

February 4, 2019
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

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

Present: Mayor Bryan Stirton, Commissioner Wade Edwards, Rex West, Bobby Bacon, and Ken 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 West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3544(Payroll) for the amount of \$36,071.46. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3545 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$67,780.66. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Public Comments

None

Request to be placed on Agenda

Katrina Hall appeared on behalf of the Northeast Kansas Community Action Program (NEKCAP) to request the use of the Blue Building on March 15th at the reduced rate given for non-profit organizations. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the group to use the Blue Building on March 15, 2019 at the rate given for non-profit entities. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

After discussion, motion by Commissioner West to have future requests by non-profits handled in the Clerk's office using whatever documentation required by the City Administrator to prove the non-profit status. There will not be a need to come before the City Commission for approval.

Update on Latest Conversation with BG Consultants

Interim City Administrator Calhoon reported he had contacted Sam at BG Consultants concerning the wastewater project progress in discussions with Rural Development. Dan Fischer from Rural Development wants to meet with city staff on February 13 at 10 a.m. Then would like to hold a special meeting for the results of that meeting. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to call a special meeting for February 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to hear discussion from Dan Fischer and Sam Johnson. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon.

Discuss Lake Caretaker Contract & Salary

Mr. Calhoon presented a recommendation to enter into a contract with James Hoffman for Lake Caretaker duties for 2019 and to increase the salary. After some discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Krug to increase the salary by \$300 per month. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Consider Moving Commission Meeting on 02/18/19 to 02/19/18 Due to City Paid Holiday

Motion by Commissioner West to move the next Commission meeting from February 18 to February 19 because of the President's Day holiday. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

15 Minute Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 15 minute executive session, at 5:43 p.m., to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the employee to include the Commission, City Attorney and Interim City Administrator Calhoon. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. Mayor Stirton stated that after executive session there was no action taken.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 15 minute executive session, at 5:59 p.m., to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the employee to include the Commission, City Attorney and Interim City Administrator Calhoon. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye. Mayor Stirton stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to have the City Attorney prepare a contract with John Calhoon as City Administrator/Chief of Police at a salary of \$72,500 with details at a later date. This will become effective March 1, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 15 minute executive session, at 6:18 p.m., to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the employee to include the Commission, City Attorney and City Administrator Calhoon. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye. Mayor Stirton stated no action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to authorize the City Administrator to determine the salary amount for the City Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Calhoon

Administrator Calhoon reported that the Storm Spotter training will be held March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Calhoon presented KDOT highway use permit for Westar to be allowed to work on lines east of the city. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize the Mayor to sign the permit. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Mr. Calhoon reported that the lease agreement for the skid steer loader requires a \$20/hour charge for all hours used over 250. The company will be sending some information to Mr. Calhoon for verification of some information.

Commissioner Edwards requested that a revenue report be given to the Commission at every meeting.

Mayor Stirton

Mayor Stirton was approached by a citizen concerning the possibility of purchasing the property at 417 E. 7th Street. This property does not belong to the City. Other options will be looked into and discussed with the citizen.

City Attorney Kevin Hill reported on a joint meeting on the Hiawatha and Horton Hospital statuses. A committee will be established to discuss options involving the county and cities. Mayor Stirton and Administrator Calhoon will be on the committee.

Commissioner Bacon

Commissioner Bacon wanted to clarify that he had made the recommendation on the shelter house at the park by the pool.

Commissioner West

Commissioner West inquired about an update on the progress of BG Consultants on the ballfield project. He would like a report in the future.

Commissioner Edwards

No report.

Commissioner Krug

Inquired about the application for the KLINK project. Mr. Calhoon advised it was not funded.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Candice Schmitt, Acting City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor