

March 3, 2014
5:15 P.M.
Horton Blue Building

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the Horton Blue Building.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Father Dan Gardner.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Forkenbrock, Edwards and Barton. Kevin Hill and Kim Clausen were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2014 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2014 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3289 (Payroll) for the amount of \$33,685.27. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3290 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$60,558.68. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

A representative from the Horton Day Program was present to make a request for a sidewalk for handicapped accessibility so they don't have to tilt the wheelchairs over the curb. They would also like a loading sign that would specify the times they would be loading and unloading. Rex West said that the work wouldn't be completed until warmer weather.

Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in Horton. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Sewer Project Updates

Sam Johnson and Chris Becker from BG Consultants, Inc. were present to give updates on the sewer project after meeting with Sapulpa Digging Inc. earlier in the day.

Discussion of Letter from Auditor

The Commission and Kevin Hill discussed the letter of interest from Mize & Houser Company P.A. to perform the audit for the city this year. The Commission requested that the city clerk provide a cost comparison of last year's auditor and Mize & Houser Company at the next meeting.

Lake Caretaker Contract

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Lake Caretaker Contract with updated provisions and wage increase to \$1400 a month. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Chief of Police

Chief Calhoun talked about signing employees up for a defensive driving class that will be held in July. Chief Calhoun also handed out the latest violation list and stats from the police department to the Commissioners.

Staff Reports

Rex West and team have been working on repairs in the commission room at city hall since it was damaged due to the drop ceiling collapsing.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz stated that a committee for Reinvent Horton was chosen at the town hall meeting with the business owners on February 26th. The first Reinvent Horton Committee will be at City Hall on March 11th.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

Kim is still looking into the best option for updating the City of Horton website.

Kim asked about the vehicle that is no longer being used by the code enforcement officer. After further discussion with the Commission it was decided that the vehicle be placed in the city auction on March 8th.

Kim asked about continuing to carry insurance on the city pool since it will not be open this season. The Commission would like to know what the cost of liability insurance would cost for it to sit there idle.

Commissioner's Agenda**Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug met with an agent from the Farm Service Agency about the airport ground and he is working up a plan put terraces in to channel the excess water in the fields.

Commissioner Krug voiced concern over the cities insurance carrier never paying on claims.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock asked for an update on the Commission room being in use again. A huge thank you was given to Keith Willich for donating his services for the ceiling and wall repair in the commission room.

Commissioner Forkenbrock spoke about the current pool budget and about rolling it over since we aren't opening the pool this season.

Commissioner Forkenbrock wanted to know if there were any updates on hiring a cleaning person for City Hall and the Blue Building.

Commissioner Edwards

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to request that the City Clerk send a letter to League of Kansas Municipalities saying that the Commission supports their position and they are opposed to both bills HB 2227 and SB 211. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for the City Clerk to send a letter to the Kansas Corporation Commission referencing the letter they sent informing them the total number of customers served more than three miles outside of city limits and the total number of customers served at the end of the preceding calendar year. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton wanted to remind the Commission of the signup for Mission Lake campers at the Blue Building on March 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, the Commissioners did a walkthrough of the Blue Building to assess damages, cleanliness, and repairs needed on the building.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor