

March 16, 2015
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Al Barton.

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 Edwards to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2015 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3343 (Payroll) for the amount of \$36,682.27. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3344 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$48,896.52. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Public Comments

Members from the Horton Lions Club were present to ask for the use of the Blue Building at no charge for a Scholarship Fundraising/Spaghetti Feed. They also requested a donation for fireworks from the city again this year. Motion by Commissioner Stirton to allow use of the Blue Building on May 31st at no charge, and for the city to donate \$500.00 for the fireworks display in July at the lake. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye. Buzz Allen asked about making the restrooms at City Hall handicapped accessible, and if was still on the radar. This is slated to happen at the end of 2016.

Request to be placed on Agenda

Kevin Stirton was present to voice to the Commission his concerns about the rock hauling bids for the city.

Approve KMEA WAPA Resolution

Scott Shreve was present to speak to the Commission about the signing of the Western Area Power Administration Resolution. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Resolution which would extend the cities WAPA agreement to 2054, and would allow KMEA to assist in negotiations. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye. Scott Shreve also expressed the urgency to get the cities generators RICE compliant as soon as possible.

Review Revised Farm & Hay Contracts

The hay and crop contracts were reviewed by the Commission and the City Clerk let them know that the bidding will close on March 31st. Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve the amended lease agreements. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Storm Siren Contract

The City Clerk discussed a letter and quote that was received by BVPS stating that they recommend the batteries be changed in the outdoor warning sirens every three years. The quote was to change the batteries in the two that are due to be changed, and perform preventive maintenance on all four sirens. Motion by Commissioner Barton to table the discussion until the next meeting so that Chief Calhoon can find out if the city is eligible for reimbursement from 911 monies. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Sam Johnson from BG Consultants

Sam was present to ask for approval of the Change Order to include Alternate #1 for the Water Distribution Improvements at the original bid price. BG Consultants intends to reduce their RPR (Resident Project Representative) budget by approximately \$10,000 because of the efficiencies with providing these services concurrent with the RPR for the sewer project. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 01. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye. Sam also stated that Phase II of the sewer project has begun.

Chief of Police

Chief Calhoon will not be using the Armory this month as originally approved by the Commission. Instead, the Basketball Challenge will be held on March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Gymnasium.

John would like to use the Blue Building on May 15th for upcoming training with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. Motion by Commissioner Barton to allow the use of the Blue Building at no charge to host the training on May 15th if it is available. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

House demolitions have gone well this last week. There are a total of 13 houses completely down. John Calhoon presented another list of 8 houses to be considered for demolition in the near future. Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Kevin Hill to prepare a Resolution for whenever the houses will be demolished to be approved at the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Staff Reports

Rex West and team are working on cleaning up houses that have been demolished, and will work on cleaning the foundations and refilling with dirt, weather and workload permitting.

They are making progress on the new sewer line at the lake shower house. The new grinder pump will arrive this week.

A fire hydrant on 15th needs to be relocated before the Geometric Improvement Project begins.

Rex had a few bids for the new vault toilet that will be going in at the lake. Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve the purchase of a vault toilet in the amount of \$17,079.00 from Missoula Concrete Construction. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Rex would also like to purchase a Slide-In Pumper Unit to pump out the porta potties at the lake, and possibly utilize it to pump out waste at the campsites for a fee. This will be discussed further at the next meeting on April 6th.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz continues to work on outside projects including downtown improvements, water distribution improvements, and Phase II of the sewer project.

He received a verbal donation from a couple that will pay for the landfill and trucking costs for 7 more derelict houses to be demolished. The City would just have to load the containers. Mayor Lentz asked for permission to contact Waser about extending the sewer vent at the Blue Building

to vent outside to prevent the bad smell in the building. Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Mayor Lentz to contact Waser Plumbing to move the sewer vent to vent outside the building. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

There was a good turnout at the lake signups. All of the camping spots are filled other than the 14 day spots.

The city still hasn't filled the position in the electric department. Kim will post the ad on a different job posting website, and look into posting it at the electrician school.

Gary Bottorff inquired about bailing some of the ground out by the cemetery, rather than the city personnel mowing it. The Commission is okay with Mr. Bottorff mowing the ground for hay.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No Comment.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton brought up the discussion on what should be posted on Nixle, and what shouldn't.

The tin hopper on the roof at the water plant needs to be fixed. It flips up when the wind blows.

Commissioner Edwards

No comment.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton and the Ball Association would like the city to assist in repairing the fence and backstop at the ball fields. The Commission would like Commissioner Barton to come back to the next meeting with some firm quotes to repair these items and will make a decision then.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor