

March 18, 2019  
5:15 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

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

Present: Mayor Bryan Stirton, Commissioners Wade Edwards, Rex West, Bobby Bacon, and Ken Krug. City Attorney Kevin Hill and Administrator/Police Chief John Calhoon were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner West to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3550 (Payroll) for the amount of \$36,326.22. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3551 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$108,267.44. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

None.

#### **Octoberfest Discussion**

Glen & Linda Obbards and Rachel Knudson were present on behalf of The Horton Chamber of Commerce to ask if the city would waive or reduce the rental fee for the Blue Building for the craft fair/car show. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to waive the rental fee, but leave the utility fee in place. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye. The craft fair and car show will both be held at the Blue Building on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Chamber also informed the Commission of the ribbon cutting at Grandma's Depot on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and invited them to attend.

#### **AAA Traffic Safety Award Presentation**

Robert Hamilton presented Chief Calhoon with the 2018 KDOT Platinum Award for Community Traffic Safety, which is the highest award given.

#### **Request to be placed on Agenda**

On behalf of the junior class officers, Calhoon requested use of the Blue Building for prom with the rental fee waived. Motion by Commissioner West to allow the use of the Blue Building for prom on April 27<sup>th</sup> at no charge. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

#### **Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 1179**

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Ordinance No. 1179 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OF ENHANCED CEREAL MALT BEVERAGES and/or BEER CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 6% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME WITHIN THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; AMENDING CHAPTER III, ARTICLE 2 OF THE HORTON MUNICIPAL CODE, AND REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT

THEREWITH. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after April 1, 2019.

**Review Insurance Proposals and Consider Recommendation**

Stuart Mathewson and Tom Simmer from Maximum Insurance, LLC, and Carrie Nelson from Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP) were present to provide a brief follow-up on their submitted proposals, and summarize pros and cons as to why the Commission should choose them as the provider for property, casualty, and general liability insurance.

The Commission was torn between keeping a local vendor and business downtown, and getting the city taxpayers a bang for their buck. They are also concerned that with the hospital closing and losing revenue, that it is going to put some budgetary pressure on the city. After lengthy discussion, the city opted to go with the lower bid. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to accept the proposal from KCAMP. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. Aye- Commissioner West, Edwards, and Bacon. Nay- Mayor Stirton, Commissioner Krug. Motion passed.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to accept the rate stabilization program through KCAMP thru January 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. Signing the rate stabilization program ensures a maximum rate cap of 2%-5% for the 2020 program year.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Resolution 2019-001 *Whereas the city of Horton has authority under the Kansas Municipal Group-Funded Pool to participate in and form a municipal self-insurance pool for the insurance coverage for certain liabilities; and Whereas the city of Horton has reviewed an agreement to cooperate with other Municipalities to form such a self-insurance pool entitled "Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP)* Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for the city to renew the 2019 Machinery Breakdown Renewal Chubb policy effective April 1st. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

**Armory Discussion**

NEK-CAP, Inc. would like to discuss renewing their lease at the Armory for an additional 5 years. Calhoon will present the contract at an upcoming Commission meeting.

Due to the hospital closure and relocation of the ambulance service, Calhoon has vacated Faith & Fun, the High School, and Keith Olsen from the Armory to free up office space needed for EMS (Emergency Medical Services). EMS will utilize two offices. One room will remain somewhat vacant to allow for a table for a meeting room.

Calhoon said that the Commission needs to think how the city is going to manage activities and security at the Armory going forward with the ambulance service being housed there.

**15 Minute Executive Session to Discuss Attorney-Client Privilege**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 15 minute executive session to discuss attorney client privilege to include Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Edwards, Krug, West, and Bacon, John Calhoon, Kim Knudson, and Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

No action taken after executive session, information only.

**City Administrator/Chief of Police Calhoon**

Calhoon and Mayor Stirton spoke with Carmine Di Palo, who is the Chairman and CEO of Revere Healthcare Solutions Inc. (RHS) based in Prairie Village, KS. They manage two clinics in Garden City, KS and Dodge City, KS. After reading about the current circumstances of Horton's hospital, he believes his company could be of significant help by maintaining a secured access to healthcare in our community, while achieving fiscal and financial long term sustainability. They have developed a healthcare model that allows for sustainable healthcare for a community, by offering primary and urgent care as a subscription, outside of insurance. The predictability of the subscription, from employers and families/individuals, and a simple approach to healthcare focused on primary and preventive healthcare have achieved and consistently achieve better healthcare at a lower cost for a community. The City of Horton will be holding a community forum this Thursday evening (March 21st at 7:00 p.m.) in the Horton High School Auditorium to inform our local area of healthcare options that have been explored.

The Kansas Department of Transportation is currently accepting applications for its City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP) for State fiscal years 2021 and 2022. Funds in this program are to be used to address deficiencies or improve a City Connecting Link on the State Highway System. Applications must be received by March 29, 2019. Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Calhoon to resubmit the previous application prepared by BG Consultants that was not approved, and add Central Avenue from 18<sup>th</sup> street to the end of city limits. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Potholes in town are horrible. The city crews will be purchasing asphalt and gravel to repair. Alleys and streets that are not heavily traveled will not be top priority for repairs until streets, lake roads, and city properties are repaired. However, if the alley is the main entrance to the home, and residents can't park in the street, they will be tended to.

**Mayor Stirton**

Mayor Stirton read aloud a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2019 as "Water Safety Awareness Month".

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow Mayor Stirton to sign the proclamation. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

**Commissioner Bacon**

No report.

**Commissioner West**

No report.

**Commissioner Edwards**

Scott Shreve asked Edwards to follow up with the Commission on their decision on whether or not to sign the Solar Power Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was presented at the last meeting. The city would have a \$5000.00 commitment to get an engineer involved to conduct the study. The Commission discussed and decided that there are too many what if's and uncertainties at this time. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to decline the opportunity of signing the MOU and perhaps ask for reconsideration at a later date. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

**Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug recommended that the city send a letter to the county thanking them for the smooth, uninterrupted service providing EMS (Emergency Medical Services) to the city. Motion by Commissioner Edwards for the city to draft a letter of appreciation to Brown County. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

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Kim Knudson, City Clerk

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Bryan Stirton, Mayor