

October 20, 2014
5:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Father Dan Gardner.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Edwards, and Barton. City Attorney Kevin Hill and City Clerk/Administrator Kim Clausen 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 October 6, 2014 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3321 (Payroll) for the amount of \$36,312.06. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3322 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$55,453.34. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Public Comments

James Baker was present to discuss a violation that he received from the Horton Police Department regarding a dead tree in his yard.

Jay and Lori Kinnear were present to voice their concern over a recent request from Darren Lamme for the city to abandon some property. They requested to the Commission not to abandon north on 9th Avenue West because that is how they access their front door.

Buzz Allen asked when demolition of buildings downtown will begin.

Follow-Up on Request to Abandon Property

City Attorney Kevin Hill will draft an Ordinance to be approved at the next Commission Meeting. The Ordinance will approve the abandonment per the map highlighted by Darren Lamme, with the exception of the property and entryway to Jay and Lori Kinnear's.

Employee Healthcare Decision

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the 9% increase with United Healthcare that will go in effect on Dec 1, 2014. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye. The Commission would like Brad Bukaty to attend a meeting around budget time next year. Although he won't know what the increase is going to be at that time, he can give them some sort of idea of what he thinks the increase will be so we can plan the budget accordingly.

Chief of Police

Chief Calhoon told the Commissioners that he and the officers are being more aggressive with code enforcement violations, so this may create more complaints and more people on the docket. Chief Calhoon has received several complaints about the Dodge pickup and its safety. The Commission has asked John to present them with a proposal on truck/car prices with the police package and how it would look if we traded in a vehicle or sold it to a different department.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz said that the closing of properties that were sold downtown should be finalized by the end of the month. Demolition of two of the buildings will follow shortly after.

Mayor Lentz drove to Troy to visit with the contractors that were awarded Phase II of the sewer project. They will be starting the project in mid-December.

Curb installation has started in the downtown area.

There are 22 new light poles on order for the downtown area. Mayor Lentz stated that a light pole can be purchased for \$2,250.00 and can be donated to the city and recognized by a plaque on the light pole.

Trudy Wischropp asked if she could have one room at the Blue Building at no charge for Zumba class. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the use of one room at the Blue Building on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:15 for Zumba until basketball is over and they can go back to using the Armory. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

Bonnie Long has been painting at City Hall and has completed the Court Room, Candy's Office, the hallways and stair area, and the outside entrance.

The front office will begin making collection calls to residents who have outstanding utility balances in an effort to recover money owed to the city. We will present to the Commission any money collected, along with a call log.

The city was approved for tax exemption at the armory and the confined disposal facility. The applications were completed by the City Clerk and sent in on May 23, 2014. The City received word that the requests were granted in early October. The city will be reimbursed for some of the taxes that have already been paid on these properties.

Commissioner's Agenda**Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug asked when the shower house and porta potties would stop being serviced at Mission Lake. The lake closed on October 31st and they will not be serviced after that.

Commissioner Stirton

Not Present.

Commissioner Edwards

No Comment.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton is going to request a Special Meeting in November to discuss boat racing at Mission Lake next summer.

Motion by Commissioner Barton to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor