

December 2, 2013  
5:15 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Commissioner Barton.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Forkenbrock, Edwards, Krug, and Barton, Kevin Hill, and Kim Clausen.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to add Donna Crawford from Governmental Assistance Services to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

#### **Public Hearing for Grant Close-Out**

Donna Crawford from Governmental Assistance Services presented the Commission with the close-out paperwork for the sewer system improvement project. Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Mayor Lentz and Kim Clausen to sign and mail the paperwork to close out the CDBG grant. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Commissioner Forkenbrock had several items to pull from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2013 regular meeting after making suggested changes. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Commissioner Forkenbrock made the motion to approve Appropriation Ordinances #3274 (Payroll) for \$33,101.82 after clarification of overtime hours. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Commissioner Forkenbrock made the motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3275 (Disbursements) for \$37,858.87 after requesting that an invoice be taken out of a different fund. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

Gary Behrnes was present to request on behalf of the VFW American Legion that they place a drop box at City Hall to retire old flags. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the flag drop box be placed at City Hall. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

Horton Community Hospital would like to welcome the new fulltime Physician Assistant, Michelle Pruessner to the Horton Clinic.

Appreciation was offered to the Chief of Police and the officers for increase in patrol.

#### **Library Updates**

Rita Higley was present and stated that next year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library. Over the next couple of months they will be installing new windows, doors, and carpet and will be repainting. Due to the construction some of the hours of the library may change, but books can still be ordered through the catalog and mailed.

### **City Vehicles No Longer in Use**

The city has three vehicles that are no longer used and will be sold. Motion by Commissioner Barton to sell the vehicles at the city auction that will be held early next year. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

The three vehicles include a 1971 Ford 2 ton, 1984 GMC, and a 1992 Ford ¾ ton Styleside pickup.

### **2013 Budget Amendment**

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to amend the Water and Special Highway funds for the 2013 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

A budget hearing for amending the 2013 budget will be held at 5:15 p.m. on 12/16/2013.

### **Staff Reports**

Rex West and team have about 20 water meters left to install in non-vacant houses. Roughly 500 electric meters have been installed. They are also working on picking up leaves.

The power poles and lights for the ball field will be delivered this week.

Chief Calhoon still has a vacancy for a full time Police Officer.

Chief Calhoon and James Stuart will be working the Christmas holiday.

The Kickapoo, Chief Calhoon, and the officer on duty helped direct the traffic for The Luminaries.

Chief Calhoon spoke to the Commission about some items that need purchased including two 800 MHz radios, a new seat for the Dodge pickup, and a siren box.

### **City Clerk's/Administrator's Agenda**

Kim had someone inquire about mowing hay at the airport. This is bid out and the Commissioners would like to know who currently mows it, and when their contract is up.

### **Commissioner's Agenda**

#### **Commissioner Krug**

No comment.

#### **Commissioner Forkenbrock**

Commissioner Forkenbrock would like to see the city street crew do some temporary repair of The Manors' parking lot. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to allow the city to use millings from street work to patch the parking lot at The Manor. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

#### **Commissioner Edwards**

Commissioner Edwards shared that Weststar Energy was granted a 30 million dollar rate increase. Per Scott Shreve this will not affect the city of Horton.

**Commissioner Barton**

No comment.

**Mayor Lentz**

Mayor Lentz thanked everyone for their help on the Night of Lights and The Luminaries.

Mayor Lentz recommended that the Chamber and the Fair have one place to put Christmas Decorations, and supplies etc... Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to box in an area at the west end of the blue building so that all of the supplies can remain in one place. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. Mayor Lentz will get with the Chamber to discuss splitting the cost with the city.

Mayor Lentz would like the city to hire someone to clean the Blue Building on a quarterly basis. This would include cleaning walls, doors, windows, floors, tables, and chairs.

Mayor Lentz is going to send information to Kevin Hill regarding money owed to the city for scrap metal that was never received.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All aye.

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Kim Clausen, City Clerk

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Tim Lentz, Mayor