

May 3, 2004
6:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 3, 2004 at 6:15 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Mayor White opened the meeting and the prayer was given by Candy Schmitt.

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

An executive session was added to the end of the agenda. The agenda was approved as amended.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2004 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2767 (Payroll) in the amount of \$31,339.22. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2768 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$66,462.10. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Mayor White presented a plaque to Commissioner McClain in appreciation for 12 years of service to the community by serving as Commissioner of Streets and Utilities.

Oath of Office for Kevin Stirton

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Kevin Stirton as Commissioner of Streets and Utilities.

Westar Contract

Suzanne Eristurk, Westar Energy, was present to discuss the supplemental contract between the City of Horton and Westar. This agreement was developed for cities that have enough generation to carry their load. It gives the city flexibility and options when deciding their pricing and mode of operation. The city is given daily pricing quotes and is only required to generate when energy is not available from Westar. This would be a three-year contract. The period this contract would be in effect would be June 15-September 15.

The Commission will review the contract and Commissioner K. Stirton and Bill Delzeit will discuss it with the City Attorney. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Chamber of Commerce & Wagon and Carriage Sale

Connie Werner, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was present to discuss some ideas with the Commission. The Chamber of Commerce would like to put together welcome baskets for new residents and would like to use some part of City Hall to store the materials. A project is being planned to paint all of the buildings downtown, HICD would supply the paint and they would like the City to allow use of the bucket truck. The plan is to then have murals painted on the buildings after they are painted. Hopefully the Kickapoo Tribe will participate also.

Mrs. Werner and her husband sponsor the Wagon and Carriage Sale every year at the Civic Center. 9-10 states are represented. She requested that the north end of the Civic Center be leveled to allow for a concession stand and that a sink be installed. The Werners will purchase the sink and a refrigerator. The consensus of the Commission was to allow these modifications.

Report on High School Projects

Mr. Davies was unable to be present. He will be at the next meeting.

Discussion of Wrestling

Mr. Gorrell was not present. The Commission requested that the City Clerk check with the City Attorney about developing a release for each wrestler and the organization to sign before each match is held. Proof of liability insurance is to be provided by each group before they can hold an event. The City will call to check if the insurance is in effect.

There are now two wrestling organizations scheduled to use the Blue Building for events. The Commission requested that representatives from both organizations be present at the next meeting.

Ambulance Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to pay the ambulance service \$4,000 from the Solid Waste fund and add it to the \$1,617 budgeted amount. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Bids on Library Repair

Bids for repair to the library were opened and read.

Fisher Mudjacking	\$9,690
Kreider Construction	\$6,914

John Kreider was present and explained that the specifications asked for schedule 80 drain pipe and he stated they do not make a schedule 80 drain tile and he recommended schedule 40. He also stated that he did not think a sump pump in one of the window wells was necessary. If they found it was not needed the cost would be less.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to award the contract to Kreider Construction. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Discussion of Police Force

Police Chief Luzier presented the Commission with a proposed change to the Wage Resolution... His proposal was to move Police Officer 1 from range 10 to range 11; create a Police Officer II position at range 12; create a Sergeant position at range 13; move the Assistant Chief position from range 13 to range 15 and the Chief of Police from range 15 to range 17. Commissioner Smith requested the amount of difference this would create in salaries. Chief Luzier will present those figures at the next meeting.

The police department has received 2 applications for the officer position. Jeff Swendson has been hired to fill the position vacated by George Groshong.

Homestead Committee

The Committee held their first meeting on Wednesday, April 28. There were 9 in attendance. The committee is looking at owners of some properties. Another meeting will be held in a week or two. There were a lot of good ideas and enthusiasm.

Appointment of KMEA Board Members

Motion by Commissioner Smith to appoint Commissioner K. Stirton as the Governing Body member and Bill Delzeit as the resident member to the KMEA Board. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Appointment to Boards

This matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Report on Blue Building

Estimates were received from several companies. They ranged from \$32,000 to \$71,000. The Commission requested that the City Clerk prepare a spreadsheet for comparison purposes for the next meeting.

Report on the Fair

No report.

Report on Firing Range

Rex West reported that Lowe's will do the dirt work for \$9,225. The dirt will be donated by Ken Krug. Compton's will install 2 X 12 boards instead of bridge planking and this was approved by the State Department of Wildlife and Parks. The dirt work will begin immediately and the boards will be installed within 1-2 weeks.

Report on Mission Lake

The engineering firm reported that 2.25 million cubic yards of sediment will need to be removed from Mission Lake.

Update on Recycling

No report.

Report on Water Well Project

Louis Funk, Bartlett & West, was present to give the Commission and update on the project. The north well is completed and is a very good well. The project should be finished this week if weather permits.

The building is done. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to pay Larson Construction \$42,801.40 as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Mr. Funk stated that the final inspection would probably be in 2-4 weeks and brought to commission for final payments.

Report on Metal Building

Rex West reported to the Commission that he had cut the bands on one end of the stack of metal and there was no rust. The Commission instructed the City Clerk to get estimates for erecting the building.

City Staff Agenda

Horton National Bank will hold its annual appreciation day on June 25 and is requesting permission to have a parallel park a trailer on the E. 8th Street and to be allowed to use outdoor sound amplification. Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve their requests. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

A resident had contacted the City Clerk in reference to a sewer problem at the residence she rents. The sewer line had evidently been severed from the sewer main approximately 3 years ago when the manhole was moved and the sewer department did not realize the line was there. The City discovered this when the property owner reported the sewer backing up last month and replaced the line to the new manhole. The renter is requesting that the city return the sewer charges that she paid since she feels she did not receive

the service. The commission requested that the city clerk research the cost to the city to replace the line and the amount of sewer charges paid by the renter. Motion by Commissioner Smith to table to the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

An individual contacted the City Clerk inquiring about purchasing a 1990 Ford truck that was owned by the City but had been wrecked. He wanted to purchase it for the motor. The city also has a Crown Victoria car that needs to be sold. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to advertise for sealed bids on these two vehicles. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

The Kickapoo Boys and Girls Club requested permission to use the Little Lake for a fishing derby on May 23rd from 8:00-11:00 am. They also requested use of portable toilets. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to allow the fishing derby. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

The water department requested to be allowed to purchase a chlorine analyzer and reagents at a cost of \$3,742.60. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to purchase the analyzer and reagents and to take the funds out of the water project fund. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

The City Clerk reported a situation that had developed with Bromley Quarry. A representative of Bromley Quarry called the City Clerk's office stating that they were changing their mix on CMK and wanted to know how much rock the City of Horton had ordered. The City Clerk contacted the Street Department and was told 1500 ton and she then passed this on to Bromley Quarry. At a later date it was determined that the Street Department had ordered ½" chat from Bill Stirton and were not planning on using the CMK this year because it was more expensive. Bromley Quarry feels the City ordered the CMK and wants the City to go ahead and purchase it. It was decided that Commissioner K. Stirton and Rex West will contact Bromley Quarry and report back at the next meeting.

The League of Kansas Municipalities has received 17 applications so far for City Administrator.

A property owner called about donating a 25' lot to the City. Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the lot with a quit claim deed. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Smith reported that Michelle Anschutz had visited with him about different options on curbing techniques and repairs.

The budget will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The City Clerk will send copies of the resumes for Economic Development Director to the Commission in their next packet.

Commissioner K. Stirton will review the applications for the sewer department.

Commissioner B. Stirton

Commissioner B. Stirton reported that the police department will be setting up child safety seat inspections free of charge to the public.

The police department is also giving away free gun locks to the citizens.

Commissioner Lentz

Commissioner Lentz reported that Rick Clement donated a carport and it has been installed near the volleyball courts at Mission Lake. This was in memory of his daughter Hannah. The lake caretaker will make picnic tables to place under the shelter.

The City Clerk was instructed to send a letter to the camper that is parked the wrong way on the north end of the lake.

Commissioner Lentz asked Rex West to look at the baseball fields to see if they need more sand and to place rock on the road by the ball fields. He also asked Rex West to spray the volleyball courts and horseshoe pits for weeds and grass.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to purchase a sprayer to go on the caretaker's truck at a cost of \$400. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to hire Kelsey Ross as pool manager. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Commissioner K. Stirton

No report. Commissioner K. Stirton expressed his appreciation for the 12 years of service given by John McClain as Commissioner and stated that he looks forward to working with the Mayor, Commissioners, staff and public in the years to come.

Mayor White

Mayor White inquired about the progress on the electric project. Bill Delzeit reported that it was nearing completion.

Mayor White requested that Bill Delzeit call Paul Luscombe about a concern he had with the electric service. Bill reported that he had already call Mr. Luscombe.

Mayor White reported that the Kickapoo Tribe is in discussions with the Governor about opening a casino in Kansas City and this could mean the local casinos would close. The Mayor would like to send a letter to the Governor to let him know how this would devastate Brown County. The Commission agreed to have Mayor White draft a letter to the Governor.

Mayor White commended the police department for ticketing speeders in residential areas and writing letters for mowing and cleanup.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Smith to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss legal matters. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor White stated that no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor