

October 18, 2004
6:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 18, 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 B. Stirton, Lentz and K. Stirton.

Commissioner Lentz added the Fish and Game Club to his agenda and an executive session for legal matters was added after the oath of office. Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

The minutes of the October 4, 2004 regular meeting and the October 8, 2004 special meeting were approved as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2790 (Payroll) in the amount of \$29,599.64. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2791 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$85,167.14. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Oath of Office for Finance Commissioner

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Ken Krug as the new Finance Commissioner.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal matters to include the Commission, City Administrator and City Attorney, Mike Schmitt. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Mayor White clarified that anyone who wishes to be a Range Safety Officer would need to pass a Range Safety Officer Course and can then submit their application to the Firing Range Advisory Board who will look at the current need for RSOs.

Municipal Investment Pool Resolution

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to adopt Resolution Number 04-1018 and to designate the Finance Commissioner and the City Clerk to have authority to invest and transfer funds in the Municipal Investment Pool. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Discussion of hiring a professional for sewer plan for annexation project

The City Administrator, Ron Smith, reported that in putting together a utility plan for the annexation project it was discovered that KDHE has to approve any plan for expansion of sewer lines. They require an engineering plan. Mr. Smith will put together a request for qualifications and would hope to have the responses back from the engineering firms within 30 days.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to send out for proposals for an engineering study on sewer lines in the proposed annexation area. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Discussion of Offer to Purchase Cannon

The City received another offer from the Civil War Artillery Museum for the purchase of the cannon that was given to the City of Horton Veterans. The museum offered \$35,000 plus a replica or \$40,000 without a replica. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to respectfully decline the offer to purchase the cannon. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Bids on Swimming Pool Repairs

Bids were solicited for repairing the deck on the swimming pool and replacing the diving board mount. One bid was received from Bottorff Construction Inc. Motion by Commissioner Krug to table this matter and get the recommendation of the Park Board. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Bids on E. 8th Street Repair

Two bids were received for the repair of the concrete street on E. 8th Street.

Bryant & Bryant	\$13,292.00
Andrews Asphalt	\$14,050.00

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to accept the low bid contingent upon the City Administrator checking with the company to make sure they are replacing the monolithic curbs, the thickness is 6” of concrete and that there is a warranty on the work. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Report on Lake Project

The Mayor reported that a letter of intent was submitted on the pilot project for the Lake restorations. The City Administrator will contact Representative Tom Sloan and set up a meeting with the Representative, Mayor White and the City Administrator. Representative Sloan is trying to get funds transferred from the Clean Drinking Water fund to the Lake Renovation fund. A meeting with the League of Municipalities to discuss this will also be set up.

There is still a need for estimates on paving the roads in the annexation area, the pros and cons on the electric issue and costs on sewer, water and police services.

City Administrator’s Agenda

Mr. Smith reported that the fall cleanup day was a success.

Mr. Smith recommended that the Commission proceed with setting up a Community Foundation. Some grants that he will be applying for have to go through a 501c3 foundation instead of a municipality. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to have the City Attorney proceed to set up a community foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

The electric department requested the purchase of restock materials at a cost of \$2,223.69. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to allow the purchase of the materials from Wesco. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

The departments will all have their inventory done by November 1.

Mr. Smith spoke with Candace Siebenmorgen, she agreed to let the City keep the copyright to the website, and she placed a ceiling of \$300 a month for maintenance on the City’s side of the site. The Chamber of Commerce will have to set up their own maintenance contract with Ms. Siebenmorgen.

Glacial Hills RC&D and the Brown County Ministerial Alliance are requesting to use space in the garage at City Hall on the 1st and 3rd Saturday in November. They will be collecting used bicycles and parts and then will be sending them to the prison to have them refurbished and will hand them out to citizens.

The Administrator presented costs from two different companies for crane rental to remove the tornado siren from the High School roof. They were \$102/hour from Brunners in St. Joseph and \$148/hour from Builders and Erectors in St. Joseph. The Commission requested that Mr. Smith check with Ken Babcock Sales in Hiawatha and Marlatt Construction in Atchison.

The sewer department needs a larger air compressor in the UV building. A heavier duty compressor will cost \$650.00. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to purchase the air compressor for \$650. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

High School Projects

Steve Davies, school superintendent, was present to present the proposed senior class projects for the coming year. The projects that involve the City are to finish the baseball field project from last year, repaint the basketball court at the lake, renovate and paint picnic tables, shelters and benches at the large and small lakes and build and paint signs for the Horton Sports Complex. Mr. Davies will get a final cost packet to the Commission at their next meeting.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug stated he is looking forward to working with the Commission and the advisory boards.

Commissioner B. Stirton

Commissioner B. Stirton will meet with Mr. Smith next week to discuss the structure of the police department.

Commissioner Lentz

J. T. Strube and Daryl Hundley from the Fish and Game Club were present requesting that when the crop and hay ground bids for the airport go out in January that the area they use for the demolition derby and mud-a-thon be removed from the bid. Mr. Smith will work with the Fish and Game Club and a plan will be brought back to the Commission of what is needed by the Fish and Game Club.

Commissioner K. Stirton

Commissioner K. Stirton wants to go over the snow route and policies with Mr. Smith for this year.

Mayor White

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to appoint Jeremy Forkenbrock to replace Dr. Richardson on the Park Board. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye. Dr. Richardson moved out of the City limits.

Two businesses in the downtown area requested that the city remove the sidewalks and curbs and supply the fill material and they will have the sidewalks and curbs replaced. This has been done in the past for other businesses in the downtown area. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to remove the concrete and put in fill sand for the Medical Equipment building and the Lighthouse Hospice business. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. Aye—Commissioners Krug, B. Stirton, Lentz and K. Stirton. Abstain—Mayor White.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor