

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

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 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 Chief Calhoon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Stirton, Commissioner Edwards, Forkenbrock, West, and Krug. City Clerk/Administrator Kim Knudson and Kevin Hill were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda after Commissioner West requested a 15 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel towards the end of the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

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

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3501 (Payroll) for the amount of \$31,066.10. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock approve Appropriation Ordinance #3502 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$252,595.59 after asking about rock that was ordered and how it is separated by departments. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Sewer Rate Update

Carol Stirton provided the Commission a report showing sewer increases and dates. The Commission would like to revisit the discussion again prior to the next increase to assure that the Ordinance doesn't need to be revised with a sunset date.

Carol had a customer inquire about their water bill and asked if the city could calculate a new average since their average was determined in the winter months when they were watering cattle (Dec – Feb). Commissioner Edwards said that he hates to make individual adjustments for residents just because they have a business. The Commission agreed that the city would follow the Ordinance and not adjust.

Pool Name and Sign Discussion

Per the recommendation of the Commission, Tara Speer came up with three names for the school kids to vote on for the name of the pool (Horton Aquatic Park, Horton Splash Park, and Horton Charger Splash Zone. The name that received the most votes from the school kids was Horton Charger Splash Zone.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to name the new pool Horton Aquatic Park. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 1173

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Ordinance No. 1173 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-310(b) and (c) OF THE HORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPOINT, HIRE, REMOVE AND SUPERVISE CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS.** Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Fair Housing Proclamation

Motion by Commissioner West for Mayor Stirton to proclaim the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. They are celebrating 50 years of Fair Housing.

Consider Approval of Payment Request No. 9 for Pool

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve payment request No. 9 for \$59,514.30 and payment request No. 10 for \$156,616.20 for progress on the city pool. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Signature Card Update

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

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to add Kim Knudson to the signature cards at Horton National Bank and Pony Express Bank. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Continue Roof Bid Discussion for Hog Barn

Michelle Gaskell said that at the last County Commission meeting Keith Olsen told the Fair Board to go ahead and order the materials for the roof. Keith Olsen received private donations to pay for the fan for the Civic Center.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to table discussion on the roof pending further investigation regarding materials and information from The Historical Society. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Discuss Bobcat Lease Agreement Options

The Commission discussed the 3 different options that were submitted to Kim from White Star for the Bobcat.

MODEL	HR. METER	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NO.	PRICE
S770	AS SHOWN	BOBCAT YOU KNOW HAVE ON LEASE	ATF213191	\$36,500
		PURCHASE PRICE		\$ -
S650	NEW	PURCHASE A NEW S650		\$39,131.34
S650	NEW	LEASE 5 YEAR FULL WARRANTY	PER YEAR	\$6,000.00
		LEASED BASED ON 250 HOURS PER YEAR		\$ -
		5 WEEKS LEAD TIME		\$ -

The Commission would like Kim to see how much the city will get charged for hours that are over the allotted hours. They would also like her to get bids from other dealers and hours per year. Kim will also check with the bank on interest rate and monthly payment if the city should decide to purchase.

Review Estimated Bid on Storm Drain Pipe @ 1301 Central Avenue

The Commission reviewed the estimate that was prepared by the city of Horton crew. They stated that the man hours and use of equipment wasn't necessary on the bid since the city will be doing to work. The Commission asked to table the discussion until the city provides updated estimates on more economical pipe made for water drainage. They asked that the city reach out to Samuel Johnson if needed.

There was still discussion on some sort of cost share with the city and Forkenbrock. Commissioner Forkenbrock said that the city would recoup the money to install the pipe over time with increased water and electric usage and increased taxes accrued due to his addition.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize the city to get a legal description of survey. Seconded by Commissioner West. Aye – Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Krug, West, and Edwards. Abstain – Commissioner Forkenbrock.

Public Works Updates

Randy Mayfield provided updates to the Commission on projects that he and his team have completed. Some of those included replacing the brakes in the grey truck that Jim Martin drives, picking up leaves in the streets throughout town, unplugging a drainage tube by the spillway at the lake, and placing porta pots and dumpsters at the lake.

Chief Calhoon

Christopher Horns is home from the service. His first day back will be on April 10th. There will be cake served to honor his service.

Chief Calhoon asked about code enforcement and if the Commission wanted him and the officers to continue to be as aggressive as they have in the past. The Commission agreed that they would like for the officers to continue to enforce current Ordinances.

Kevin Hill recommended that the city approve and publish a Resolution to proceed with demolition on houses that are in need and then it becomes a budget issue and the city can prioritize which ones to demolish accordingly.

Storm Spotter Training will be held at the Blue Building this Thursday.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the use of the Blue Building at no charge on April 13th for a Bicycle Rodeo/Public Safety Day. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

The Bicycle Rodeo/Public Safety Day will be from approximately 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Chief Calhoon is going to invite Horton EMS and Fire, and Sheriff to attend.

Chief Calhoon removed a couple of part-timers from payroll due to them not being available when needed. There is currently one part-timer left.

Lonnie Boller will be hired as a Volunteer Reserve Officer. Chief has guidelines to be followed by the Reserve Officers. Lonnie will assist in transports and other duties as assigned.

Mayor Stirton

Spring Cleanup Day will be on April 28th from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A proposed verbal estimate was received for the Civic Center roof for the amount of \$35,000 - \$40,000 (for supplies not labor). The county will be applying for two different grants.

Mayor Stirton thanked the Chamber for putting on the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor Stirton attended the ribbon cutting at Central Children on Saturday.

Tonight is Michelle Gaskell's last night to be in attendance taking notes for the city Commission meetings. Mayor Stirton thanked her for her time spent writing articles.

Mayor Stirton talked about finding alternate options other than the Blue Building to park the tractors during fair time.

City Clerk/Administrator

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the purchase of an AED for the city pool for \$1645.00. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Kim proposed a pay increase for Brianna Dowell. This will be discussed further during an executive session at the next Commission meeting on the 16th.

Kalonia Hulbutta-Green will start her position as Front Office/Court Clerk on April 9th. Karla Berry accepted the position initially but her current employer offered her more money to stay.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock said that the Park budget will share the cost with the Horton Fish and Game Club (\$874.00) for 20 more Georgia Cubes for Mission Lake. The Horton Fish and Game Club will assemble the cubes and provide tracking coordinates.

Commissioner West

No comment.

Commissioner Edwards

Rita Higley, the current Library Director has resigned. The Library Board is seeking a replacement.

Commissioner Edwards shared some of the highlights of his trip to Wichita last week for the KRWA Conference. There were 2400 people registered for the conference and about 365 vendors present.

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug asked about the property by the ballfields that is an eyesore that is owned by Chuck Warman. Chief Calhoon stated that there are warrants out for Mr. Warman.

15 Minute Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

Motion by Commissioner West 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, Forkenbrock, West, and Krug, Kevin Hill, and Chief Calhoon. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

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Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor