

April 1, 2002
6:00 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 1, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Pastor Larry Parrish of the Methodist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Absent: Commissioner John McClain

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2002 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2654 (Payroll) in the amount of \$25,321.55 and #2655 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$57,255.07. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

Jack Walker—Discussion of Street Ordinances

Mr. Walker was not present.

Proclamation for Fair Housing Month

Mayor Bohannon signed a proclamation designating April 2002 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Horton.

City Administrator

It looks promising that cities will be allowed to participate in the statewide health insurance program. If so, the City of Horton would be able to benefit from this program next year.

The bids for the electric improvements will be presented at the next meeting.

Two more wells were drilled and samples are at KDHE for testing. The preliminary tests look good for the nitrate count.

City crews are busy working on parks and pool areas getting ready for the upcoming season.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to appoint Commissioner John McClain to the KMEA Board. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

The Park Board recommended that the boards on the building around the civic center need to be painted. A contractor reported that several of the boards are rotted and gave an estimate of \$6,500 to replace the boards and wrap them with vinyl siding. The Commission agreed to solicit bids for this project. Commissioner Groshong requested that the City Administrator check with the Fair Board, Brown County Commission and the Better Beef Days promoters to request assistance from them for funds for this project.

Mr. Evans reported that the dam at Mission Lake has to be inspected by an engineer every five years. He will get a price from an engineer and present it to the Commission.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Groshong

Commissioner Groshong inquired about the work that is going on at the property located across the street west of the water plant. It was noted that a retaining wall is being replaced. Commissioner Groshong wanted to know when that had been approved by the Commission. Mr. Evans will bring back information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Groshong noted that there were signs at Hickory Point stating that the park closed at sunset. He requested that Commissioner Lentz check with the Park Board about when this was decided.

Commissioner Groshong stated that he wanted the citizens to be aware that the police department lost another officer because of salary and that he felt the city needs to give raises so that they can keep officers.

Commissioner Dave McClain

Commissioner Dave McClain informed the Commission that the Beach family would sell the building at 823 Central for \$1 and that he had talked to someone who would repair the building for \$8,000. Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain that in order to keep the building at 823 Central, the City purchase the building for \$1.00 depending on repairs costing \$8,000. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Bohannon requested that a special meeting be set for Saturday, April 5, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the options for the building located at 823 Central. The Commission would like to have the contractor who would be doing the repairs to be at the meeting and to have a bid in writing.

Commissioner Lentz

Commissioner Lentz reported that the Little League Association had a baseball workday to get the fields and concession stand ready for the season. There was a good turn out and a lot was accomplished.

Commissioner Lentz commented on the amount of time spent by employees on the repairs at the dog pound and asked when it would be done. It was noted that there was no completion date known at this time as the employees are working on the pound when they can spare time from their regular duties.

Mayor Bohannon

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor Bohannon stated that no action was taken.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to give the City Administrator authority to negotiate payment schedules on utility bills with customers who are delinquent up to \$5,000. Anything over \$5,000 must be brought to the Commission for approval. If there is failure to meet the agreement, the penalties will revert to the time the agreement was signed. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Mayor Bohannon presented some material from the Kickapoo Tribe inquiring if the City would want to buy a brick for the Capitol Grounds Ad Astra Plaza Project in Topeka. The cost is \$250 per brick and \$1,000 for plaques. There were no comments from the Commissioners.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas-Bohannon, Mayor