

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

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Father Dan Gardner, and the 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 after Mayor Lentz requested that Ed Wright be added to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

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

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3349 (Payroll) for the amount of \$34,868.05. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3350 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$476,664.84. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Public Comment

Stacey Gaskell was present to show her appreciation on behalf of the Girl Scouts for the rental fee being waived for their event at the Blue Building. She handed out Girl Scout cookies to the Commissioners that were donated.

Swear in Mayor

Tim Lentz was sworn in as Mayor by the City Clerk.

Request to be placed on the Agenda

Ed Wright was present to ask the Commission if he could purchase 2.8 acres of city property, which is east of the Christian Camp and north of the golf course. It is currently surrounded by his property on three sides. The Commission would like some time to discuss before making a final decision.

Collection Bureau of Kansas, Inc.

Trent Brown from the Collection Bureau of Kansas was present to share their procedures on collecting past due utility bills and court fines. The Commission would like time to review and will discuss at a later date.

Staff Reports

Spring Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, the 25th. The new vault toilet for the lake will arrive this week. Fill sand was delivered to the ball field. The wiring has been completed on the new downtown lights; Rex's team will work on installing the bulb covers this week. Meters will be read this week. They will also be spraying weeds throughout town.

The radiator on the JCB needs repaired, and the cost will be around \$2,315.00. The chip seal rock for the city will be purchased from Hamm Quarry due to Servaes Quarry withdrawing his bid, and the remainder of the rock for the city will be purchased from Whetrock, Inc.

Chief of Police

Chief Calhoon wants to remind residents that the grass is growing rapidly, and that citations will be issued if properties aren't mowed.

The new police vehicle has arrived. It will be in full use once the radios are installed.

Chief Calhoon has interviewed and hired some part-time police officers and a dispatcher. Motion by Commissioner Stirton that he be advised by Chief Calhoon if he is going to hire any new applicants. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

May 2nd will be the 5K walk/run here in town. John will be working with KDOT on road closures and such.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz attended the final walkthrough with Banks Construction on Friday for the Water Distribution Improvements. They finished ahead of schedule, and also completed the alternate bid. There are still some yards that need repair and Banks Construction will touch base in September. The city has a year warranty for all repairs to be completed.

Phase II of the sewer project is ahead of schedule and they have taken out 34 sewer taps. They will start lining old pipes around the first of June.

A plan with the ongoing issue with Don Winchell getting moisture in his basement has been put in place. The sewer contractor is going to dig the area back up and remove the flowable fill and hope this resolves the issue.

There are some cracks in the concrete downtown that will need to be addressed with Goodman Construction before the city finalizes with them.

Mayor Lentz would like to see the opening of a city pool be top priority and hopes to get one opened by 2016. Motion by Commissioner Barton to allow the city to hire someone to come in and core drill to check water levels by the pool. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

The Kansas Rural Water Association has asked that the rental fee be waived at the Blue Building for a training class on May 27th & 28th. This training session will provide 5 continuing education hours for any wastewater operator certification. Motion by Commissioner Barton to waive the rental fee at the Blue Building on May 27th & 28th. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

The city has decided not to hire for the open electrician position at this time. Instead we are going to utilize and cross train the dedicated workers we have. Todd Horton and Ray Wahwasuck were both given a \$1.00 an hour raise per the request from their supervisor. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow Todd Horton's salary to be taken from the electric fund, rather than the water fund. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Amy Guliford (not present) asked for use of the Blue Building at no charge for the hospital blood drive on June 25th from 8-1. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the use of the Blue Building at no charge. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No Comment.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton asked what the fund balances are in the Reinvent Horton and the Go Fund Me accounts.

Asked for clarification on how utility deposits are calculated.

Asked Rex what the difference in price for the rock bids will be since Servaes Quarry withdrew their bid.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards wanted to commend Reinvent Horton for all of their hard work and dedication.

He is concerned that the city waives the fees on the Blue Building more times than we charge. He thinks that if whoever is renting the building is charging a fee, then the rental fees shouldn't be waived.

Asked for an update on the CDBG grant application. He was advised that it is in the process of being worked on by Donna Crawford.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton and the Park Board would like put in archery course behind the dam. It would have four lanes and require minimal work from the city.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to be allowed to place padlocks on the lights at the ball fields, and charge a \$10.00 refundable key fee. The keys can be picked up at the dispatch desk at City Hall. He would also like to set the time for the lights to be out to 10:00 p.m. unless a function is going on. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

10 Minute Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 10 minute executive session to discuss attorney client privilege to include Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Edwards, Barton, and Stirton, and Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

No action taken after executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor