

May 5, 2003  
6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 5, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Candy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Stirton, Smith, Lentz, McClain, and Mayor Elect White

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2003 and April 21, 2003 regular meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve appropriation ordinances #2714 (Payroll) in the amount of \$30,378.58 and #2715 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$23,678.63. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

Mayor Thomas thanked the community for the opportunity to served Horton and she congratulated Mayor White. The City Clerk presented Mayor Thomas with a gift.

#### **Oath of Office for Mayor Dale White**

City Clerk, Candy Schmitt, administered the oath of office to Mayor White. Mayor White thanked Jeanne Thomas for her service to the community and stated he was looking forward to working with the Commission for the betterment of the community.

#### **Louis Funk—Bids on Water Well Project**

Bids were presented to the Commission. Mr. Funk explained that Layne Western left approximately \$12,000 out of their bid but have stated that they will stand by their bid. An alternate was also presented to the Commission where a portion of the line would be 8" pipe instead of 6" pipe at an increase of \$14,830. Commissioner Lentz asked that the City Administrator get with Lonnie Boller of KRWA and Mr. Funk about the feasibility of this change. It was later decided to stay with the 6" line.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the low bids of Layne Western for the laying of pipe and Larson Construction for the water well buildings and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

It was noted that the pre-construction conference will be held on May 14 at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Citizen Survey**

A copy of a survey to be sent out to the residents of Horton was presented to the Commission for review and comments and will be presented for approval at the next meeting. It was suggested that the survey be submitted to the League of Municipalities for their comments.

#### **Resolution for Condemnation**

Motion by Commissioner Smith to adopt Resolution 03-0505, A RESOLUTION FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS AT WHICH TIME THE OWNER, HIS AGENT, LIEN HOLDERS OF RECORD, AND OCCUPANTS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH STRUCTURES AND CONDITIONS SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED, DEMOLISHED OR REMOVED OR MADE SAFE

AS TO THE SAID DANGEROUS STRUCTURES OR DANGEROUS CONDITIONS. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

### **Fire Contract—Powhattan Township**

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the new contract for fire protection for Powhattan Township raising the yearly fee to \$2,873. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

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

Mr. Leighton welcomed the new Mayor and invited him to the next staff meeting.

Mr. Leighton reported on several projects that are in progress. The Alco generator is down at this time but should be up by generation season. The City is working on new contracts with Westar Energy.

The firing range is nearing completion and a grand opening will be held when it is completed. Mr. Leighton would like the firing range to fall under the parks department because it will be used as a recreational facility as well as for training purposes.

Other topics discussed were wireless internet service, getting costs to bring the blue building up to the quality of the building that was looked at previously, hazard mitigation plan, safety issues in relation to workmen's compensation insurance and that all departments are being utilized to keep up with the mowing. Mayor White stated he felt the other internet providers in the community should be included in the discussions concerning the wireless internet service being provided by the city. The Mayor would like to see what costs would be involved in making the blue building a more useable building, not necessarily to bring it to the same quality as the other building that was mentioned. The Mayor requested that Kirk Tjelmeland, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks be asked to make a presentation to the Commission concerning Mission Lake. Mayor White had heard that another lake had moved the dirt in the lake to make islands at a cost of approximately \$20,000 and that grants are available for this project. Mr. Leighton advised the Commission that there was an ongoing study being conducted of Mission Lake and recommendations would be presented at the end of the study.

Mayor White inquired of the City Administrator if he had a report on the cemetery situation. Mr. Leighton reported that he had a soil sample but had not gotten an analysis yet. The Commission instructed Mr. Leighton to advise the gravedigger to separate the topsoil and clay when digging graves.

### **Commissioner's Agenda**

#### **Commissioner Stirton**

Commissioner Stirton inquired when the ordinance concerning the depth of removal on demolitions would be voted on and was advised it would be on the June 2 agenda. Commissioner McClain wanted to be sure that there was an ordinance requiring the capping of utilities when demolitions occur.

Commissioner Stirton stated he would like to see tightening up of enforcement of policies in each department.

#### **Commissioner Smith**

Commissioner Smith presented a letter he would like to send to the elected representatives concerning the changes in welfare reform. He would like to remind them of the differences in small communities and ask them to address several issues pertinent to rural communities. It was decided to have all of the Commission sign the letter.

Commissioner Smith requested that the Micro-Loan issue be brought up at the joint meeting with the City of Hiawatha and the Brown County Commission.

**Commissioner Lentz**

Commissioner Lentz asked that the statistics on the recycling during the clean-up day be put in the newspaper and that thank you letters be sent to Padens and Kaw River Recycling. It was suggested that another clean-up day be done in the fall.

**Commissioner McClain**

Commissioner McClain reported that the Alco engine will be on-line in time for generation.

**Mayor White**

Mayor White advised the Commission of an open house at the Kickapoo Gaming office on May 16 and encouraged the Commissioners and the City Administrator to attend. The Mayor will be out of town.

A planning meeting will be held on May 21, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Dale A. White, Mayor