

February 26, 2014  
6:00 p.m.  
Horton Blue Building

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a special meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Blue Building.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order.

Present: Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Forkenbrock, Edwards, Krug and Barton. Also present was Kim Clausen.

The downtown business and building owners were present to give their input on where they see the revitalization of downtown Horton going. The items listed are ideas and comments given by the audience to improve the downtown area.

- Marketing the empty buildings downtown.
- Utilize social media as much as possible to get the word out.
- Move the Farmers Market downtown.
- Have the businesses be open on Saturdays.
- Create a charming/unique look for the downtown area.
- Have more murals drawn on buildings.
- Open a train museum.
- Have more family oriented stuff for kids and families to do.
- Have an architect, or college architect student's present ideas for what downtown should look like.
- Form committees.
- Bring "The Electric City" back.
- Spend money locally for repairs and renovations.
- Hold fund raisers to help with the cost.
- Send a questionnaire to each of the business and building owners to determine their level of commitment.
- Utilize Fairgrounds more for fundraisers, concerts, etc....
- Focus repairs on the back of the buildings downtown, as well as the front.
- Notify KNZA of clean-up days.

Mayor Lentz informed the business and building owners that the city would not be purchasing the buildings due to the budget constraints and the continual upkeep of the buildings.

Marcus Lemonis will not initiate the crown funding until he sees more progress from the community.

The Commission expressed to the crowd that they cannot rely solely on the Commission to make change happen; it needs to be a group effort throughout the whole community.

An eleven member committee was formed to determine the vision for what the downtown area should look like. The committee will elect a leader and will meet regularly.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

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Kim Clausen, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor