

September 17, 2001  
6:00 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 17, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Prayer by Candy Schmitt.

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

### **Public Hearing on Demolition**

Mayor Bohannon opened the public hearing on demolition of structures at 345 E. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1533 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. and 431 E. 13<sup>th</sup>. There were no comments from the audience, however, a letter was received from Barbara Singletary protesting the demolition of 431 E. 13<sup>th</sup>. The letter stated that the owner did not give permission to tear down the structure but nothing was mentioned about any plans to make the necessary repairs. The public hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to adopt Resolution 01-0917, giving the owners until November 1, 2001 to complete repairs or the buildings will be demolished. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2001 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2625 (Payroll) in the amount of \$30,894.04 and #2626 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$97,640.28. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

### **George Bruning—Contract for Spraying**

George Bruning presented a contract to the Commission for Brown County Noxious Weed Department to spray noxious weeds within the City of Horton. Motion by Commissioner John McClain to enter into the contract with the Noxious Weed Department. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

### **Tony Ramirez—Junk Vehicle Ordinance**

Mr. Ramirez received a letter from the Code Enforcement Officer requiring him to remove vehicles from his property. Mr. Ramirez stated that all but 2 of the vehicles were operable, tagged and insured. He requested 45-60 days to build a fence around the vehicles. Motion by Mayor Bohannon to allow Mr. Ramirez 45 days to build a fence around the vehicles that are in violation. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

### **Michelle Black--MAP**

Not present.

### **Approval of Payment on H9 and H11**

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to approve payments of \$16,688.74 on H9 and \$14,650.00 on H11. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

### **City Administrator's Agenda**

Bill Delzeit, Electric Supervisor, was present to request authorization to purchase a used bucket truck at an auction. He thought one could be bought for approximately \$20,000. Altec has a used one for \$57,000.

The truck that is currently owned by the City is a 1982 model and uses one quart of oil a week. Mr. Delzeit would like to buy a used truck and fix the present one and keep both. Motion by Commissioner John McClain to authorize expenditure up to \$20,000 for a bucket truck at the auction. Seconded by Mayor Bohannon. Aye—Mayor Bohannon and Commissioner John McClain. Nay—Commissioners Dave McClain, Lentz and Groshong. After some discussion it was decided to have Bill Delzeit and the City Administrator to get prices on new bucket trucks and to check into a lease purchase option.

The Administrator reported that the Electric Department would be renting a Bobcat with a jackhammer to breakup the cement at the old Kurtz property.

The grinder at the sewer plant is broken. The cost to repair is \$6,314 and a new one is \$15,000. Motion by Commissioner John McClain to authorize the repair of the grinder at the sewer plant. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

The completed policy and procedure manual for the fire department was handed out to the Commission. This will be discussed at a later date.

The Administrator and the Engineer had walked two tentative routes for the water pipeline.

Mr. Evans had checked into licensing of contractors. There are two types of ordinances, one where the contractor walks-in and gets a license and the other where all tradesmen are tested. Motion by Commissioner Groshong to table this matter to the next meeting to talk to tradesmen. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

In 1999, a local citizen (Brenda Cady) had asked the Commission to vacate an alley in the south part of the city. The Commission at that time asked for the city engineer's recommendation. The city engineer came to the next meeting and recommended the alley not be vacated and it was not. The resident cleaned up the alley and put rock on it and was given permission to park in the alley temporarily. Now the resident is being told by the Code Enforcement Officer that they can not park in the alley and neighbors are complaining because they want to use the alley as well. Mr. Evans' recommendation is to give the resident a reasonable amount of time to put in parking at the end of the residence. Motion by Commissioner John McClain to rock a parking area at the residence since the owner had rocked the alley previously. Seconded by Mayor Bohannon. All aye.

### **Commissioner's Agenda Commissioner Groshong**

Commissioner Groshong asked if it was working for the administrator to go to each department during the week and get their work schedules. The Administrator advised it will work better in the future since the work hours will go back to 8-5 instead of 7-4.

### **Commissioner Dave McClain**

Commissioner McClain inquired about the progress of putting up the street department building. 12 people have been contacted to give bids on putting up the building.

### **Commissioner Lentz**

Commissioner Lentz stated that the cemetery looks good.

### **Mayor Bohannon**

Mayor Bohannon handed out copies of an article that was printed in the Indian Gaming Magazine entitled "A Tribute to Joan Finney".

The Mayor inquired if the sludge truck had been repaired. It is running at this time and will be worked on more extensively this winter.

The Mayor asked about the Denton property clean-up. Mr. Evans reported that is was completed.

Commissioner Groshong requested that the Commission receive a copy of the exit interviews when employees leave. He also would like all Commissioners to have a copy of the positions and wage ranges for all employees so that it could be reviewed at a later date.

No further business being brought before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Jeanne Thomas-Bohannon, Mayor