

March 7, 2016
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday March 7, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by John Calhoon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Lentz, and Commissioners Edwards, Stirton, and Boller. City Clerk/Administrator Kim Clausen was also present.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda after a request by the Mayor to add Pat Cox after Public Comments. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2016 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2016 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3394 Payroll) for the amount of \$30,782.54. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3395 Payroll) for the amount of \$31,276.75. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3396 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$201,333.58. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

Mark and Tanna Ross were present to ask for approval to hold the 2nd Annual 5K and Kid Fun Run for the Kids Arthritis Foundation around Mission Lake on June 4, 2016. Chief Calhoon and his officers will assist in directing traffic during the walk/run. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the use of the Hickory Point and the lake roads for the 2nd Annual 5K and Kid Fun Run for the Kids Arthritis Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Bobby Bacon asked Chief Calhoon for the progress on the unattractive trailers on west 9th. Chief Calhoon stated that Officer Stuart has issued 45 day letters.

Brad Farr was present to ask for clarification on the Ordinance regarding installing a new sewer line on his property to the city's main. Mr. Farr was given a copy of the Ordinance and it will be discussed again once the city discusses it further with city attorney Kevin Hill.

BG Consultants, Inc.

Pat Cox was present to ask for the Commission's permission to begin the preliminary engineering for Phase III of the sewer improvements which include a new mechanical wastewater treatment plant. This will use the 1.4 million in grant funds from USDA/RD that were carried over from Phase II. Motion by Commissioner Edwards for the city to hire BG Consultants, Inc. to provide engineering for Phase III contingent upon USDA approval. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. Mayor Lentz and Kim signed documents at the meeting for Pat Cox.

Request to be Added to Agenda

Rita Boller was present to request a reduction in the rent for the Blue Building for the 2016 Career Fair for the school. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the use of the Blue Building on April 20th for \$25, which is the electricity fee. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Open City Mowing Bids

Motion by Commissioner Boller to award the city mowing bid to White’s Lawn & Landscape for the 2016 season (April 1 – October 31) in the amount of \$40,140.00. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. Other bids received are listed below:

| | Cemetery Only | City Properties (minus cemetery) | City Properties (including cemetery) |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| White's Lawn & Landscape | | | \$ 40,140.00 |
| Cutting Edge | \$ 25,200.00 | | |
| Grimms Gardens | | | \$ 113,000.00 |
| A&J Mueller | | \$ 23,520.00 | |
| A&J Mueller | \$ 26,242.00 | | |

First Reading of Revised Grave Ordinance

The Commissioners agreed to table this until the next Commission meeting when attorney Kevin Hill is present.

Discuss No Parking Areas in Town

The Commissioners agreed to table this until the next Commission meeting when attorney Kevin Hill is present.

Head Start Lease Agreement

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Rex West

Rex West and team have been working at installing electric meters at the lake in hopes of getting them all installed before camping season.

They will also be adding some rock to the north end, west side of the lake.

Upcoming jobs include changing out two fire hydrants, preparing for chip sealing, and burning off several areas around town.

Commissioner Boller requested that Rex’s team put some millings in the alley behind Dollar General.

Chief Calhoon

The new police vehicle has arrived. Chief Calhoon stated that there will be limited use of the vehicle until the equipment inside is installed.

Full-time dispatcher Karen Broyles put in her notice and her last day with the city will be on March 31st.

This leaves the city with 3 full-time dispatchers.

Mayor Lentz

Donna Oehm from Power Plant Compliance provided detailed information about the cities four generators to Mayor Lentz. She was hired by Steve Payne, and once the oxidation catalysts are installed Donna will test the engines. She will then provide a 3 ring binder with pertinent information about the generators to keep at the plant and at City Hall.

Mayor Lentz discussed the possibility of the city hiring a Parks & Rec Coordinator to manage bringing activities to the Armory, ballfields, soccer field, lake, etc.....This would in turn bring more people into our town and increase revenue for businesses and the city.

City Clerk/Administrator

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to appoint Jim Martin as Director #2, and Mayor Lentz as an alternate on the KMEA Board of Directors. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Kim asked about getting a stamp for one of the three Commissioners that sign checks. Commissioner Edwards requested to look into electronic signature and present at the next meeting.

Commissioner Krug

Not present.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton asked about the fireman's pay status on potentially moving them to the city's payroll, as opposed to them being paid cash. This will be readdressed again at a Commission meeting in April.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards discussed different options on changing the city's current utility billing process.

Commissioner Boller

Commissioner Boller asked Kim how the collecting of delinquent utility bills is going. Kim informed him that it is an ongoing daily process.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor