

August 21, 2017
5:15 P.M.
Court Room

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

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order. The prayer was led by Al Schirmacher. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2017 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2017 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3469 (Payroll) for the amount of \$33,152.06. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3470 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$74,461.75. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Public Comments

Jack Hare voiced concerns over a pile of tree limbs being left at 530 West 9th, and the trailers at West 9th being an eyesore and the grass is overgrown. He said that 1225 Central has trash in an open garage, animals running in and out, and has an attic vent and window missing posing a health risk. Mr. Hare also thinks that the curfew code for the city no longer needs to be enforced.

David Koozer talked about some concerns involving dispatch, and how emergency calls are routed per phone number prefix. David also asked where the commitment of funds requested by the Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Initiative comes from.

Brad Farr would like the county-wide dispatch option to be denied.

2018 Budget Hearing

Mayor Lentz announced the Public Hearing. There was one comment made by a resident regarding sealing of the alleys so they don't wash away. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the proposed 2018 Budget with a mill levy of 67.746. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. Aye—Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Krug, Edwards, and Forkenbrock. Nay—Commissioner Stirton. Motion carried.

County-Wide Dispatch Discussion

Each of the Commissioners spoke about the option of moving to county-wide dispatch. The general consensus is that there were more residents opposed to the move, rather than in favor. Motion by Commissioner Stirton to keep dispatch services in Horton. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Request to be Placed on Agenda

Ron Kautz was present to ask to be compensated for water damage to his kitchen that he says was due to the water not being shut off properly by the city causing a pipe to freeze and burst. Kim presented the Commission with a time-line of work orders at 660 West 10th from 09/14/15 to 08/14/17.

The Commission requested that Kim file a claim with the city insurance.

Fiabesco Beer Garden Request

Morgan Miller was present to show the Commission a map of the proposed beer garden area for September 23rd. Morgan already applied for a temporary liquor license through Alcoholic Beverage Control, and has event insurance. Kevin Hill said that no alcoholic liquor shall be sold or served by a person holding a license or permit from the city whose place of business or other premises are located within 200 feet of any church, school, nursing home, library or hospital. The Commission asked Chief Calhoon to assist Morgan in the measurements. Morgan will give Kim a copy of the temporary alcohol permit once she receives it.

Discuss Sale of Properties at 129/131 West 9th

The Commission would like to defer the discussion until Mr. Conard is present.

Consider Approval of Darren Lamme Zoning Change Request

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the request from Darren and Kaleigh Lamme to rezone 1205 9th Avenue West from R-1 to AG-1 district, and have Kevin Hill draft an Ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. The request was approved by the Planning Commission on August 10th, 2017.

Mission Lake Christian Camp

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to have Kevin Hill draft a letter to Gary Spencer advising that the city lease has been terminated by their nonuse. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. The camp would need permission from the city to use the property and the city would take over the property. Per Kevin Hill, the 2003 corporate status was forfeited and is no longer recognized by the state of Kansas.

Chief Calhoon

Chief Calhoon thanked the Commission for making a decision on the county-wide dispatch, and thinks the right decision was made.

One of the full-time dispatchers, Jenifer Glessner, put in her resignation and will work until the end of the month. Chandra Martin, our current part-time dispatcher will move into her position.

The eclipse crowd went well with no problems!

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz gave an update on the status of the pool.

City Clerk/Administrator

Kim asked how much longer the city will foot the bill for the community roll off dumpster behind city hall. The Commission recommended keeping it there until after fall cleanup day.

Josh Haverkamp put in his two weeks' notice. His last day with the city will be September 4th.

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug said that the shooting range is expecting 30-50 kids for a 4H shoot this weekend. He asked that the restroom facilities be cleaned prior.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Kim to draft a thank you letter Commissioner Steve Roberts thanking him for the gesture to take over Horton dispatch at the county level. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton asked when the remainder of the burnt house at 1573 1st Avenue East will be torn down and hauled away. Kim said that it will be done hopefully next week.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards shared a few articles from the newspaper about landowners' liability in the event utilities are not paid by lessee, establishing as a court cost a charge for digital forensic laboratory fee, and the Hiawatha township budget in excess of the tax lid.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock asked for the picnic table from Railroad Park be delivered close to a water source so he can wash it.

The poles need to be set for the basketball goals at the tennis court. The city guys can get with Jeremy for further instruction.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk/ Administrator

Tim Lentz, Mayor