

April 15, 2002
6:00 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 15, 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 April 1, 2002 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2656 (Payroll) in the amount of \$25,456.84 and #2657 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$97,164.36. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Bids—Electric Improvements

Ken Fairchild, Olsson & Associates, opened the bids for the electric generation improvements. The bids were as follows:

Martin Tractor	Base Bid	\$775,357	Completion date	June 15, 2003
Siemens-Westinghouse	Base Bid	\$480,940	Completion date	Dec. 31, 2002
Inco, Inc.	Base Bid	\$474,500	Completion date	Sept. 30, 2002
H.K. Scholz	Base Bid	\$396,900	Completion date	April 1, 2003
E.A. Pederson	Base Bid	\$592,534	Completion date	Jan. 6, 2003

City Administrator, Paul Evans, requested that the engineer be allowed to review the bids before a decision is made.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to have the engineer and Commissioner John McClain review the bids and bring back to the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Connie Werner—Pony Express Monument

Connie Werner presented the Commission with the plans for a monument commemorating the Pony Express. The monument is a silhouette of a rider on a horse, which measures 11' long and 13' high and weighing 1200 pounds. The City's responsibilities would be to provide a 3' X 3' concrete slab and the guide wires to stabilize the monument. The Pony Express Council would purchase the monument.

Some discussion followed of the possible areas to place the monument for the most visibility.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the placement of the monument at the Little Lake near the highway. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye

Connie Werner and one of the City employees will get together to decide the best location at the Little Lake.

Application for Housing Grant and Contract for Grant Writer

A map was presented showing the locations of those who expressed interest in applying for housing rehabilitation to their homes. The majority of the homes are located on the west side of the city. The grant writer would map out the target area using KDOC&H guidelines.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to enter into a contract with Governmental Assistance Services to write an application for a Housing Rehabilitation Grant from KDOC&H. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

George Groshong and Rick Wampler—Discussion of Program for Youthful Offenders

Officer Groshong introduced Rick Wampler who used to be a Drill Sergeant with the Labette County Youth Facility. Officer Groshong and Mr. Wampler conducted a mock program for three youth in the City of Horton and feels it works well. In September of 2001, two boys were put through the mock program and Officer Groshong reported there had been no problems with them since that date. Groshong and Wampler requested permission to use the Civic Center for this program.

The City Attorney, Tim Keck, reported that he had looked at a video of one of the subjects going through the mock program and thought it looked like a good program. He felt the biggest benefit would be if the County were involved in the developing a program since most juvenile offenses go through the District Court. He recommended that the City of Horton Court system could use it for offenders 18-20 years of age and could make the offender pay for the services and the City could give them a break on their diversion fees. Mr. Keck visited with Stan Curtis the Juvenile Intake Officer and he thought it would be a good program but it would need to be adopted by the County and/or the Juvenile Justice Authority.

Mr. Wampler stated that there would be no charge for his services only for the supplies that would be needed.

Commissioner Groshong stated that it could be a voluntary program to be used before the juvenile reaches the court system. Commissioner Dave McClain stated that anytime there is a chance for rehabilitation it is a good program. Police Chief Luzier felt that Mr. Wampler should be commissioned through the City. Commissioner Groshong suggested that all sessions be video taped and that the City provide the video tapes.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to do the program on a voluntary basis and that the City provide liability insurance and use of the Civic Center. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Approval of Payment on H20 and H21

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to approve payments to Ken's Home Repair for H20 in the amount of \$525.00 and H21 in the amount of \$16,594. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Agreement on Payment Schedule for Account #433I

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to approve the payment agreement on Account #433I. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

City Administrator

Bids on the Firing Range project will be presented at the June 17 meeting. There is a possibility that the tree dump will need to be moved to another location.

The new school signs are up and the lights will be installed soon. The cost of the signs and lights was \$14,751.74 and it was paid by the State of Kansas.

There will be a public hearing on April 29 for the grant application for a pool liner.

The Commission reviewed the Public Water Supply Capacity Survey that will be sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Mr. Evans informed the Commission that this survey should be reviewed annually.

The dog pound was inspected this week and the inspector stated that she was impressed with the improvements that had been made.

The underground fuel tanks at the property on E. 15th and Wilson Drive have been removed.

The cemetery and the lake have been sprayed by the County and a seasonal mower started at the cemetery.

A local 4-H group requested that the City buy paint and they would paint the flagpole at the Fair Grounds and would supply flags to fly during the fair. There was concern about them being able to reach the top of the pole. Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain that the City paint down to a point where the 4-Hers can reach and that the City install a light for the flags. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

Mr. Evans requested permission to pay the small claims on workmen's compensation injuries in order to save on the experience. This will help to save on premiums in the future as they are based on experience of claims. The Commission agreed.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Groshong

Commissioner Groshong requested that the City Administrator check with Ken Krug to insure that the work on the firing range would not interfere with his farming operations.

Commissioner Dave McClain

Commissioner Dave McClain stated he was sorry he missed the special meeting held the previous Monday concerning the building at 823 Central but that it looked like the building will be saved and that was the goal.

Commissioner Lentz

Commissioner Lentz inquired about rock on the Lake road and was advised that it had already been done. He also asked when additional help on the cemetery would be hired. He was advised that two would be starting on April 22 and one more when school is out.

Mayor Bohannon

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to reappoint Sherry Wellman to the Library Board. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Mayor Bohannon asked for any business from the citizens present and there was none.

The meeting was adjourned.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas-Bohannon, Mayor