

July 21, 2003
6:00 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 21, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Pastor Tom Stone of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mayor White, Commissioners Smith, Stirton, Lentz and McClain.

Mayor White added two items to the agenda, discussion of the budget and discussion of no parking signs.

Two corrections to the minutes were made. Under the topic of the engineer report made by Pat Cox the minutes should reflect that the reason for the high ammonia results was due to untimely removal of sludge and that has been corrected. Also that no specific issues beyond the age of the plant were mentioned concerning problems at the plant. Commissioner Stirton corrected the minutes to show he was absent. The minutes of the July 7, 2003 regular meeting were approved as corrected.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinances

Mayor White questioned whether all employees fill out time cards and requests for any paid days off. It was noted that the City Administrator and the Chief of Police are salaried and do not keep time cards. The Commission agreed that all employees including salaried personnel will fill out time cards and requests for paid days off.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve appropriation ordinance #2725 (Payroll) in the amount of \$37,727.81. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve appropriation ordinance #2726 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$67,839.80. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Discussion of Budget

A budget workshop was set for July 31, 2003 at 6:15 p.m. The Commission requests that the department heads be present for this meeting.

Discussion of No Parking Signs

Union State Bank has complained that vehicles are parking on their grass on the east side of 2nd Ave. West.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to put up no parking signs on the east side of 2nd Ave. West from the alley (between 14th and 15th Streets) to 15th Street. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

The City Clerk will check to see if an ordinance is needed for this action.

Mayor White inquired if there is an ordinance on the books concerning driving over the curbs. It was noted that there is an ordinance that requires the curbs to be planked before driving over them. Mayor White requested this be published in the paper as a reminder to the citizens and then that it be enforced.

There was some discussion about semi-trucks being driven and parked on the side streets. The Chief of Police will contact the City Attorney about a better ordinance and will report at the next meeting.

Ordinance adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance

Motion by Commissioner McClain to adopt Ordinance 1044, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2003 PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1032. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

The Commission requested that they get a copy of any changes made in this document.

Ordinance adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code

Motion by Commissioner Smith that this ordinance be deferred for two weeks so that he could review the changes made. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

Resolution Requesting Waiver of the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

The City Clerk advised the Commission that a waiver from the GAAP is needed for the year ended 2002. This should have been done in 2002 but was overlooked. There was some discussion where Mayor White expressed concern about waiving the GAAP and the effect this would have on future bonds or grants. It was decided that the auditor would explain the process at the next meeting.

Motion by Commissioner McClain to adopt Resolution 03-721, which requests the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the City of Horton. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Aye—Commissioners Smith, Stirton and McClain. Nay—Commissioner Lentz.

Cover on the Solid Contacts Basin at Water Plant

The City Clerk reported that she had spoken with Lonnie Boller. Mr. Boller is working with a company to develop a cover for water basins and it is a long process. The engineers are developing a design that will work for the basin the City needs to cover. The Commission asked Mr. Boller to keep them informed because the City is very interested in purchasing the cover.

Commissioner Lentz asked why the tarp was removed from the basin and where the tarp is located now. The City Clerk advised that she would find out the information.

Blue Building

There was nothing new to report on the blue building.

Update on Street Project

The chip and seal project for this season has been completed.

Update on Sewer Plant

There was nothing new to report on the sewer plant

Update on Skateboard Park Project

Commissioner Lentz reported that the youth who were interested in getting a skateboard park were supposed to meet with him and they did not show for the meeting.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Leighton was not present due to illness.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Smith brought up a report done in 1994 by Kansas State University called "First Impressions" The Commissioners were asked to read the report and it will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

A handout on Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) and Kansas Open Records Act (KORA) was presented to the Commission for their review.

Commissioner Smith would like the City Attorney to check into an ordinance on allowing golf carts on city streets. The city may want to look into having employees use golf carts when possible to save on gas expenses. It would also possibly help some of the elderly. The Chief of Police will research and report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Smith suggested that Mayor White write a letter to the Fair Board thanking them for a good fair. The Mayor will put something in the paper.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton presented information on a grant that would need to be submitted by August 8.

Commissioner Stirton reported that the City had received a grant from the Bureau of Justice for bulletproof vests.

Commissioner Stirton thanked the citizens and all who contributed to the fair.

Commissioner Lentz

No report.

Commissioner McClain

Commissioner McClain requested that the Planning Commission review the set back requirements on the smaller lots.

Commissioner McClain asked that the City Attorney research if the City can take possession of derelict or condemned properties. It was also suggested that he check with the City of Marquette.

Mayor White

Mayor White requested that a letter of thanks be written to Kevin Dalen for volunteering on the fair parade.

Mayor White and Commissioner Smith have rescheduled their meeting with Bob Fanning to August 1.

The Fish and Game group thanked the staff for getting the little lake ready for the fishing derby.

Larry Deans from Inco, Inc. called Mayor White requesting payment on the generator. He stated that his company has incurred additional expenses. Mayor White advised him to send documentation of the expenses and he would present it to the Commission.

Mayor White requested that the Commissioners review the inspection report for Mission Lake Dam and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

A town meeting will be held on August 2 at the Senior Citizens Center.

The Commission will begin touring one of the city facilities at the end of each meeting until they have visited all of them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor