

September 16, 2019
5:15 P.M.
City Hall

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall.

Commissioner Krug called the meeting to order (Mayor Stirton arrived late) and the opening prayer was written by Dan Gardner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Wade Edwards, Rex West, Bobby Bacon, and Ken Krug. City Administrator John Calhoon and City Attorney Kevin Hill were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda after adding Sam Johnson from BG Consultants, and Sean Gordon. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3575 (Payroll) for the amount of \$36,362.98. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3576 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$305,308.17. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

Sean Gordon presented the 2018 audit to the Commission. Sean will work with Kim Knudson to assist in addressing the deficiencies on the audit before the 2019 audit is conducted.

Mission Village Discussion

LaMont Cook was present to provide the Commission with updates regarding the Manor. The roof is just about done, and they will be focusing on interior repairs next. Cook reports an increase in revenue from July with a profit of \$6,682 for the month.

Calhoon announced that per the discussion that he had with the trustee for the hospital that the hospital and clinic will go up for auction on December 19, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss attorney client privilege to include Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Edwards, Krug, West, and Bacon, John Calhoon, Kim Knudson, Lamont Cook, and Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye. After executive session no action taken. Information only.

Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 1183

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Ordinance No. 1183, AN ORDINANCE COMBINING THE OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE HORTON PARK SYSTEM AND HORTON RECREATION SYSTEM INTO A SINGLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO BE SUPERVISED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY, TRANSFERRING ANY PROPERTY UNDER THE CONTROL OF EITHER SYSTEM TO THE COMBINED CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND REPEALING CHAPTER XII, ARTICLE 2 OF THE HORTON MUNICIPAL CODE. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Review Electrical Proposals

Calhoon provided a bid to the Commission from ElectriComm to install two new cooper rack mount form recloser controls inside the power plant annex building for the amount of \$18,875.00. He also provided older bids provided by Scobee Powerline Construction, LLC for various pole work throughout town. West recommended to the Commission what items he thinks she be priority. The Commission requested current pricing from Scobee before they vote on a decision.

Sam Johnson from BG Consultants provided an update to the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost (EOPC) for Phase III of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project. Sam explained what factors were the reason for the increased project costs. Kevin Hill reviewed the Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement provided by Sam.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement as presented. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Present Letter of Conditions for Phase III Sewer Project

Sarah Hines, Loan Specialist from Rural Development was present to read aloud the Letter of Conditions for Phase III of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Wastewater Application, and Mitigation Measures. Sarah stated that the Letter of Conditions is still under review by the national office.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Mayor Stirton to sign the Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Mayor Stirton to sign the Request for Obligation of Funds. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Mayor Stirton and Kim Knudson to sign the Water and Waste System Grant Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Mayor Stirton to sign the Loan Resolution for the loan amount of \$3,303,000, and grant amount for the amount of \$2,579,000. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Calhoon

Calhoon applied for a JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) Grant. He should hear back within 30 days if Horton was approved.

Keith Olsen is working on preparing a grant that would help fund a new roof on the Civic Center. Keith asked for a commitment from the city to pay 20% of the grant amount. The Commission discussed and asked Calhoon to reach out for other partners like the County Commission and the Fair Board for assistance and report back to them.

City Hall construction will begin this week. Renovations will include the installation of an ADA compliant bathroom, breakroom, and additional office.

Bikes that were in the garage bay at city hall for various reasons will be taken to the Lansing Correctional Facility to be refurbished and will be handed out at Night of Lights this year.

The Veterans Day Parade will be held downtown at noon on Monday, November 11th.

Robert Senn and crews will begin painting the floors at the electric generation plant in November.

Calhoon requested to increase the salary of Court Clerk Ivy Stone, and keep summer helper Isaiah Cortes on the city staff part time with limited hours while he attends school.

The city crews have responded to several calls for electric outages due to squirrels being on the lines.

Mayor Stirton

Mayor Stirton asked for a few updates regarding alley upkeep and water leaks in town.

Commissioner Bacon

No report.

Commissioner West

No report.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards asked for the status of the wellhouse at the lake that the city is responsible for rebuilding. Calhoon said they are waiting for the crops to be harvested first.

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor