

November 5, 2001
6:00 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 5, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Candy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2001 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2633 (Payroll) in the amount of \$24,884.82 and #2634 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$10,787.65. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

Opening of E. 4th Street

Commissioner John McClain reported that he had looked at the street and felt it was so steep the rock would not stay but would wash out. Commissioner Lentz felt that ditches would need to be cut and that since one of the street department workers would be going on vacation within the next week that there wouldn't be time to get the street prepared anyway. Commissioner John McClain recommended that the street not be opened and that it be maintained to the residence and it would be a priority street for snow and salt. The residents asked if the road could be chip and sealed next year. The Commission said they would look at it when the time came.

Bucket Truck

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to purchase a truck from Stan Boos, a bucket from Altec and to finance it with a lease/purchase with Kansas State Bank. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Constructing Metal Building for Street Department

Commissioner McClain requested that the building be stored for 1 year then decide how to proceed.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Evans reported that the wells were pumped the previous week and the preliminary results show that the 2 wells produce 200 gallon per minute. This means that the City will probably have to have 3 wells to meet the future needs. The goal would be to have 300 gallons per minute to meet the anticipated 20-year demand.

A new police officer will be starting on November 13. He is certified.

The signs that were needed according to the sign study have been put up.

The water department started replacing old meters 18 months ago and are now replacing the ones that were installed in the 1970's.

A budget amendment hearing will be published on November 22nd and will be held on December 3rd.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Groshong

Commissioner Groshong reported there may be another officer leaving. He presented the Commission with a proposed wage scale for the police department. Mayor Bohannon inquired if scheduling could be one of the problems and if there was a possibility of changing the shifts on a rotating basis. Motion by Commissioner Groshong that after the 1st of the year the City Administrator try to adjust the ranges of the wage scale in all departments and bring back a recommendation to the Commission. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

The County Emergency Preparedness department will hold a mock terrorist attack on Wednesday for training purposes. Commissioner Groshong expressed that the Commission needs to begin making preparations in case of disasters. They need to evaluate the resources available and the personnel needed as well as the facility that might be used. Commissioner Dave McClain will be attending some training in this area and will bring information back to the Commission.

Commissioner Lentz

Commissioner Lentz had received a complaint about the tube by Marilyn Oaks' residence. It has been uncovered for repairs and needs to be extended and filled back in. Mr. Evans reported that the tube belongs to Brown County and they have been contacted but have not responded yet.

Mayor Bohannon

Mayor Bohannon was contacted by some of the downtown businesses asking to have the street sweeper pick up leaves in the downtown area.

Commissioner Groshong stated that if the school won't buy safety lights for the crossing guards then he would like the City to buy them. The Commission agreed to this purchase.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas-Bohannon, Mayor