

January 19, 2004
6:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 19, 2004 at 6:15 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Candy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer.

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

The agenda was approved as delivered.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2004 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2751(Payroll) in the amount of \$29,949.63. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2752 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$81,528.26. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Student Civic Improvement Projects

Steve Davies, school superintendent, was present along with Christy Pottroff, a student from the high school. Mr. Davies presented drawings and specifications of proposed changes and additions to the Railroad Park area, the Baseball fields and the park next to the swimming pool. The first project will be the Railroad Park. These projects will be completed by the senior class students and materials will be paid for by the school district and the city. Mr. Davies will come back to a meeting in February to give a progress report.

Sprint Services

Carolyn Gaston a representative of Sprint attended the meeting to report that Horton is scheduled to receive the DSL internet services this year. A packet of information on DSL was presented to the Commissioners. Normally the cost of this service is \$29.99 a month for residential and \$39.99 a month for businesses. Mrs. Gaston advised that she would give the City a call when she had a more definite date.

Update on Water Project

Louis Funk from Bartlett & West Engineers reported to the Commission that the construction of the wells is behind schedule. The last well caved in twice while drilling. The company, Layne Western, stopped drilling the first time and that caused the dirt around the site to cave in. The company has hopes to be able to salvage the well site. If it cannot be salvaged then more test holes will need to be dug to find another site for the well. The building contractor is also behind schedule on the well building. The city received an extension on the CDBG Grant until June 30, 2004.

The representatives from Layne Western stated that if weather cooperates the well should be done by mid-February.

Mr. Funk requested that a change order extending the contract date be approved. The Commission reported they would consider that at a later time. The realistic goal for completion is mid-March.

Later in the meeting Lonnie Boller of KRWA and Dawn Succi, Plant Operator for the City, expressed their concerns on the quality of construction on the building and the drilling of the wells. It was the consensus of

the commission to request that KRWA assign Mr. Boller to participate in the project. Mr. Leighton will write a letter to KRWA.

Discussion of Health Insurance Proposals

Curtis Wolfe from Power Group explained that his company researches insurance companies to find one that meets the needs of his clients. Several options were presented to the City. Mr. Wolfe will meet with the City employees and Mr. Leighton and then a recommendation will be brought back in 30 days. The Commission would like to see a comparison between the current policy and the proposed policy.

Vehicle Bids for the Police Department

Chief of Police, Dick Luzier, advised the Commission that he would like to purchase two new vehicles on a lease purchase plan. The current Crown Victoria has 78,000 miles on it and the truck has 118,000 miles on it. The city budgeted \$23,000 for a vehicle purchase and 2 vehicles can be bought on the lease purchase plan for less than this budgeted amount. The option to purchase one new vehicle and one used vehicle from the Highway Patrol was discussed.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to purchase 2 new vehicles on a 3-year lease as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Mayor White stated he would like to purchase locally even if it isn't the lowest bid. The bids were as follows for 2 vehicles:

Olathe Ford	\$42,510
Shawnee Mission Ford	\$42,248
Anderson ford	\$41,785
Foster Ford	\$42,265
Stan Boos	\$43,260

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to purchase one vehicle from Foster Ford and one vehicle from Stan Boos since these are the local dealers. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

The following banks submitted bids on the lease agreement as follows:

Horton National Bank	3.85%
United Bank of Kansas	4.50%
Union Bank	4.25%

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to award the lease to Horton National Bank. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye

Street Materials Bids

The bids for street materials for the 2004 year were presented and were as follows with the lowest bid in bold numbers:

	Per ton price Bill Stirton	per ton price Stirton Bros.	per ton price Bromley
½" crusher run rock	\$8.75	\$10.10	\$9.55
1" crusher run rock	\$8.75	\$10.10	\$9.55
1 ½" crusher run rock	\$8.75	\$10.10	\$9.55
3" crusher run rock	\$8.75	\$10.35	\$9.90
½" screened chat	\$10.00	\$11.50	\$10.90
5/16" screened chat	\$8.50	\$12.50	\$11.90
CMK chat	\$11.35	\$11.50	\$10.90

Sand/mason brick	\$9.50	\$10.15	no bid
Sand fill/pit	\$6.00	\$2.90	no bid
Cold patch	\$35.00	\$34.00	no bid
Other materials	9.6 cents	10 cents	

Motion by Commissioner McClain to accept the lowest bids as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Discussion of Homestead Project

The City Attorney, Tim Keck, reported that he had not received all of the surveys from the Commissioners. He will put together a brochure and an agreement and bring back to the next Commission meeting.

Discussion of Feasibility Study

Mayor White and Mr. Leighton attended the HIDC meeting to discuss a feasibility study. HIDC decided they would be willing to sponsor a study on housing, motel and additional restaurants. The study would be paid for out of the industrial funds of the City.

Report on Strategic Plan

The plan will be presented at the next meeting and will be sent to the Commissioners before the meeting for their review.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Leighton reported that the city will be stricter on ticketing of yards and junk vehicles. The city is being asked to be more aggressive.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Smith requested that the City's idle funds be put out for bids from the local banks.

Commissioner Stirton

No report.

Commissioner Lentz

No report.

Commissioner McClain

Commissioner McClain brought up the First Impressions report that was written in 1994. This was a study done by Kansas State University. Mr. Leighton will contact them to see if another study could be done.

Mayor White

Mayor White read a letter from the Librarian questioning the decision to take no action on making the repairs suggested in a previous report. Mayor White stated that he did not make any decision not to respond to the problems and neither did the Commission as a whole. The Commission would like to invite the Library Board to the next Commission meeting to clarify the situation.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss possible litigation with the City Attorney, City Administrator and City Clerk to be included. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor White stated that no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor