

July 15, 2019
5:15 P.M.
City Hall

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

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 Administrator John Calhoon was also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3566 (Payroll) for the amount of \$43,214.96 after he asked for clarification on why mower parts were taken out of the electric fund. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3567 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$133,669.89. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Public Comments

LaMont Cook was present to provide updates to the Commission on Mission Village Living Center. LaMont said there was over \$4,000 in profits in the month of June. He is pleased with the growth and the facility currently has 25 residents.

Nancy Martin was hired as the new Director of Nursing and will begin her role on August 1st. Management is working with insurance adjusters to hopefully get the roof repaired at the facility.

Bobby Drury, from Eagle Scout Troop 478 in Atchison asked if the city has any projects that are needed that could be done as an Eagle Project. The Commission recommended organizing a sign or landscaping at the new shelter house that will be erected by the pool.

Public Hearing - Razo

Melissa Razo was present for the hearing regarding the abatement of the property that she owns at 103 East 8th. City Attorney Kevin Hill was conferenced in via telephone and went over the timeline regarding the abatement of the building.

Razo presented an engineering report to the Commission that was five years old, and a plan of repair.

Kevin Hill stated that to date Razo has made empty promises and feels that the city has been more than fair in giving Razo ample time to remedy. Hill said that the cities options today are to authorize abatement of nuisance by the repair or demolition of the property.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards authorizing Resolution No. 2019-004 authorizing the city to demolish the property at 103 East 8th. Edwards withdrew his motion.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards authorizing the abatement of the nuisance at 103 East 8th by demolition to commence on or after August 5, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Since the adjoining building at 105 East 8th wasn't listed on the current Resolution, Kevin Hill will need to draft another Resolution to include it.

Luke Pollock would like to see forward progress made on this building, and other buildings downtown. Pollock said that he would be interested in submitting a proposal if he had a listening ear, but doesn't want to take the time if not.

Baseball Field Drawings & Cost Estimates

Tim Lentz met with Calhoon and the school regarding the proposed new ballfields. The school doesn't feel that they have adequate information regarding a baseball program at this time. Lentz would like to get the school district more involved and present more information on the ballfields next July. He would also like to use that time to gather more donations. Lentz said that he has \$190,000 in committed donations at this time. Mayor Stirton asked if the donations were anonymous, Lentz said they weren't.

Lentz stated that the PER (preliminary engineering report) that was done by BG Consultants would still be good next year.

Revisit Discussion Lease/Purchase Options for Skid Loader

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table the discussion until the August 5th meeting. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye. Calhoon didn't have any firm numbers to present to the Commission.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Calhoon

Chip seal will take place this Thursday morning. The city crews are wrapping up tree trimming and sweeping the streets along the route.

Volunteers will begin constructing the new shelter house next to the new playground equipment by the pool. Weather permitting; construction will take place every Saturday in August beginning at 9:00 a.m. The city will be advertising for volunteers to assist with the project.

Calhoon presented preliminary 2020 budget numbers to the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to hold a special meeting on July 23rd at 5:15 p.m. to consider approval of the 2020 budget, and hold a special meeting on August 12th at 5:15 p.m. to have a budget hearing. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye. The purpose of the budget hearing is to answer questions and hear objections of taxpayers related to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Calhoon stated that the cities health insurance would increase 10.6% at renewal.

The Parks & Recreation Board had a lot of leftover food from the 4th of July cookout. They would like to use the leftovers that they froze to hold another outing over Labor Day weekend. Over \$226.00 was made from the cookout on the 4th of July.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize expenditure of up to \$500.00 to reimburse the Parks & Recreation Board for the upcoming Labor Day Celebration. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye. The Parks & Recreation Board needs to turn in all receipts to the city.

Mayor Stirton

Mayor Stirton thanked The Chamber, HIDC, Reinvent Horton, and the Parks & Recreation Board for their efforts in making the 4th of July and Fair Week a success.

Commissioner Bacon

The Commission advised Bacon to go ahead and paint dugout #2 without repairs.

Commissioner West

No report.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards asked when the floors at the generation plant would be painted. The city crews would like to do a deep cleaning on the floor before it is painted. Calhoon said it would be painted by next month.

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug asked if the city surplus items have been placed on Purple Wave yet. The items are on Purple Wave and the sale is on July 23rd.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor