

November 3, 2014
5:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 3, 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 Al Barton.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Stirton, 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 Barton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2014 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve appropriation ordinance #3323 (Payroll) for the amount of \$36,985.12. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve appropriation ordinance #3324 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$71,180.39. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Public Comments

None.

First Reading of Ordinance to Abandon Property

The first reading of the Ordinance for the city to vacate ONE BLOCK LOCATED ON 12TH STREET WEST OF 9TH AVENUE WEST AND AN ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN 12TH AND 13TH STREET WEST OF 9TH AVENUE WEST IN THE CITY OF HORTON, BROWN COUNTY, KANSAS. The final draft of the Ordinance will be presented for approval at the next Commission meeting.

Discussion on Raising Reconnect Fees

The Commissioners reviewed the current Utilities Ordinance and discussed raising the reconnect fees if a citizen is disconnected for nonpayment. They would like to see the reconnect fee be raised from \$30.00 to \$105.00. Motion by Commissioner Edwards for the city attorney to redraft the current Ordinance to reflect the increase for reconnect fees. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

2014 Budget Amendment

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the amendment of the Sewer fund for the 2014 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

A budget hearing for amending the 2014 budget will be held at 5:15 p.m. on 12/01/2014 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Staff Reports

Rex West and team are running conduit for the new light poles downtown, working on trimming trees by power lines, and prepping the lake caretakers house to be demolished.

Rex requested to order some rock for the lake. Motion by Commissioner Barton to allow the purchase of 300 ton of rock in the amount of \$4,500. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz talked about giving notice to downtown business owners on when construction will take place and provide them with ample access into their buildings during construction.

New light poles will arrive Thursday the 6th.

Mayor Lentz gave updates on the sale of the downtown buildings that were purchased by Marcus Lemonis, and shared an e-mail with the Commissioners that was sent to Marcus Lemonis regarding, among other things, the demolition of buildings downtown.

City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Stirton for the grant from the Brown County Prevention Alliance for underage drinking enforcements for the weekends of prom and graduation which provides funding to purchase a breath tester, plus \$350 for patrol reimbursements. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

The City Clerk let the Commissioners know that Canon would be here this week to install the new server used for scanning documents.

Commissioner's Agenda**Commissioner Krug**

No Comment.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton is going to get an update from Chief Calhoon on the policies for handguns and bullet proof vests, and remind him to watch the budget numbers until the end of the year.

15 Minute Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to go into a 5 minute executive session to discuss attorney client privilege to include Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Edwards, Barton, and Stirton, and Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

No action taken after executive session.

Commissioner Edwards

No Comment.

Commissioner Barton

Commissioner Barton asked Rex about installing the new toys at Hickory Point. He would also like to see the volleyball court renovations completed. Rex will check with Doug Schmitt on the status of the poles that he is donating.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Kim Clausen, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor