

August 2, 2004
6:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday August 2, 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, and K. Stirton.

Absent: Commissioner Lentz.

The Budget discussion was moved to just before the staff agenda and the cemetery discussion was placed after the presentation to EMS. The agenda was adopted as amended.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2004 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2779 (Payroll) in the amount of \$33,394.94. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2780 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$70,507.96. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Presentation of Certificate to the EMS

Mayor White presented a certificate from Lifeteam Midwest in appreciation of the work done by the Horton Emergency Medical Services. Lifeteam Midwest is an air ambulance service. Joe Middleton from Horton Ambulance Services was present to receive the award.

Discussion of Cemetery

Complaints had been received from citizens concerning stones being moved and chipped by the mowers at the cemetery and a vase being bent. Rex West, Street Foreman, was present and informed that the issue needs to be taken seriously and the mowers need to be told to slow down and use the weed eater instead of trying to mow too closely to the stones. The Commission stated they did not want any more complaints.

Report on Generation Project

Bill Delzeit reported that National Oilwell (Baylor) had completed their inspection of the generator and no damage was found during that inspection. There was some discussion about trying to recover some of the cost paid to Siemens from Kansas City because of a faulty inspection. Bill Delzeit will look into this.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to have INCO proceed with the startup of the engine. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Ordinance to adopt the Standard Traffic Ordinance

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to adopt Ordinance 1051, 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 2004 PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1044. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Ordinance to adopt the Uniform Public Offense Code

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to adopt Ordinance 1052, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION 2004. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Discussion of Flag Pole on the Dam

Bill Delzeit reported that materials would be under \$250 to run underground electric line and install a light. The Commission would like to have estimates on the labor costs, more information on how tall the flagpole would be, the size of the flag that would be used and who would maintain the project. It was noted that the president of the VFW Auxiliary was not aware of the request that had been made to the Commission.

Discussion of the Lake Project

A public meeting was held on July 29 to discuss the options available on the Mission Lake restoration project. The State of Kansas is looking at conducting a pilot program for recovering of city lakes. Mission Lake is one of the possible candidates for that project. If chosen the state would help with some of the funding and local funding would also be needed. There was some discussion of annexation of the area around Mission Lake.

The Commission directed the City Attorney to begin putting together a plan for annexation. A map will be needed showing the city boundaries and the lake area.

Discussion of OJT Program

One of the City employees requested that the City participate in an on the job training program through the Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs. Commissioner B. Stirton will get with the Chief of Police and discuss the program and will bring the issue back to the Commission at a later date.

Staff Agenda

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

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to approve the purchase of a 4" meter with remote read for the water plant from Wichita Winwater in the amount of \$2,217.90. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to approve the purchase of transducers to repair the filtering system at the water plant from Commtronics at a cost of \$1,794. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to approve the repair of the chlorine scales at a cost of approximately \$850 from Scaleton Industries. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

The City Clerk reported that there has been a problem with people turning the air conditioning on at the blue building even though there is a locked thermostat. They have found a way to put an object through the slots in the cover and turn it on. A locked switch will be installed.

The Mayor requested that more trash receptacles be placed along the parade route next year.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Smith

No report.

Commissioner B. Stirton

Commissioner B. Stirton stated that more patrol is needed in the residential areas as well as the outlying areas.

Commissioner Lentz

Not present.

Commissioner K. Stirton

The city will need to put up cattle panels at the new well sites to prevent damage from the cattle in that field.

The Commission requested that the Fire Chief come back to the next meeting to report on the progress of either repairing the brush truck or finding a new one.

Mayor White

Mayor White requested that the Code Enforcement Officer attend the next meeting to report on code enforcement and give a plan for the future.

A letter from Japan concerning a foreign exchange student in Horton was read by Mayor White. He will send a return letter.

A letter from the Department of Commerce and Housing was read stating that the final monitoring on the CDBG grant had been completed and the records were satisfactory.

Discussion of Budget

A proposed budget was presented to the Commission. The following items were discussed: include \$3,500 for website maintenance, increase sewer rates \$.50 per 1,000 gallons now and another \$.50 in January of 2005, do not include a COLA in the salaries but do place it in a line item called contingency, \$10,000 for lights on the baseball field, \$5,000 for the homestead program, \$7,500 for legal fees and \$10,000 for planning for the lake development. The Commission does not want to raise the mill levy.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the budget as reviewed and set the public hearing for August 24 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor