

July 29, 2002
6:00 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 29, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Father Keith Lunsford of St. Leo's Catholic Church opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mayor Thomas and Commissioners Stirton and Lentz.

Absent: Commissioners Dave McClain and John McClain.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2002 special meeting and the July 15, 2002 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve appropriation ordinances 2672 (Payroll) in the amount of \$34,298.84 and #2673 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$60,875.86. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Tom Singleton--Audit

Mr. Singleton appeared to present the 2001 audit to the Commission. He reported that the City had received the highest opinion that could be given and that no material weaknesses or problems with internal control were found. Mr. Singleton thanked the City office staff for their cooperation and for being well prepared.

Code of Ethics

Motion by Mayor Thomas to approve the Code of Ethics. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

City Administrator

Mr. Evans reminded the Commission that when bids were taken on the firing range only one bid was received and it was too high for the budgeted amount. Since then Mr. Evans had visited with the bidder and another firm from Manhattan and Mark Compton, a local contractor. The lowest bid was received from Mark Compton in the amount of \$117,990.07. Motion by Mayor Thomas to award the contract to Mark Compton for the construction of the firing range. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye. The contractor will begin by September 15 and complete by December 15.

The bid for 6" of rock and 6" of asphalt on the alley behind the new Union State Bank was \$16,476.25. The bank advised they would pay half of the cost if the City would pay the other half. It was the consensus of the Commission not to proceed with this project because they felt it would lead to other businesses requesting the same thing.

A resident living on one of the dead end water lines where water is seldom used had brought in a sample of water in a Styrofoam cup that contained a yellow-orange colored substance and requested that the city have the water tested. The water department took a sample and delivered it to KDHE to have it tested for bacteriological and heavy metal substances. KDHE reported that the bacteriologic test was clear and the heavy metal test will not be done for a few more days but they thought it was manganese. KDHE had told the resident that they recommend the dead end lines be flushed regularly. The city has set up a schedule to do this quarterly.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to hire Michael Leighton for the City Administrator position. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas, Mayor