

April 6, 2015
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Al Barton.

Present: Mayor Lentz, and Commissioners Krug, Edwards, and Barton. City Attorney Kevin Hill and City Clerk/Administrator Kim Clausen were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to add payment request from K.C. Construction, Inc. and to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2015 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3347 (Payroll) for the amount of \$35,474.19. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3348 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$22,218.66. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

Andy from K.C. Construction, Inc. was present to introduce himself and ask the Commission if they had any questions for him. K.C. Construction, Inc. is completing Phase II of the sewer project in town.

The Brown County Relay Team asked permission to stand at the four corners (at 1st and 15th, and 15th & Central) to collect money for the Brown County Relay. Motion by Commissioner Barton to allow the Brown County Relay Team to stand at the four corners on May 23rd from 9-11:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards.

Jeremy Forkenbrock asked if there was a limit to how many meetings that a Commissioner can miss. Attorney Kevin Hill told him that there isn't, as long as there is a quorum.

Open Hay and Crop Bids

Motion by Commissioner Krug to award the crop bid at the airport to Harold Heinen for the amount of \$2525.00, and award the hay ground to Matt Tollefson for \$30.00 an acre. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Pay Request from K.C. Construction, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve pay request No. 1 from K.C. Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$76,160.55. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. Mayor Lentz stated that they have completed 42 of the 100 point repairs.

Pay Request from Banks Construction Company, LLC

Motion by Commissioner Barton to approve pay request No. 1 from Banks Construction Company, LLC for the amount of \$168,250.23. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. Banks is

100% complete in putting pipe in the ground. They are currently working on grading and seeding properties that were affected.

Staff Reports

Rex West had no updates to report since last meeting.

Chief of Police

Chief Calhoon had several topics to present including:

- He received a resignation letter from his part-time police officer, effective April 3, 2015.
- He and the front offices have received several complaints about having to get a key from dispatch to gain access to the tree dump. The locked gate stems from people dumping items out there that don't belong, which could cause the city to lose the tree dump all together.
- John ordered a MiFi device through the city which will provide him with internet access anywhere. The price will be \$39.99 a month.
- John and Kim went to Hiawatha Police Department to view their phone logger that the city is looking at purchasing. This logger will record all dispatch and police calls that come in. Motion my Commissioner Edwards to allow the purchase of the phone logger from Rainbow for the amount of \$1807.64. The price will include materials and installation and will be taken out of the Diversion Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.
- The fully equipped 2007 Crown Vic that will be purchased from the City of Silver Lake Police Department will arrive this week. The purchase price is \$5000.00.
- One of the police vehicles (the Explorer) recently had the radiator and side bracket replaced, as well as the brakes.
- Prom weekend is this weekend and the Brown County Prevention Alliance will reimburse a portion of the extra patrol in town to crack down on underage drinking. Chief Calhoon would like to offer his officers the overtime rate for their time.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz stated that \$10,000 was received from Horton National Bank this week for light pole contributions. Better Beef Days was a huge success. Mayor Lentz would like the City Clerk to draft a rental agreement for the fairgrounds that is similar to the ones currently used for the Armory and Blue Building. This will hold renter accountable to leave the building the way it was when they got there.

Lemar Shoemaker informed Mayor Lentz that he is applying for a Homeland Security Grant.

Kevin Hill spoke about the current city Ordinance about demolishing buildings and what they can be backfilled with. He sees no inconsistencies with what is in the state regulations and sees no issues with moving forward with the demolition downtown.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Mayor Lentz to inform Madget Demolition that nothing prohibits them from moving forward with the demolition and can refill with clean rubble, and top with dirt. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

No comment.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug asked who the city is using for repairs of the city vehicles, and if we are utilizing everyone. Currently the city mainly uses Doug's Repair and Al's Motor Service.

Commissioner Stirton

Not present.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards would like to see the Commissioners start reviewing older Ordinances at upcoming meetings. He also wanted to make sure that Donna Crawford (from CDBG) was aware to proceed with the application for the Special Grant Funding Round.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton would like to purchase more picnic tables for the new camping spots at the lake. Motion by Commissioner Barton to purchase six new tables for the amount of \$1209.87 out of the park budget. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Commissioner Barton also asked about the usage charge that the city is going to charge to pump waste out of people's campers at the lake. He would like it to be charged per usage.

Mayor Lentz asked if some tables at the Blue Building can be used for after prom again this year. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the after prom committee to use 15 round tables for after prom. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor