

February 19, 2018
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

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

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioner Edwards, Forkenbrock, and Stirton. City Clerk/Administrator Kim Knudson was also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3495 (Payroll) for the amount of \$32,948.63. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock approve Appropriation Ordinance #3496 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$75,766.50. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

Guy Galley was present to discuss some concerns about camping spots on the east end of Mission Lake (Baker's Ridge). One of the spots (#68) on the east side of the lake was rented and paid for in 2016 by Rikki Kanning, but they couldn't utilize the camping spot due to some city work being done on the shoreline of the lake because it was washing away. Kannings never did use the spot, nor did they get notice from the city that they could use the spot again. Guy proposed that if Douglas Armstrong didn't sign up for their current camping spot (#66) in 2018, that Rikki Kanning could move into his spot and put the \$175.00 that he paid in 2016 towards spot #66.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to allow Rikki Kanning to move into Doug Armstrong's camping spot (#66) if Doug doesn't sign up for it. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Rachel Knudson was present on behalf of the Fair Board. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to allow the use of the Blue Building parking lot for a street dance on July 13th from 9:00 p.m. – midnight. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

A notice for the street dance will be published in the newspaper to alert residents nearby of the noise.

Grant Updates – Lamar Shoemaker

Lamar Shoemaker was present to update the Commission on a grant he recently applied for. The grant is for 5 SCBA's and an air compressor and charge station with storage rack. The grant is for \$71,124 with a \$3,386 match from the city.

There was more discussion regarding a letter from the Powhattan Township board received on 11/17/17 stating that they have made an agreement with the Powhattan Fire Department regarding primary coverage for their township and the Horton fire department is no longer needed for this coverage. The Commission requested to have Luke Pollock and a representative from the Powhattan Fire Department at the next Commission meeting to discuss further.

KCAMP Presentation

Carrie Nelson was not present due to inclement weather.

Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 1171, Zoning Change Request

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Ordinance No. 1171, a zone change from R-1 to C-1 for property located at 425 West 14th Street requested by Todd and Angela Dexter. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Consider Approval of Ordinances No. 1169 & 1170

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve ordinance No. 1169, **AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2017.** Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve ordinance No. 1170, **AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2017 PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1162.** Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Revisit Seasonal Mower Discussion

Commissioner Forkenbrock recommended hiring a contractor to mow the cemetery, and hire hourly summer help to assist with the remainder of the properties. Mayor Lentz echoed what Commissioner Forkenbrock said; except he would recommend hiring two seasonal mowers since we have so many vacant properties. Commissioner Stirton thought that Randy Mayfield and staff did a good job of keeping up on the mowing last year. He would be more in favor of hiring help to use the equipment that the city currently owns after looking at past expenditures that were provided in the packets. Commissioner Edwards recommended hiring hourly summer help because he feels that the city has more control over the frequency and quality of the mowing. The Commission gave the go ahead for Kim to hire two summer employees to assist the city crew in the mowing of the properties (or one employee if Jarvis Ramirez is interested in helping).

Chief Calhoon

Chief Calhoon talked with the Commission about the packets that were given to them regarding animal control, pit bulls, and fee changes...etc.

After lengthy discussion, Commissioner Edwards suggested to remove the section about pit bulls and rely on the vicious animal Ordinance, and for Chief Calhoon to revise the other suggested changes and bring back to the Commission.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz provided the latest updates on the pool. Sections of the deck will be poured next, along with the installation of the slides and doors being set in the shower house.

Motion 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.

The remaining dirt by the pool needs to be relocated by May.

Check the dimensions on the new carport at Hickory Point. Mayor Lentz thinks it looks small.

Is the dumpster at the cemetery needed? How much does the city pay? Check into maybe a smaller one, or not have one at all?

City Clerk/Administrator

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve payment request No. 8 in the amount of \$72,558.90 for the pool project. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

At the last meeting motion by Commissioner Edwards to reappoint Jim Martin as Director #2, and Mayor Lentz as an alternate to serve on the Board of Directors of the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Kim stated that both have to *reside within the territory served by the city's electric utility*.

Commissioner Edwards said that we didn't have to have an alternate, and to move Mayor Lentz to Director #2.

The light will be replaced at the top of the water tower on February 23rd, and they will also remove the antenna that is loose.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the purchase of a waste oil garage heater and oil storage tank as recommended by Jim Martin. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Commissioner Krug

Not present.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton asked why the city crew doesn't use the street sweeper that was purchased for leaves.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards said that the flag at the cemetery is beat up and needs replaced, and that the solar light on the flag pole isn't working.

Commissioner Edwards also asked about why there was double pay on the last Payroll History Report, and asked for a report showing the changes in employee pay with the new income-tax withholding tables in place.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock would like to see how we determine and pay the volunteer firefighters.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor