

August 24, 2004
5:00 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a special meeting to discuss the engineering study on the sanitation plant, public hearing on the 2005 budget, public hearing on closing the CDBG grant and to discuss an ordinance to raise sewer rates on August 24, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Mayor White called the meeting to order.

Present: Mayor White and Commissioners Smith, B. Stirton and K. Stirton.

Absent: Commissioner Lentz.

Discussion of Engineering Study on Sanitation Plant

Karen Weathers from BG Consultants was present to present a draft of the short and long-term recommendations for updates of the sanitation system. The report outlined several options and the cost of those options. The cost to repair the plant would be \$327,000, a new lagoon system would cost \$2.13 million and to build a new treatment plant would be \$2.26 million. An option to build a new plant in phases was also presented which would cost \$1.52 million for the first phase and \$1.34 million for the second phase.

Ms. Weathers discussed that the current plant could get by with one clarifier instead of two and she recommended that they be drained and cleaned and that one be taken out of service after the sludge hauling for the current year has been completed. She also recommended that the recycle pump be left on overnight unless it is going to rain. This will help the treatment of the waste.

The Commission concurred that they would need some more planning time before making a final decision. Ms. Weathers will finish the report and deliver it to KDHE and will provide a priority list of actions to be taken in the operations of the plant.

Public Hearing on 2005 Budget

Mayor White opened the public hearing on the 2005 budget. The mill levy will go from 56.9 this year to 56.91 next year. There were no comments from the public. Mayor White closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to adopt the 2005 budget as published. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All Aye.

Public Hearing on Closing of CDBG Grant

Mayor White opened the public hearing. City Clerk, Candy Schmitt, reported that the water well project was completed satisfactorily. The amount awarded by the Department of Housing and Commerce was \$380,000 but only \$310,707 was spent because construction bids were lower than originally expected. There were no questions or comments from the public or the Commission. Mayor White closed the hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to pay remaining bills and close grant number 01-PF-132. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Ordinance for Raising Sewer Rates

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to adopt Ordinance 1053, AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE SEWER RATES FOR USERS OF THE HORTON MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PLANT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor