

July 18, 2005  
7:15 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 18, 2005 at 7:15 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Mayor White opened the meeting and the prayer was given by Pastor Kirby Walls of the First United Methodist Church.

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

An executive session was added at the end of the agenda. Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to adopt the minutes of the July 5, 2005 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2829 (Payroll) in the amount of \$37,500.24. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2830 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$119,742.61. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

#### **Scout Project**

Riley Richling was unable to attend and will be at the next meeting.

#### **Discussion of Energy Assistance Fund**

Pastor Kirby Walls was present to discuss the program. The advisory committee will be made up of Arlene Negonsott, Kickapoo Social Services, Steve Davies, USD #430 and Pastor Richard Crooks, Ministerial Alliance. This committee will develop policies for the program.

#### **Report on Generator Testing**

Bill Delzeit was present to report on the black start testing done on the generation system. The engineer and a representative of the contractor were present at the testing and readjusted some of the settings. They feel the problem has been corrected. Mr. Delzeit requested to be allowed to purchase voltage regulators since it is now necessary to manually control the voltage adjustments. He was told to get a cost estimate for the Commission.

It was noted that the city only generates to cut the peak since it cost more to generate than it does to purchase the power from Westar because of the cost of fuel.

#### **Agreement for Fire Truck**

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve the agreement with the City of Everest on sharing the aerial fire truck. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

#### **Auto Aid Dispatch and Response Plan**

Motion by Commissioner Krug to allow the Fire Chief to enter into the auto aid dispatch and response plan. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

### **Discussion of Lake Project RFP**

After much discussion, several changes were made to the document. The City Attorney will make the changes and the request for proposals will be presented at the next meeting for final action.

### **Discussion of Digger Truck Purchase**

Motion by Commissioner Davies to purchase a digger truck from Brown-Atchison Electric in the amount of \$30,000. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye. The vehicle will be available sometime in August.

### **Discussion of Ray Meyers Consulting Agreement**

Ray Meyers requested that the City pay for the training and license renewal to keep his wastewater treatment license active as a backup for the City until the current operator is certified. He also requested \$20 an hour fee for consultations. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to approve the request with the stipulation that all work must be pre-approved. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. The City Attorney will draw up a memorandum agreement for Mr. Meyers to sign.

### **Report on Water Tower Issues and the Wells**

A letter was sent to the contractor from the engineer concerning some issues with the wells. The VFD on well number 5 needs to be replaced and the TCI filter for well number 3 is faulty and needs to be upgraded. The letter insists that these be taken care of as soon as possible. The VFD is scheduled to be replaced on August 10 and no answer has been received yet on the filter.

The software for the telemetry needs to be updated and Comm-Tronix is working on scheduling a time to do this.

The hydrologist and engineer are taking measurements and will be making a report on the status of the aquifer and the wells at a later date.

A letter was received from the Kickapoo Tribe requesting that the City sell them water if needed during the summer months. The consensus of the Commission was that they would like to help is possible but due to the problems with the wells the City would not have a surplus that they could sell.

### **Report on KAN-STEP Project**

Becky Kester, Department of Commerce, was contacted and she is concerned that the City may not have the community support that is needed to complete a KAN-STEP project. A meeting will be set with Rodney Paden and Doug Schmitt to develop a written scope of the project and then a community meeting will be scheduled and Ms. Kester will be invited to come.

### **Report on CLAP Grant Project**

Kirk Tjelmeland, Department of Wildlife and Parks, was contacted and suggested that the cement wall be removed and used as material to develop a fishing pier at the Little Lake and that the bank be graded and lined. The Commission requested a drawing of the project and that the employees be asked if they could do the work that would be involved.

## **City Clerk/Interim City Administrator's Agenda**

Bob Wandel is working on the report for the repairs needed at the spillway on Mission Lake and on an emergency evacuation plan.

Bids were obtained on a new skid steer loader using the older Galion Motor Grader as a trade in. Commissioner K. Stirton will review the bids. It was decided that the City would advertise again to sell the motor grader for \$7,000 or best offer.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to add Candy Schmitt to the signature card at the bank. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Chris Burger was present to complain about the residents across the alley from him parking in the alley and on the city property north of the water tower. It was noted that there is no parking in the alleys in the City but that because the residents cannot park on Central Avenue north of 15<sup>th</sup> Street the City has been lenient about letting them park on this vacant lot. It is not an every day occurrence. Mr. Burger stated that there is some illegal activity going on at the residence. The Commission asked that Chief Luzier investigate and report back at the next meeting.

A budget meeting with the department heads will be held on July 20, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

## **Commissioner's Agenda**

### **Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug inquired about the dirt work at the blue building. A plan will be developed for drainage away from the building and the dirt will be redone.

It was noted that on the Tom Stirton property the survey was done incorrectly and will be corrected by the surveyor. This shows that the city placed their utilities on the city easements.

A rim fire shooting event will be held at the firing range on August 13. There have been two of these events held so far this year and they are looking forward to more in the future.

### **Commissioner B. Stirton**

No report.

### **Commissioner Davies**

Commissioner Davies reported that trees need to be trimmed at the lake and he will get with the City staff and show them which ones he is talking about. The picnic tables are being painted by the students and a community service worker.

Commissioner Davies reported that there are still problems with the concrete work that was done at the swimming pool. He recommends that no more money be paid until the items have been corrected. The baby pool needs to be repaired before opening next season.

It was suggested that a contract for use of the baseball fields be developed and that a deposit be charged to ensure that the fields are left in good condition. It was noted that the ordinance dealing with no alcohol on city property either be enforced or changed.

The pea gravel area at the park next to the pool needs to be sprayed as well as the wooded area by the Frisbee golf course.

**Mayor White**

Mayor White asked if the hospital could use the City's jackhammer to do cement repairs. No one agreed to allow the use of the city equipment.

The Commission took a 5 minute recess.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission and the City Clerk/City Administrator. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Dale A. White, Mayor