

December 2, 2019  
5:15 P.M.  
City Hall

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Stirton called the meeting to order and the opening prayer was led by Ron Cobb. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Wade Edwards, Rex West, Bobby Bacon, and Ken Krug. City Administrator John Calhoon and Attorney Kevin Hill were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner West to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3585 (Payroll) for the amount of \$32,900.89. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3586 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$125,896.57. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

None.

#### **5 Minute Executive Session**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss attorney client privilege to include Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Edwards, Krug, West, and Bacon, John Calhoon, Kim Knudson, and Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye. After executive session no action taken. Information only.

#### **Request to be Placed on Agenda**

John Broberg provided the Commission updates on the Community Health Needs assessment and the FY 2019 Financial Report. Other updates included,

Sales Tax 2.0 - The focus of this campaign was to mobilize the voters through social media and print media. The campaign was very well done and they had an increase of 183 votes. The final tally was 1,283 Yes and 1,285 No. Of the 18 precincts, the Yes votes were same or increased in 16 of the eighteen precincts. The approval rating (Yes votes compared to total votes) increased in only 9 of the 18 precincts. While they were disappointed in the outcome, their mission and their vision is not changing. They will focus on unifying their communities and providing compassion care of the patients they serve.

Horton Primary Care- They have been supportive of the Horton community in working with organizations to provide a primary care clinic. The Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) seems like a very good model for the area. Broberg offered assistance to help the Horton area.

Provider Coverage of the Emergency Room - the volume and acuity of the ER visits continues to increase and becoming is challenging to cover the night shift and then cover the clinic the next day. During a recent meeting with the providers, they determined that having dedicated midlevel staff for Sunday through Thursday and every sixth weekend would be helpful for 2020.

Kickapoo - Chairman Lester Randall and Amelia, who serves as the attorney for Kickapoo, visited HCH a week ago. They toured the facility and they were very impressed with the facility. They shared their interest in looking for partnering opportunities with HCH. They are very interested in being part of their County Mental Health Partners Steering Committee.

#### **Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 1185**

Motion by Commissioner West to adopt Ordinance No. 1185, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS ESTABLISHING A RENEWABLE PARALLEL GENERATION POLICY AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS FOR INSTALLATION AND PARALLEL OPERATION OF CUSTOMER-OWNED RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

#### **Pole and Reclosure Replacement Discussion**

Calhoon spoke to Danny Seele who provided a bid to the city to install feeder controls inside the power plant. Seele informed Calhoon that they wouldn't be able to get it done this year, but could complete between January - February 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. It would take 8-10 weeks for the modules to come in.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize the moving of the reclosure controllers indoors from the current outdoor location. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table the pole discussion until a future meeting. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Edwards, West, and Calhoon will meet with the electric employees to see if fault indicators would be beneficial in cutting down the time of locating the cause of an outage.

#### **Consider Approval of CMB Licenses**

City attorney Kevin Hill reviewed the city Ordinance and said that a Corporation (Dollar General) qualifies as a person, and that Dollar General does comply with the Ordinance because they listed the manager, and the manager checked the appropriate boxes that they haven't been convicted of a substance abuse related offense and all the rest that would disqualify them. Hill sees no problem in his mind why the city shouldn't approve.

Calhoon informed the Commission that KBI wouldn't allow the city personnel to do criminal records checks on CMB applicants. The record checks that are done for licensing purposes has to go through the KBI, which the city has never done before. Calhoon recommended license checks for this year for the applicants and that all of the applicants have applied for a CMB license previously, other than Dollar General.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve the following CMB license requests upon no convictions for felony or DUI convictions in the last two years. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

- Lentz Express & Catering, LLC
- Blue Ribbon Diner
- Dollar General
- Horton Pool Hall
- Super Store
- El Cazador Mexican Grill & Cantina

#### **View Video Created by Rainbow Communications**

The Commission and audience viewed the video of Horton that was created by an employee of Rainbow Communications around fair time at no cost to the city.

## **Discussion on Sale of Hospital**

### **15 Minute Executive Session**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss acquisition of property to include Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Edwards, Krug, West, and Bacon, John Calhoon, Kim Knudson, and Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to authorize City Administrator John Calhoon to attend bidding sale on behalf of the city of Horton in Charlotte, N.C. on December 19th, and act in the cities best interest. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

### **City Administrator/Chief of Police Calhoon**

Calhoon asked for clarification on the process for when residents ask for relief on their utility bill due to a water leak. Calhoon has had three separate requests in the past few weeks. In the past residents have been told to come before the Commission. Calhoon asked the Commission if they want the same process going forward, or do they want to set some sort of guideline up to a certain percentage that can be forgiven by him.

Edwards stated that in the past the Commission has forgiven or adjusted sewer bills and not water bills. West feels that the issues can be handled by Calhoon via the front office, however the consensus was that no adjustments will be given on water bills. West also said that payment arrangements have also been made with residents in the past.

### **Mayor Stirton**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to accept recommendation of the engineering firm and accept the bid for asbestos inspection for the wastewater treatment facility for \$930.00, and \$25.00 for each sample result. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

The Commission is invited to the Christmas dinner at Mission Village on December 9th at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Stirton said that if more than three Commissioners attend a special meeting would need to be called.

Mayor Stirton and Calhoon attended the county meeting last Wednesday in Hiawatha. They committed some funds for putting the Civic Center into the Historical Society. Since that cost was lowered, they allowed the city of Horton \$4,000 in dumping fees for the disposal of the demolished buildings downtown. They may also provide a couple of dump trucks to help haul if available. The Kickapoos are also willing to help with hauling if the city purchases fuel.

### **Commissioner Bacon**

The Parks & Recreation Board discussed giving Jim Hoffman, the lake caretaker a raise in 2020 to help cover taxes that he has to claim. Bacon said that he received a hefty raise this year and if it came before the Commission for approval, he would deny it. The Parks & Recreation Board were not in favor of the increase either.

Bacon thanked the person who wrote his name in on the ballot at the last election.

### **Commissioner West**

No updates.

### **Commissioner Edwards**

Edwards thanked the employees and administration for the decrease in the city's proposed KMIT (Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust) invoice for 2020. The savings are a result of minimal workman's comp claims and will save the city almost \$10,000 in 2020.

**Commissioner Krug**

Krug has received some complaints about the Horton Police Officers sitting behind the Welcome to the City of Horton sign on the east side of town.

The current crop renter at the airport would like to apply lime to the fields. The renter proposed adding an extension to the existing contract. If he puts lime on it, he wants to get the benefit of his bucks back. Krug will visit with the renter to see what the approximate cost would be and how many years would be added to the extension.

**10 Minute Executive Session**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss acquisition of property include Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Edwards, Krug, West, and Bacon, John Calhoon, Kim Knudson, and Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye. No action taken after executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to have a special meeting on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to discuss acquisition of real property. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

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Kim Knudson, City Clerk

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Bryan Stirton, Mayor