

November 20, 2017  
5:15 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 20, 2017 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, Commissioner Edwards, Forkenbrock, Stirton, and Krug. City Attorney Kevin Hill and City Clerk/Administrator Kim Knudson were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2017 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3481 (Payroll) for the amount of \$29,799.15. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards approve Appropriation Ordinance #3482 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$68,011.69. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

Bobby Bacon congratulated Commissioners Krug and Edwards on their election win.

#### **Waste Management**

John Blessing, Public Sector Manager for Waste Management introduced himself as the area manager and contact person for Horton and answered questions from the Commission.

#### **Phase III Sewer Discussions**

Sam Johnson from BG Consultants, Inc. was present to give a project update for Phase III of the sewer project.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve SBR as the treatment process of choice. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize BG Consultants to issue a Request for Proposals from SBR manufactures. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to authorize BG Consultants to issue a Request for Proposals from SBR manufactures. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to increase the base sewer rate by \$5.00 a month beginning in January 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock for Kim to inform the Commission of the 2% quarterly user charge increase at the meeting before the increase takes place. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

**Health Insurance Updates**

After a lengthy discussion regarding health insurance premiums for 2018, Motion by Commissioner Edwards for the city to pay 90% of the employee premium as of January 1, 2018, and the employee pay 10%. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

**Chief Calhoon**

Chicago Motors, Inc. picked up the Crown Vic that they purchased from the city.

**Mayor Lentz**

Mayor Lentz said that a Texas crew will be here next week to spray the walls on the pool.

Mayor Lentz would like to get the electric guys opinion on either stabilizing or replacing one of the electric poles in the parking lot by the pool. He doesn't want to see a strong wind or ice storm take it down.

Is the county going to chip seal next year? If not, the city needs to be thinking of an alternate plan.

**City Clerk/Administrator**

The bucket truck sold on Purple Wave for \$14,850.00. Purple Wave will get 10% of the total.

The job opening for Pool Help closed today at 5:00 p.m. About 20 applications were received. Rachel Horney, the pool manager and Kim will review and set up interviews in the coming weeks.

Mayor Lentz and Kim met with Stuart Mathewson from Maximum Insurance, LLC to discuss the cities current insurance policy and coverages. Stuart was assigned some tasks to see if he can get some of the coverages lowered. Kim will report back to the Commission once she hears back from Stuart.

**Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug asked why we are no longer lighting the water treatment plant at night.

The spillway needs to be a topic of discussion in one of the upcoming meetings.

**Commissioner Stirton**

Commissioner Stirton asked about preparations for The Luminaries and if the officers are prepared.

**Commissioner Edwards**

Commissioner Edwards has been approached about a hand railing possibly being installed by the front steps at the Blue Building. Mayor Lentz believes that the ADA compliant sidewalk areas were designed to keep them on the flat areas rather than having to walk up the stairs.

Commissioner Edwards would like to see the leaves get cleaned up by the curbs in town.

**Commissioner Forkenbrock**

No comment.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

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Kim Knudson, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor