuss details in open meeting.

Rainbow Pole Rental & Franchise Agreement Discussion

Angie Kreider provided a breakdown of the 10 year franchise agreement that the city currently has with Rainbow. She stated that Rainbow could negotiate an addendum to the 10 year agreement if the Commission was in favor of that. West is in favor of that so that the city can increase pole rate charges. The consensus with the Commission is that Kevin Hill will draft an addendum effective January 1, 2019 stating that the pole rental would increase to \$3.60 (currently \$3.00) per pole per year for each pole to which attachment is made, and future increases starting in 2020 would be based off of rate increases by Rainbow.

NEKEF Pledge Discussion

Teresa McAnerney from Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Initiative was present to ask if the Commission had agreed to fund them as requested in the previous meeting. Calhoon is still working with other entities to see if costs can be shared for the amount that both HIDC and NEKEF are currently requesting. The Commission is hoping to have answers prior to the next meeting so they can make a decision.

Coady Settlement

Motion by Commissioner Krug to dismiss litigation, authorize the settlement amount of \$1,500.00, and allow the Mayor to sign the Settlement Agreement and Release. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. This would also withdraw the cities counterclaim towards Coady.

Chief Calhoon/Interim City Administrator

-City crews are starting to drain the pool today for the winter and will be following up with further action to fully protect the pool from the cold weather elements.

-Calhoon spoke extensively with Sam Johnson from BG Consultant, Inc. regarding the preliminary plans, drawings, and cost estimates related to HIDC request for ball field improvements. He assured him that the initial items could be done for \$5,000 or less.

-Jeremy Miller from Westar in Atchison would like for the city to do a courtesy run sometime next week while they change out a pole and transformer. It should take approximately 2 hours, so we would need to power the city while this is taking place. The Commission informed Calhoon that the city should receive reimbursement as we have in the past.

-Calhoon spent an hour or so listening to a presentation with a rep from Osmose Utility Services, Inc. regarding utility pole inspections.

-City crews installed electric boxes on poles for an additional (6) 14-day camping spots SW of the boat ramp.

-Calhoon spent the most of part of one week collecting delinquent utility bills and bad checks along with reviewing camping situations at Mission Lake.

-Calhoon took it upon himself to allow the high school to use the cities pool shower house for home football games for the season. The Commission was in agreement.

-The city has had several power outages and water issues over the past 2 weeks that required some overtime this past weekend due to callouts. Calhoon enclosed some info for the Commission to review regarding some upgrades at the Power Plant.

-City crews have the new playground equipment moved to its location; however the rain is holding them up on the installation.

-Calhoon is currently requesting information from Kim and then we will work on putting something together for the Commission regarding our first season of pool operations and also a list and/or map of city owned property.

-Calhoon has a proposal to add some additional yearly rental spots for campers on the far north end of the lake. He has several potential campers that have been on a waiting list and this would take care of most of them. They are willing to help with expenses and pay for a full season even though the camping season is nearly over.

-Calhoon met with Tara Speer regarding pool operations this year and in the future. Their meeting went well and he feels like this year was a success, but hopes that next year new ideas and improvements can be made.

-Calhoon really needs to request an extension on his vacation due to projects and priorities that he is working on.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow Calhoon to extend his vacation time to the end of February, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Mayor Stirton

Mayor Stirton asked about the tree that is down behind the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. He received a complaint that there are still two sections laying there. Krug is going to ask someone that he knows about getting rid of the tree.

The library director has asked Mayor Stirton to do a reading session at the library.

Commissioner Bacon

No comment.

Commissioner West

In light of the recent contract discussions between Rainbow and the city, West would like the City Administrator to make sure that any other agreements with the city are current and up to date.

With new ballfields in the planning stages, there have been discussions on who will run them. West suggested that maybe the pool manager could also run the ballfields, and there could be benefits offered.

Commissioner Edwards

Edwards asked if The Manor is going to resume their monthly payment to the city this month. Kim advised that they were.

Previous motion was made on 02/19 by Commissioner Edwards to place the payments from The Manor on hold for six months pending a resolution with Medicare. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Commissioner Krug

No comment.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor