

March 7, 2005
6:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 7, 2005 at 6:15 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Mayor White opened the meeting and the prayer was given by Pastor Richard Crooks of the First Baptist Church.

Present: Mayor White and Commissioners Krug, B. Stirton, Lentz and K. Stirton.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The minutes of the February 21, 2005 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2811 (Payroll) in the amount of \$29,251.65. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2812 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$48,130.77. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Report on Mission Lake Dam

Pat Cox and Dan Harden from BG Consultants, Inc. were present to update the Commission concerning an inspection report for Mission Lake Dam that was completed in 2003. The Kansas Department of Agriculture wrote a letter to the City outlining what they expect from the City between now and the time of the next inspection. An emergency action plan must be developed which identifies the buildings adversely affected if the dam were to break. Several items were addressed in the letter and the engineers recommended that everything that is accomplished be documented with before, during and after pictures a list of dates the project is worked on and a narrative of what was accomplished.

The City Administrator was instructed to get the city crews working on cleaning out the channel below the spillway.

Letter of Support for Business

Tom Reed, the owner of the Electric City Emporium, was present to request a letter of support in his efforts to buy the buildings at 136 E. 8th from the Kickapoo Tribe.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to send the letter of support to the Kickapoo Tribe. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye..

Bids on the Airport

Bids were opened for the crop ground and the hay ground at the airport. The bids were as follows:

Crop Ground		
Kenneth Krug		\$63 per acre
Mike Rork		\$58 per acre
Hay Ground		
Darin Molt		\$365 per year
Earl Selle		\$200 per year

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to accept the high bids. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. Aye—Mayor White and Commissioners B. Stirton, Lentz and K. Stirton. Abstained—Commissioner Krug.

Approval of City Foundation Documents

The documents to create a Foundation were presented with Mayor White being the incorporator and the temporary board members being Ken Krug, Ron Smith and Candy Schmitt. The City Attorney explained that the foundation would be a separate entity from the City. The by-laws will be approved by the Board of the foundation.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the articles of incorporation for the foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Requests to Rent Portable Toilets

A letter was received from the Everest Lion's Club requesting the use of the City's portable toilets for a Mud-a-Thon in June.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to allow the Lion's Club to use the portable toilets at no charge since they are a not for profit organization. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Discussion of the Metal Building

Since the last meeting, it was discovered that the City of Horton owns the land south of the Railroad Park area where the Commission had decided to put up the metal building. Two companies bid on erecting the building. Meridian Construction for \$19,500 and Bill Kinchloe for \$23,000.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to accept the low bid pending an inspection of the building to make sure it is still in good condition. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Discussion of Trucks on Side Streets

Glen and Linda Obbards and Ryan Smith from R & G Underground were present to have some clarification on the discussion at the last meeting concerning heavy trucks on side streets and having a business in a residential district. They were informed that an ordinance is in place prohibiting heavy vehicles on certain streets and the Commission asked the City Administrator to look into what can be done in the best interest of all parties. A meeting between the City Administrator and the large truck drivers in the community will be set up and a report will be brought back to the Commission.

Update on Baseball Field Projects and Discussion of Lighting at the Baseball Field

A representative of Musco Lighting will be at the next meeting to make a presentation on what is involved in engineering the lighting and the installation of the poles and lights. The City Administrator will check with Bob Fanning about possible grants for this project. He has spoken with Sprint and they do not fund this type of project any longer.

Update on Wage Classification Study

City Administrator Smith is working on a wage classification using information from 1997 forward. He will present this at the next meeting on March 21.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Smith reported he is still working on the contract with RSP.

Mr. Smith reviewed the Willis Water Contract, will work with the City of Willis, and will bring back a new proposed contract for approval at a later date.

The City will be hiring summer mowers and have advertised at \$6.00 an hour.

The lift stations were inspected by Enviroline and the west lift station needs a new submersible pump. The cost is \$14,870 and it will have a one-year guarantee. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to purchase the pump on the recommendation of the City Administrator. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. Commissioner Lentz stated that he felt that in the future bids should be viewed by the Commissioners.

Mr. Smith is getting bids to clean one of the digesters at the sanitation plant this year and plans to clean the second digester next spring.

The sanitation department will begin land application of sludge in April this year.

The park board made recommendation that the pool fees be changed to \$1.00 per day for everyone and that no season passes be sold and that the lake electric fee be raised from \$2.00 a day to \$5.00 a day. Motion by Commissioner Lenz to accept the recommendation of the park board. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

The Better Beef Days will be held on April 2nd this year and the N.E.K. Beef Breeders requested that the City pay for the Boy Scouts to clean up after the show as they have done in the past. The cost was \$200 last year. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to pay the Boy Scouts to clean up the civic center and area after the Better Beef Days event. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner B. Stirton

Commissioner B. Stirton wanted to welcome back Jimmy Stuart to the police force after his duty in Iraq.

It was reported that Chief Luzier received notice that the City would receive the LEPC funds to purchase a new radio and console for the dispatch.

Commissioner Lentz

Commissioner Lentz submitted his resignation as Parks and Recreation Commissioner to be effective immediately. Mayor White thanked Commissioner Lentz for his years of service on the Commission.

Commissioner K. Stirton

Commissioner K. Stirton thanked Commissioner Lentz for his help during his time on the Commission.

Commissioner K. Stirton requested that signs be put on the 1991 Chevrolet truck in the Street Department.

The new grader seems to be doing well. Commissioner K. Stirton would like to see the old grader put out for bids and wants to make sure the sludge truck is in good running condition for the coming season.

It was noted that when the tree limbs are trimmed the departments need to check the height as well as the width.

Mayor White

Mayor White expressed that he appreciates the packet information and the work reports for the different departments.

It was noted that Congressman Ryun will be in Horton on March 22 at 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center to meet with the Commission and the Kickapoo Tribe. This is an open public meeting.

Public informational meetings will be held on March 12 at 9:30 a.m. and March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium to explain the lake project and the need for the issuance of bonds.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor