

September 21, 2015  
5:15 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015 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 Caren Loper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Lentz, and Commissioners Stirton, Edwards, Krug, and Barton. City Attorney Kevin Hill and City Clerk/ Administrator Kim Clausen were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2015 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3371 (Payroll) for the amount of \$31,122.41. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3372 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$983,606.09. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Proposed Grant Match Purchases for Fire Department**

Lamar Shoemaker not present.

**Discuss Potential Rate Increase in Sewer Rates**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to increase the sewer rates to \$25.00 for the base rate, and \$4.00 for user rate per 1,000 gallons per the recommendation of our financial advisor. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. The current rates are \$19.15 for the base rate, and \$3.60 for user rate per 1,000 gallons. The Ordinance for the rate increase will be adopted at the next Commission meeting on 10/5.

**Review Revised Ordinance for City Administrator Duties**

**Executive Session**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission, City Attorney, and Kim Clausen. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. No action taken after executive session.

**Discuss Putting Contract in Place for Contracted Mowers**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table discussion until this mowing season is over, so we can compare rates being paid to independent contractor's vs city employees. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

**Review Ordinances for Updates**

The Commissioners reviewed five older Ordinances and found no discrepancies. They will review five more at the next meeting.

**Staff Reports**

Rex West and team are working on trimming tree limbs around power lines, and installing the new water line to the fish cleaning station at the little lake.

Brent Shaffer put in his two weeks' notice, and his last day with the city will be 09/25. The city is seeking applicants for a lineman.

**Chief of Police**

Chief Calhoun and team have been test driving a Dodge Ram truck, and will soon be test driving a Dodge Durango to help determine what kind of vehicle that they are going to purchase next year.

Part-time dispatcher/police officer, Kelsie Keck resigned from her position. The city is seeking applicants for a part-time dispatcher.

**Mayor Lentz**

Mayor Lentz stated that K.C. Construction, Inc. will be coming back to Horton to hydro seed soon.

-Bettis asphalt & Construction will be coming to town to asphalt in October.

-Ryan Kelly from K.C. Construction, Inc. has scheduled a walkthrough with Mayor Lentz for 10/5.

-Mayor Lentz has been working with Pat McAfee on the homecoming parade on 9/25.

-Rick Clement purchased the property to the east of Auto's 4 U and will be expanding his business.

-Mayor Lentz requested that either Kim or Rex order a new flag for the cemetery.

-Some curbs will be replaced soon by the Geometric Improvements Project to make ADA accessible ramps. Some of the ramps will not have sidewalks attached to them at the current time, but will be done in the near future.

**City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda**

Rainbow Communications will be at the next meeting to discuss questions regarding the franchise agreement.

**Commissioner's Agenda****Commissioner Krug**

No comment.

**Commissioner Stirton**

No comment.

**Commissioner Edwards**

Commissioner Edwards has had several concerned citizens approach him about parking on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East - the intersection with the highway, and the three cars parked there. He would like to propose closing the parking from the alley north. The Commission would like John Calhoon to speak with the residents affected.

-Asked Kevin Hill if the Park Board is required to notify the public of meeting dates and times. The office will post the agendas on the front door at City Hall going forward.

-Asked Commissioner Barton if he has addressed the Blue Building electric/supplies fee with the Park Board. He stated he will address it with them at the meeting next week.

**Commissioner Barton**

No comment.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

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Kim Clausen, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor