

March 21, 2016
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Father Dan Gardner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2016 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3397 (Payroll) for the amount of \$30,092.07. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3398 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$83,672.81. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Boy Scout Proclamation

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the mayor to sign the Cub Scout/Boy Scout Proclamation. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. The Proclamation celebrates the 100th anniversary.

AAA Award Presentation

Bob Hamilton, Law Enforcement Liaison for KDOT presented the Horton Police Department with the 2015 AAA Kansas Community Traffic Safety Award. It was the city's first AAA Traffic Safety Award, at the GOLD Award level...for demonstrating SUPERIOR efforts in addressing local traffic safety issues. PD received points for having a community-based traffic safety committee that identifies traffic safety problems & formulates solutions. They received points for participating in the highly successful Kansas teen seatbelt usage program, called SAFE.

In the field of EMS, they worked closely with Horton EMS & the Brown Co.

Prevention Alliance to present mock crash scene education for Horton Elementary

And in Engineering, they received points for their efforts to operate traffic control signals before & after school along with 2 designated crossing guards provided by USD #430.

Award Bid for Special Round Downtown Improvements

Pat Cox was present from BG Consultants, Inc. to share the results of the five bids that were opened earlier in the day. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to award AHRS Construction, Inc. for the Special Round Downtown Improvements for the amount of \$277,219.00. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. The project could be completed as soon as the 4th of July.

Approve Resolution for Fire Department Contract with BIA

The Commission tabled this discussion until the next meeting. Krug would like to visit with Lamar and discuss the contract in the interim. The Commission would like Lamar to be at the meeting when the contract is approved.

Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development Resolution

Kevin Hill advised the Commission that the Resolution didn't need to be approved at this time. He did recommend that the city returns the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Intent form saying that the city would like to be included in the legal hearing conducted by the county regarding the adoption of the countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. The hearing will take place at 9:00 a.m. on April 29th.

First Reading of Revised Grave Ordinance

The first reading was done. The Ordinance will be placed on the next agenda for approval on April 4th.

Discuss No Parking Areas in Town

The city clerk will provide Kevin Hill with a list of changes to the current Ordinance and he will revise it. Notify landowners who are affected. The Ordinance will reflect no parking on the west side of 1st avenue east from 16th to 17th, the intersection on east 16th north for 50 feet on east side of 1st avenue east, the intersection from east 16th south for 50 feet on the west side of 1st avenue east, and the intersection from east 16th west for 50 foot on the south side of east 16th. The Ordinance will also reflect wording revisions to the existing Ordinance.

Approve Head Start Lease Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table the approval of the Head Start Lease Agreement until the city attorney will gets in touch with Robert with Head Start to recommend some revisions on the agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table the approval of the sidewalk and fence installation by the playground area at the Armory until the lease negotiations are complete. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. Aye—Commissioners Krug, Edwards, and Stirton. Nay—Commissioner Boller.

Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Motion by Commissioner Boller to approve the mayor to sign the Fair Housing Proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. April will mark the 48th year since the signing of the Federal Fair Housing Act.

Rex West

Rex West and team have been doing a lot of tree/brush trimming around town. They are also going to be hauling in more concrete to the lake banks where it is washing away.

They have completed the installation of the electric meters at Mission Lake that were slated for the first round. About half of the meters have been installed to date.

Chief Calhoon

New full-time dispatcher Donae Pierce started training this week. Chief Calhoon hopes to hire a part-time dispatcher as well.

The new Dodge truck will be getting striping and equipment soon.

Chief Calhoon has a line of duty memorial stone for George Gallagher. The Commission would like the rock kept here.

The officers are working to get their 40 annual training hours in before the June 30th deadline.

Mayor Lentz

Brad Farr was present to receive updates from the city and the city attorney on hooking a sewer line into the city's main. The City Clerk and Rex West will provide Mr. Farr with any pertinent Ordinances (if there are any) regarding boring under a city street.

Stresscrete provided the same price for the 10 remaining light poles needed for downtown. Motion by Commissioner Boller for the money to be taken from the electric fund (roughly \$25,000) for the light poles, and then seek donations from the public to help reimburse the fund as we did with the first round of light poles. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

City Clerk/Administrator

Mission Lake signups were last Friday. Six camping spots are still available.

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug talked about building permits and the requirements to obtain one from the city. He stated that providing minimal information is an advantage of living in a small city, plus the city doesn't have the workforce to provide the inspections.

Commissioner Krug also stressed that the city needs to enforce past due bills.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton wanted to thank everyone who donated the light poles for the downtown area so far.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards explained the process of the way other businesses in town collect delinquent bills to Commissioner Krug.

Commissioner Boller

Commissioner Boller said it would cost \$1500.00 to spray foam the pipes at the bottom of the city pool. He asked if the city could afford to run the pool this year if it opened. There needs to be something to occupy the children over the summer. Boller would like to hire an event coordinator for the summer to facilitate events for the kids to do over the summer.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor