

February 21, 2017  
5:15 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order. The prayer was led by Father Dan Gardner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Edwards, Stirton, Forkenbrock, and Krug. City Attorney Kevin Hill and City Clerk/Administrator Kim Clausen were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2017 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3444 (Payroll) for the amount of \$38,160.16. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3445 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$113,722.36. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

None.

#### **HFED Micro Loan Program**

Mikaela Moore was present to give a quick overview and raise awareness about the HFED Micro Loan Program that is available. The funds are from a CDBG Grant from long ago. The maximum amount that can be borrowed is \$25,000. The County Commission makes the final decision on where the funds are granted to. The loan program is to start up a new business, or grow an existing business.

#### **Fireworks (Mission Lake)**

Jesse Kimmi was present to ask if the city would like him to purchase fireworks for the city. If he purchases them prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> he receives a discount. Jesse does not make any profit for lighting the fireworks. Motion by Commissioner Edwards for the city to purchase \$5000.00 in fireworks for the display at Mission Lake for this year, with no future commitment. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. The fireworks will be on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **By-Laws for Parks & Recreation Board**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Horton Parks and Recreation By-Laws. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

#### **Todd Horton**

Todd got clarification from the Commission and Kevin Hill that it is okay to proceed with the demolition of the house at 1330 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to allow the city to hire a full-time laborer. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Todd will be getting rid of some old equipment and vehicles that have been lying around, possibly posting them on Purple Wave.

**Chief Calhoon**

Chief Calhoon stated that there is a storage container sitting at 17<sup>th</sup> & Central. As far as he and his officers know, it is legal for it to sit there.

The property on 232 East 6<sup>th</sup> that burnt is going to be hauled away on Wednesday.

Chief Calhoon recommended the possibility of raising some of the court fees. Kevin Hill said that some of the fees are set by state statute and the Commission can't impose some.

There was a lengthy discussion on demolition properties, the city budget to demolish properties, and code enforcement turning up the heat on issuing citations for properties that are not up to code.

Mayor Lentz recommended putting a city dumpster out for public use again. The dumpster will be placed in the parking lot at City Hall.

**Mayor Lentz**

Per the recommendation of Mayor Lentz, Motion by Commissioner Edwards to appoint Christy Woods as the new City Treasurer. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. Christy will replace Traci Molt.

Mayor Lentz has been doing some tours of wastewater treatment facilities in other cities to gather ideas for the cities new facility. He will have more tours later this week and next week.

**City Clerk/Administrator**

Kim voiced her concern about the current financial state of the city sewer fund. Mayor Lentz thinks we should be getting reimbursed from USDA/RD for Phase III sewer invoices and for some residential sewer issues that the city has paid for. He will get with Kim in the morning to discuss.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to remove the speed bumps on Wilson Drive heading out to Mission Lake. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. Aye—Commissioner Forkenbrock, Krug, and Stirton. Nay—Commissioner Edwards. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Krug**

No comment.

**Commissioner Stirton**

No comment.

**Commissioner Edwards**

No comment.

**Commissioner Forkenbrock**

Commissioner Forkenbrock asked about the trash cans at the lakes and who empties them prior to the lake caretaker starting. Todd Horton assured him that the city will empty them.

Commissioner Forkenbrock would like to discuss Melissa Razo's properties at 103 & 105 East 8<sup>th</sup>, and the resolution for abatement that was passed last year at the next meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

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Kim Clausen, City Clerk/Administrator

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Tim Lentz, Mayor