

December 3, 2018
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 3, 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 Dan Burns. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Stirton, Commissioner Edwards, West, and Bacon (via telephone). City Attorney Kevin Hill and Interim Administrator/Police Chief John Calhoon were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner West to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2018 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3534(Payroll) for the amount of \$33,378.03. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West approve Appropriation Ordinance #3535 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$96,396.52. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Project Updates

Sam Johnson was not present.

Carport/Shelter Discussion

Karl Gaskell presented the Commission with a quote for a shelter house to install by the new playground equipment. Materials for a 20x30 ft. shelter house with 6x6 posts and a tin roof would cost \$4,000.00 with an exposed rafter, or \$4,600 with a ceiling. A 5 inch concrete slab floor would cost around \$1,400.00. Karl was optimistic that Reinvent Horton or other volunteers would contribute to the labor of the building. Commissioner West reminded the Commission that funds are still needed for rock for the 14 day spots that were installed by the dam, lights around the pool, and materials to develop the area on the east side of the lake (above B's Cove) for additional 14 day camping spots. The Commission requested that Karl come back with a firm commitment or plan to see if the city can prepay for materials now and get delivered later. The Commission would also like Karl to call a couple different suppliers for bids and come back to the Commission on December 17th.

Karl stated that the Parks and Recreation is strongly against putting 14 days spots in on the east side of the lake (above B's Cove). A few of the reasons were because of the house that is behind them and there could possibly be complaints, and it would limit parking to those who camp in B's Cove. West said that the obstructed view of the house that is behind is not a big enough argument for the city not to install them.

The board is also concerned about the Lake Caretaker taking care of 14 day spots on both sides of the lake. Karl also recommended holding off on installing any additional 14 day spots until we are sure we are in need of them.

Revisit Waste Management Discussion

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table the discussion until December 17th when the whole Commission is present. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

CMB License Approvals

Four Applications for License to Sell Cereal Malt Beverages were received for approval for 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the 2019 CMB License for Blue Ribbon Diner. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve the 2019 CMB License for Horton Pool Hall. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the 2019 CMB License for The Super Store. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve the 2019 CMB License for Lentz Express. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Consider Approval of 2018 Budget Amendments

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the budget amendment for the Water Fund and Sewer funds. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye. The adopted budget for 2018 was \$401,971 for Water and \$397,702 for Sewer. The proposed amended amount is \$403,500 for Water and \$405,000 for Sewer. The Budget Hearing will be held on 12/17/2016 @ 5:15 p.m. to hear any objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Chief Calhoon/Interim City Administrator

Greg Rodvelt who leases property that belongs to Dave Wellman requested relief on his water bill that created high usage that was due to a water leak. Calhoon provided the Commission pictures of the property where the leak was.

Motion by Commissioner West to not forgive the water bill, but offer to make a payment plan with the city. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Due to the increase in premiums with Delta Dental, the city has opted to go with Humana for dental coverage. The employee pays 100% of the dental premium.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the conversion of the dental plan from Delta Dental to Humana. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

The employee luncheon will be held on Friday, December 21st at noon. Calhoon invited the Commissioners to attend.

Public Works did a wonderful job with snow removal last Sunday considering the amount of snow that fell! Mayor Stirton and Commissioner West also came out and helped in the morning. Calhoon wanted to also clarify that a lot of the electrical issues were due to a Westar failure, not a City of Horton failure.

The Armory's roof is leaking; hopefully the city crews can get it repaired on Tuesday.

Calhoon would like to update the dog Ordinance and readjust the fees and penalties for not getting your dog tags on time.

The 2nd meeting in January (the 21st), Calhoon would like to review the fees for city owned facilities.

Calhoon will be applying for the 2019 Waste Tire Grant. This grant supports the purchase of products made from recycled tires including playground cover, picnic tables, and benches. The grant will be competitive and pay up to 50% of the cost of the products. Applications are due 01/15/2019.

The Parks and Recreation Board and Calhoon had a lengthy meeting to revise the Rules and Regulation Manual for Mission Lake. Calhoon will present at a future meeting.

Mayor Stirton

No comment.

Commissioner Bacon

Commissioner Bacon thanked fellow Commissioners for letting him participate in the meeting via telephone.

Commissioner West

No comment.

Commissioner Edwards

No comment.

Commissioner Krug

Not present.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor