

May 6, 2019
5:15 P.M.
Horton Blue Building

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in the Horton Blue Building.

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

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Bacon to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Bacon to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2019 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Bacon to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2019 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Bacon to approve the minutes from the April 29, 2019 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Bacon to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3556 (Payroll) for the amount of \$34,293.46. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Bacon to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3557 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$315,543.21. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

Jeremy Forkenbrock said that in light of the upcoming ½ percent sales tax proposal for healthcare, there is currently a 1% sales tax in place for the city of Horton. ½ percent was approved in 1980, and the other ½ percent was approved on 1987. He feels that if the city did away with the initial 1%, it would give a relief to not only the businesses in town, but to the citizens as well. The other 1% for the city of Horton is to pay back the sales tax revenue bonds for the pool.

Health Insurance Update

Ron Jurgensmeier was present to speak on behalf of Corporate Plan Management and give the Commission updates on employee insurance claim information year to date.

Town Hall Sales Tax Meeting Updates

John Broberg updated the Commission on the proposed ½ percent sales tax election and the town hall meetings that have been conducted. There are three remaining meetings to be held in Horton on the 7th & 8th.

Consider Board Member Recommendations for Mission Village Living Center

Kevin Hill provided updates on Mission Village Living Center. Following the meeting last Monday, he received word this afternoon from the attorney for Mission Village Living Center stating that he prepared paperwork to be filed with the state that would give the city of Horton authority to fill Board of Director positions for Mission Village Living Center, Inc. With that, the current board, with the exception of one person who stayed on, will be planning to resign and would submit their resignations hopefully by tomorrow (the 7th). If the resignations take place tomorrow and the restated articles of incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State Office, it would then give the city of Horton authority to appoint a current group of Board of Directors. The advantage to that is the current licenses are all currently held by Mission Village Living Center, Inc. and none of that would have to change. The new Board of Directors could then meet as soon as they are available, and they could authorize the hiring of a new management company. They could authorize that a letter be sent to KDADS (Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services) withdrawing the closure letter. Kevin understands that with the state that the freeze on accepting new patients that would be reimbursed from the feds would end.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize Mayor Stirton to appoint new board members for Mission Village Living Center contingent upon restated articles being filed with the Secretary of State giving the city the authority to appoint directors. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Mayor Stirton read aloud the recommended board members which were Jim O'Neill, Pat Scott, Abby Smith, Janis Krug (already a member), Penny Foster, Stephanie Farr, and Kim Knudson.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the recommendations of board members for Mission Village Living Center contingent on the restated articles being filed. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize Mayor Stirton to appoint the same individuals to the board of directors for the NEK Center for Health and Wellness, Inc. contingent on the restated articles being filed giving the city that authorization. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Consider Approval of APPA Annual Fee

KMEA is proposing that all the EMP cities join APPA (American Public Power Association) through KMEA. The city's yearly fee would be \$1,014.19. KMEA would pay the membership and then pass it through on the city's EMP bill. Calhoon spoke to Scott Shreve this afternoon and he stated that some of the advantages of being an APPA national member is they offer interns, scholarships for interns, and educational opportunities, etc.

Motion by Commissioner to table the discussion until the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Calhoon

GNBank is offering Public Funds Checking which is designed for the needs of municipal and local government entities, offering a competitive interest rate paid monthly. The city currently receives .15% on their checking account through GNBANK. With Public Funds Checking the city would receive 1.00% on the daily balance of the account. Motion by Commissioner Krug for the city to switch to the Public Funds Checking through GNBANK. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to allow Terracon to perform subservice exploration, lab testing, and site characterization report for \$3,200.00 for Hwy 73 near 18th Street. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. This will be paid out of the special highway fund.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the closure of Central to 1st Avenue West for the fair as they have in years past. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Mayor Stirton

Mayor Stirton thanked Roger Madere for volunteering to mow the hospital and Manor grounds. He also wanted to thank Karl Gaskell for the installation of the lights at the pool.

Commissioner Bacon

Bacon presented more playground equipment to be placed in parks throughout town.

Motion by Commissioner Bacon to allow the city administrator to purchase presented playground equipment not to exceed \$4000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards.

Aye – Commissioner Bacon and Mayor Stirton. Nay - Commissioners West, Edwards, and Krug. Motion died for no majority vote.

Motion by Commissioner West to allow the purchase of paint for the dugouts at Compton's Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. Commissioner Bacon volunteered to paint the dugouts if the city provided the supplies.

Commissioner West

Motion by Commissioner West to have the boat dock that is sinking and dilapidated as you head up to the north end (by camping spot #28) of Mission Lake be removed by the city. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Commissioner Edwards

The city received the Intergovernmental/Environmental Review Consultation from USDA regarding the Haverkamp Meat Locker at 1400 5th Avenue West.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to recommend signing the Intergovernmental/Environmental Review Comments Page stating that our agency has reviewed the proposed project and does not have any comments or concerns, and that clearance of the project should be granted. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor