

July 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 July 19, 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 and Commissioners Smith, B. Stirton, Lentz and K. Stirton.

Two executive sessions were added after the discussion of the website contract and Daniel Shea was added after the executive sessions. The agenda was approved as amended.

The minutes of the July 6, 2004 regular meeting and the July 14, 2004 special meeting were approved as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2777 (Payroll) in the amount of \$35,508.15. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2778 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$128,537.16. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

#### **Request for Expenditures for Fire Department**

Fire Chief, Gary Behrnes, reported that the brush truck was experiencing mechanical problems and he requested permission to repair it or look for a replacement. The Commission instructed Mr. Behrnes to take the vehicle to a Chevrolet dealer and if the cost is \$1,000 or so to go ahead and have it repaired. Mr. Behrnes also reported that he had contacted the Kansas State Forestry department and they advised that Federal Surplus has vehicles in the \$4,000 -\$6,000 range.

The new rock sign is up at the fire station.

#### **Website Contract**

Candace Siebenmorgen, website designer, and Connie Werner, president of the Chamber of Commerce, were present to discuss the website maintenance. The Mayor stated that he would like to see the cost of maintenance shared between the City, Chamber of Commerce and HIDC. Ms. Siebenmorgen will develop a proposal and send to the Commission, Chamber of Commerce and HIDC.

Connie Werner inquired about the intention of the City Commission on the sign on the west end of town that advertises the businesses. The Commission would like to see it either updated or taken down. Ms. Werner will check with the Chamber of Commerce.

#### **Executive Session**

Motion by Commissioner Smith to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss legal issues to include the Commission and the City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye. Upon reconvening, no action was taken.

#### **Executive Session**

Motion by Commissioner Smith to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel to include Commission, City Attorney and Bobby Coats. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye. Upon reconvening, no action was taken.

## **Daniel Shea**

Daniel Shea, one of the candidates for the Economic Development Director position, was present to inquire the status on the position. Mayor White informed him that the Commission had decided to combine the City Administrator and Economic Development Director positions.

## **Report on Generation Project**

Bill Delzeit reported that the inspection of the generator had been changed to July 26, 2004 at 8:00 am. The City Clerk was instructed to send a certified letter to Larry Deans, INCO advising him of the inspection.

## **Request for Refund of Trash Bill**

Ms. Medicine Horse was not present.

## **Request for Permission to Install Flag Pole at Mission Lake Dam**

A letter was received from the VFW Auxiliary stating they would like to purchase a flagpole and flag to be erected above the Mission Lake sign on the dam. They requested that the City be responsible to install the flagpole and furnish the lighting for the flag. The Commission instructed the City Clerk to gather the figures for the cost of this project and bring back to them at the next meeting.

## **Discussion of Lake Project**

Mayor White reported that he had attended a meeting in Leavenworth concerning the water situation. The State of Kansas is looking for pilot projects for lake restoration programs. The state water office will be invited to attend the public hearing on July 29 at 7:00 p.m. for the Mission Lake Study.

## **Discussion of Pool Repairs**

No report.

## **Discussion of Budget**

Information was presented comparing pool and lake fees to other cities in the area. It was decided that the Park Board should review these fees and make a recommendation to the Commission.

The department heads submitted their proposed budgets and the Commission reviewed them.

The Commission will review the comparison of revenue practices from the League of Municipalities at the next meeting. This will include utility rates.

## **City Staff Agenda**

A request for repairs to the overhead crane was made by the Electric Department. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to approve the repairs at a cost of \$2,849. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

The City Clerk informed the Commission that there are some employees due for their annual evaluation. The Commission instructed the City Clerk to review the evaluations with the Commissioner over the department and bring back a recommendation at the next meeting.

## **Commissioner's Agenda**

**Commissioner Smith**

No report.

**Commissioner B. Stirton**

No report.

**Commissioner Lentz**

Commissioner Lentz instructed the City Clerk to order new volleyball nets and a new tennis net.

Commissioner Lentz asked the water department to look at the pool and determine what needs to be repaired.

The pool will close on August 13. Mayor White complimented the pool staff on a good job this season.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to give \$350 to the Lions Club for the fireworks display. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

**Commissioner K. Stirton**

No report.

**Mayor White**

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Dale A. White, Mayor