

August 1, 2005
6:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 1, 2005 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 Krug, B. Stirton, Davies and K. Stirton.

An executive session was added after the discussion on generation. Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the minutes of the July 18, 2005 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the minutes of the July 20, 2005 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2831 (Payroll) in the amount of \$34,002.32. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2832 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$54,165.77. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Scout Project

Riley Richling requested permission to erect a flagpole at Mission Lake near the Dam as an Eagle Scout project. The pole would be approximately 35' to 40' tall with a solar powered light. Riley would like to set the flagpole at the end of the dam near the boat docks. The cost of the project would be approximately \$400. Mary Oswald, president of the VFW Auxiliary, stated that the auxiliary and the garden club would donate some of the funds needed. Motion by Commissioner Davies to support the project. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Discussion of the Kansas Power Pool

Scott Shreve, from Energy Management Group, to explain some of the options available to municipal utility companies to purchase power. Mr. Shreve's company is working with several cities in the Northeast area whose contracts are ending with Westar in the next 2-3 years. Mr. Shreve presented a proposed agreement between EMG and the City of Horton. This would require a retainer of \$1,000 a month. A study would be conducted that would show the best options for the City of Horton and the city would be required to pay its share of the cost of the study. The City Attorney will review the agreement and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Shreve will provide performance information.

Report on Generator Issues

Bill Delzeit was present to report that the newest generator has developed a small oil leak. The engineer has been notified. This should be under warranty.

Mr. Delzeit presented a quote from Ingersoll Rand for an air compressor to start the engines. The cost would be \$15,588. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to purchase the air compressor from Ingersoll Rand and have the staff to the installation. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. The funds will be paid from the project fund.

A bid from Harold K. Sholz Co. for voltage regulators on all 4 of the generators was received in the amount of \$24,780. Motion by Commissioner Krug to purchase the voltage regulators out of the project funds. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

The Commission took a 5-minute recess.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission, City Attorney, City Clerk and Chief of Police. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. Upon reconvening, Commissioner B. Stirton advised that James Stuart had been promoted to the Assistant Chief of Police position. Commissioner B. Stirton commended the Chief of Police and the department for the work they are doing.

Approval of RFP on Lake Project

The City Attorney made several suggestions that he felt needed to be changed or added to the request for proposals. The changes will be made and the proposal will be brought back to the commission at the next meeting.

Discussion of Use of Land West of the Swimming Pool

USD #430 would like to purchase or lease the property west of the swimming pool. They would like to gravel the area and use it as a parking lot for football games and other activities. The school would maintain the lots. Motion by Commissioner Krug to direct the City Attorney to draw up an agreement between the City of Horton and USD #430 to lease the property for 10 years at the cost of \$1.00 with the understanding that if the City wishes to use the lots for recreational purposes in the future the lease would be void. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Ordinance 1064 Uniform Public Offense Code

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt Ordinance 1064, 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 OF 2005. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Ordinance 1065 Standard Traffic Ordinance

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to adopt Ordinance 1065, 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 2005 PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1051. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Report on CLAP Grant Project

The City Clerk presented a proposal to break up the cement wall along the southeast corner of the Little Lake and to use the material along with additional ditch liner to line the bank. The City has already received a grant in the amount of \$2000 for this purpose with \$1500 being paid by the Department of Wildlife and Parks and \$500 being the City's share. The city crews will be able to do the labor and the estimated cost of materials is \$\$3,600. Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve the project. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Report on Water Tower Issues and the Wells

A letter from Louis Funk, engineer, was presented to the Commission explaining the steps that have been taken to resolve the issues dealing with the wells.

Budget Discussions

The proposed budget was presented to the Commission. If this budget were adopted the mill levy would increase by 6.99 mills. Motion by Commissioner Davies to publish the budget and set the hearing date for August 15, 2005 at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

City Clerk/Interim City Administrator's Agenda

Bob Fanning was contacted about searching for a grant for lighting for the baseball fields.

There is a problem with skunks in the city this year and traps have been set around different areas.

There have been some concerns about the tree dump and the City Clerk is waiting on information from the Department of Health and Environment.

The emergency action plan for Mission Lake Dam is being prepared. Another meeting with the engineer is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2005 at 11:30 p.m.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Another Rim Fire Association shooting event will be held on August 13, 2005 at the firing range.

Commissioner B. Stirton

Several complaints on ATVs driving on city property and driving recklessly have been received. It was noted that ATVs have to obey all traffic laws and that the police department will enforce these laws.

Commissioner Davies

Benches are done at the soccer fields and the scouts are painting them.

The swimming pool will close on August 13 because there won't be enough lifeguards to keep it open.

The entrance to the baseball field needs to be repaired. The street department will look at it.

Commissioner K. Stirton

The larger motor grader has been sold for \$6,000.

Mayor White

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor

