

July 20, 2015
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 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, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Lentz, and Commissioners Krug, Stirton, Edwards, 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 Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2015 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3362 (Payroll) for the amount of \$34,539.92. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3363 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$509,637.26. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Public Comment

Teresa McAnerney was present and thanked the Commission for their support in the past and presented them with the Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Initiative. Teresa requested a commitment from the city for \$4,100 for 2016. The Commission will discuss at an upcoming budget meeting, and approve at a future Commission meeting.

Ashley Lott was present to ask for use of the Blue Building at no charge for a fundraiser for Heath Hopkins. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the use of the Blue Building at no charge on either August 15th or 29th for a fundraiser. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. Jim Bartley was present to discuss the horses on the property by the hospital again. The Commission would like to have Jim Bartley, Brad Farr, and James Noble at the next meeting hopefully resolve the issue.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Cassie Waggoner was not present, but there was a discussion about charging a daily rate for electricity for people who use the ballfield for tournaments, and the Little League getting a portion of the entry fees. Andrew Monson was present and requested to be the contact person for all events at the ballfields.

Consider Request to Put in Dock at Mission Lake

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve request from Joe Schmelzie to install a dock by camping spot #22. 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 repairing some water leaks, chip sealing, and reading meters this week.

Chief of Police

Chief Calhoon asked for authorization for Mayor Lentz to sign the grant that he is applying for if need be when he completes it. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize Mayor Lentz to sign the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant if necessary once it is completed. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

The paperwork has been finalized to allow the city to tear down the house at 434 East 8th Street. Motion by Commissioner Barton to authorize Mayor Lentz to sign the paperwork for 434 East 8th Street to come down immediately. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. Rex West informed the Commission that his team will tear it down once they have one of the backhoes repaired.

Mayor Lentz

The city of Horton has been awarded a Community Development Grant of \$321,305 through the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program. The award will provide the needed financing for sidewalk improvements in the downtown area.

Per the recommendation of Mayor Lentz, motion by Commissioner Edwards to proclaim July 25, 2015 as Shrine Bowl Day in honor of the Forty Second Annual Shrine Bowl Football Game. Participating from the city of Horton is Trey Dishon. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

No Comment.

Commissioner's Agenda

The new front window at City Hall is due to be installed by 11/1/2015. Kim showed the Commissioners various windows that she recommended. Rex West will get with Kim on some names of local contractors to bid on the installation of the window. Rex will also provide a price on getting the roof on the storage building behind City Hall repaired.

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug spoke to Rex West regarding the condition and repairs needed on the cities backhoes.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton asked about the reason for the need to conserve water and if has been lifted.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards voiced his concern over the Blue Building and the possibility of charging a fee for electricity to the users. He has noticed that a lot of the renters leave the doors propped open while the heat/and or air conditioning is running.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton asked if the City Clerk could notify him of meetings etc. in the future via telephone, in addition to e-mail. He does not check e-mail on a regular basis.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor