

July 2, 2018  
5:15 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

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

Present: Mayor Stirton, Commissioner Edwards, West, and Krug. City Attorney Kevin Hill and Interim Administrator John Calhoon were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2018 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3513(Payroll) for the amount of \$40,793.33. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards approve Appropriation Ordinance #3514 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$165,098.24. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

None.

#### **Consider Appointment of Parks & Recreation Commissioner**

The Commission reviewed the Letters of Intent from Avery Thornton, Bobby Bacon, Tina Nigh, and Charles May. Avery Thornton and Bobby Bacon were both in attendance. Motion by Commissioner Krug to appoint Bobby Bacon as Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. Bobby will fill the remaining term of Jeremy Forkenbrock will expire in November 2019, taking office in January 2020.

Krug said his decision weighed heavily on Bobby attending the Commission meetings on a regular basis, his prior experience, and his good showing at the past election.

#### **Request to be Placed on Agenda**

Cece Rettiger (library director) has two vacancies on the library board and recommended that Nancy Martin and Kristin Fassnacht fill the vacancies. Motion by Commissioner Krug for Nancy Martin and Kristin Fassnacht fill the vacancies on the library board per Cece's recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Cece also asked if the city would be willing to take over the mowing at the library, instead of them contracting it out. After further investigation Cece determined that the library is currently not under a contractual agreement and doesn't see any reason for the money to mow to go out of town.

The library board has approved discontinuing the service and Cece has drafted a letter, but has not sent it yet. The city is willing to step up if the property is in need of being mowed.

### **Request to be Placed on Agenda**

Vickie Schuetz requested that the bath houses at Mission Lake be left open later during fair time. Motion by Commissioner Krug to leave the bath house open until 11:00 p.m. from July 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

### **Signature Card Updates**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to remove Jeremy Forkenbrock from the signature cards at Horton National Bank and Pony Express Bank. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to add Bobby Bacon to the signature cards at Horton National Bank and Pony Express Bank. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

### **Consider Approval of Speed Limit Ordinance for Mission Lake (Ordinance No. 1174)**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Ordinance No. 1174, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT ON CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, AS AUTHORIZED BY K.S.A. 8-1560.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Horton, Kansas, has determined as a result of a traffic investigation conducted by City staff, that a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit be declared on certain streets within the city limits of Horton, Kansas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS: SECTION 1. That the maximum speed limit on Wilson Drive located between East 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 120<sup>th</sup> Street, shall be 20 miles per hour and the maximum speed limit on During Avenue located between East 15<sup>th</sup> and Wilson Drive, shall be 20 miles per hour. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

### **Chief Calhoon/Interim City Administrator**

Calhoon is concerned with the city Ordinance saying that fireworks are prohibited from being let off after midnight on July 4<sup>th</sup>, yet the city is putting on a public display at dusk on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Hill said that it is too late to pass an Ordinance to allow private persons to shoot fireworks after July 4<sup>th</sup> at midnight. He advised that the city advertise this as much as possible and reiterate that it will be enforced.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to authorize Jesse Kimmi to put on a public display for Horton on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

There was more discussion on who will pay for fireworks in the coming years. Several Commissioners are not interested in using taxpayer money to purchase fireworks.

There is a part-time dispatch position open. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow Calhoon to advertise for a part-time dispatcher for the city. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye. The part time position helps keep down on the overtime hours of the fulltime dispatchers.

There may be an option to get maintenance for the city water tower done for a cheaper rate. The city would need to get out of their current contract for water tower maintenance before proceeding.

Randy Mayfield would like to purchase saturock from Carter Waters out of Kansas City. Since the bid for saturock was not awarded in the bidding process, Motion was made by Commissioner Krug to approve the purchase of saturock from Carter Waters. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Calhoon, Randy, and Kim met with Ohlsen R.O.W & Maintenance Inc. about the hydroseeding that they spread at the pool. Calhoon informed them that the grass is not coming up at all. After lengthy discussion they told us not to pay the bill. Ohlsen later called to request that they at least be compensated for materials. Calhoon would like to wait to send them any money.

Karen Sampson from the Christian Camp asked Calhoon if the city has anything for the kids to do in town for community service for a couple hours during fair time. Kevin Hill recommended that the city get with our insurance carrier to make sure there is no liability issues before we approve. The Commission recommended that since it was such short notice this year that we maybe wait until next year.

The Chamber requested to block the north parking off at the Blue Building for classic cars on July 10<sup>th</sup> for a couple hours after the parade.

Keith Olsen and Jerry Hisle are willing to give some rock for the fairgrounds from the Everest site, but the city would have to haul. Maybe Rick Clement or Mark Lamme could help the city out and assist?

JT Strube is no longer associated with Little League. As far as the city knows Andrew Monson is the only one that is. The city has been asked to maintain the mowing and pick up trash and stock and clean the restrooms. West doesn't think that the city should have to clean and pick up trash. Commissioner Bacon was asked to work with the Little League on a status and report back to the Commission.

Rick Clement offered to haul away the concrete that is piled at the soccer field and sewer plant, but he would like help from the city in loading it. The Commission discussed and determined that the city could help load as time permits.

The Commission discussed the alley repair behind Autos 4 U again. They discussed several options; with one of them being to chip seal it. The Commission would like to have Sam Johnson from BG Consultants look at it and provide his recommendations.

Budget meetings will begin on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Kim set up three health insurance meetings with vendors on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to donate \$250.00 to the Kickapoo Traditional Pow Wow on July 20 - 21. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

#### **Mayor Stirton**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the fire department to take a truck to the Vacation Bible School. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

The Fish & Game Club says that the north end of the Little Lake is not fishable. Dennis Ross asked if they could also utilize Mission Lake for the fishing derby on Wednesday if need be. The Commission asked Dennis to get with Calhoon so that he can determine and designate where to fish at Mission Lake if needed.

#### **Commissioner Bacon**

No comment.

#### **Commissioner West**

Commissioner West recommended that if someone from the public wants to be placed on the meeting agenda that they fill out the appropriate form. He would also like to discuss the meeting rules that were provided by Kevin Hill in an upcoming meeting.

Since swimming is permitted within a 50 feet radius of an approved dock at Mission Lake, West wonders if the city should place a dock by the shelter houses so that it would make it legal to swim there. He feels like that is one of the safest places to swim.

**Commissioner Edwards**

Commissioner Edwards asked about the status of the deed that the city is currently working with Ray Foster on land that he is donating. Kim sent Kevin Hill revisions that need to be made, and then she will review with Mr. Foster for signatures.

**Commissioner Krug**

**10 Minute Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel**

Motion by Commissioner West to go into a 10 minute executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the employee to include Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Edwards, Bacon, West, and Krug, Kevin Hill, and John Calhoon. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. No action taken after executive session.

**15 Minute Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 15 minute executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the employee to include Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Edwards, Bacon, West, and Krug, Kevin Hill, and John Calhoon. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

After executive session, Motion by Commissioner Krug to increase Mr. Calhoon's salary as acting administrator, in addition to his duties as police chief by \$5.00 an hour which qualifies as exempt under FLSA. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

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Kim Knudson, City Clerk

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Bryan Stirton, Mayor