

August 6, 2001
6:00 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 6, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Prayer by Pastor Tom Stone of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Present: Mayor Bohannon and Commissioners Groshong, Dave McClain, Lentz and John McClain.

Mayor Bohannon requested that the minutes reflect that Commissioner Lentz stated the road east of the soccer fields should not be chip and sealed and that Commissioner John McClain and City Administrator Paul Evans would check on the road. Motion by Mayor Bohannon to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2001 regular meeting as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain to approve appropriation ordinance #2620 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$67,808.02. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Dale and Alice Bryant—Cemetery Mowing

Dale and Alice Bryant, Triple B Mowing Services appeared because they were upset that the newspaper had stated the cemetery looked bad for several months. They stated it had been mowed and trimmed for Memorial Day and 4th of July. Mr. Bryant stated he had requested the City spray for weeds and the holes in the cemetery caused his equipment to break down

Mr. Evans reported that City crews have been mowing and trimming all week.

Mayor Bohannon requested that the Commission publicly apologize to the community for the condition of the cemetery by putting a letter in the newspaper.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon that since it is the City's responsibility to keep the cemetery up the City should take it back over and make sure it is done even if they have to hire someone full time. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

City Administrator's Agenda

A map showing the siltration ponds was presented. Kathy at the Kansas Water Office is checking for more information and Toby Stevens is looking at the condition of the ponds.

3 City employees attended the water and sewer classes.

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks recommended that the lily pads on the Little Lake be sprayed with Rodeo in April or May.

The minutes of February 22, 2000 show that East 13th Street, next to the Ramirez property, was closed and did not state it was temporary.

A copy of the sign inventory that was completed by the State of Kansas was given to the Commission.

Paula and Kelly Beach were present to answer any questions from the Commission concerning their building in the 800 block of Central. They stated that north wall would be shored and secured by the end of the month and then the alley could be opened to traffic. The Contractor can repair the building but he is not sure when he would have the time. Paula Beach stated that they needed some assurance from the Commission that a buyer would have time to do repairs. The Commission stated they would have no

problem working with someone as long as there is something done. They would be willing to work with a new owner.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Groshong

Motion by Commissioner Groshong to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye. Upon reconvening Mayor Bohannon stated that no action was taken.

Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain to abolish the longevity pay that was proposed at the last meeting. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

Commissioner Groshong requested that the City Administrator check with the City Attorney about changing the weed ordinances to shorten the time period allowed for compliance.

Commissioner Dave McClain

Commissioner Dave McClain and Chief of Police Dick Luzier will be attending the Drug/Alcohol planning meeting on August 10th.

Commissioner John McClain

Commissioner McClain had received complaints about the enforcement of codes and he requested that the Code Enforcement officer be advised to enforce codes.

There was discussion about a possible ordinance to make the property owners take care of removing weeds from the sidewalks in the downtown area. It was noted that the City would need to take care of their property first.

The Commission requested that a contract be entered into with George Bruning to spray the cemetery.

Mayor Bohannon

Motion by Mayor Bohannon that upon final inspection of the property payment be approved for H14 rehabilitation. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas-Bohannon, Mayor