

September 6, 2005
7:00 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 7:00 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.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the minutes of the August 15, 2005 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2835 (Payroll) in the amount of \$33,590.82. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2836 (Payroll) in the amount of \$29,795.06. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2837 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$120,197.73. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Discussion of Chamber Business

Connie Werner, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was present to advise the Commission that the businesses downtown will be painting the buildings and putting murals on some of the buildings. Ms. Werner asked if they could use the City's bucket truck and was advised that it would not be possible because of the liability and paint would compromise the safety aspects of the truck. She requested that the City paint the electric poles in the downtown area; that the businesses be allowed to use the City's pressure washer; and that the City see if there are any brackets that could be used for welcome flags on the poles. The Commission suggested that the Chamber check on using scaffolding for the painting and the City could possibly help with the costs. The Commission felt the use of the pressure washer could be a liability issue because of the damage it could cause to the brick on the buildings.

Ordinance 1066, Increase in Tax Revenues

Motion by Commissioner Krug to adopt Ordinance 1066, AN ORDINANCE ATTESTING TO AN INCREASE IN TAX REVENUES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2006 FOR THE CITY OF HORTON. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Search for City Administrator

Mayor White announced that Candy Schmitt did not wish to serve as City Administrator on a permanent basis and the Commission would need to begin the search for a candidate. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to enter into a contract with the League of Kansas Municipalities to conduct the search through the LEAPS program. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. The Commission will complete surveys and return them to the City Clerk to be forwarded to the League of Municipalities.

Approval of Emergency Action Plan

The Emergency Action Plan for the Mission Lake Dam was presented for approval. Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the plan as presented. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

The plans for the repair to the slope protection on the spillway were also presented. The Commission approved the plans and requested that the City Clerk put them out for bids. The City Clerk advised that the plans would need to be approved by the Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources but the Commission requested she proceed to get bids. Motion by Commissioner Krug to make a partial payment of \$1,000 to Wandel Engineering for the work on the EAP and repair plans. The balance to be paid when they are approved by the State. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Approval to Sell Vehicles on Sealed Bid

The City Clerk presented a list of vehicles that are not being used by the city crews and requested permission to sell them on sealed bid. Motion by Commissioner Krug to sell the items by sealed bid and to reserve the right to refuse bids. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

The list includes a 1991 Chevrolet truck utility bed, 1978 ¾-ton Dodge truck, 1978 Chevrolet ¾-ton truck and a 1991 Ford Crown Victoria.

Discussion of Tree Dump

The City Clerk reported that she had contracted the home owners in the area around the sanitation plant and they had all said they would not want the tree dump in that area due to the nuisance of the smoke. It was noted that the City Clerk had been looking at the wrong piece of property and would be getting in touch with KDHE to get approval for the property just west of the bridge by the sanitation plant. The Commission felt this would be far enough away from the residences.

Report on the KANSTEP Program

A meeting with the Department of Commerce and the volunteers and contractors has been set for October 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building. This will be the last opportunity for the community to show they fully support the project of renovating the community building. The City Clerk will be writing letters and calling citizens to encourage attendance at the meeting.

City Clerk/Interim City Administrator's Agenda

The lease between the City of Horton and USD #430 for use of the land west of the swimming pool was presented for approval. Motion by Commissioner Krug to sign the lease with USD #430. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. Aye—Mayor White, Commissioners Krug, B. Stirton and K. Stirton. Commissioner Davies abstained.

The Willis 4-H club would like to purchase banners to be displayed at the entrances to the City during the Brown County Fair. The cost would be approximately \$175 and they requested the City assist with the cost. The Commission suggested they contact the Kickapoo Tribe and possibly work together since the Tribe places banners for their Pow-Wow at the same time.

A special meeting was set for September 8 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the RFP for the dredging project with a representative of Dredging America, a company from Kansas City.

The City Clerk advised the Commission that Randy Ashton was resigning from the Sanitation Plant. The City is advertising for a replacement and until that time, the plant would be run under the certification of Ray Meyers. The Commission requested that Karen Weathers from BG Consultants be asked to review the plant before Randy leaves and check on it every 2 weeks.

The City is required to complete a storm water pollution prevention plan for the electric plant and it must be completed by an engineer. Motion by Commissioner Krug to bid the project. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner B. Stirton

No report.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported that the contractor on the cement repair at the pool had returned to make some repairs. He would like to wait until the next meeting to decide on paying them the remainder of the invoice.

Commissioner Davies would like to bid out the repair of the deck around the baby pool at the same time as the slope protection repair. In addition, he would like to get bids on sandblasting the pool building.

The written pool operations manual will be done by the end of January.

Commissioner K. Stirton

Commissioner K. Stirton inquired about the repair of the grader. A part will need to be made before the repair can be done.

The repairs to the trickling filter at the plant can be started any time. The state will have to be notified before beginning work on the trickling filter.

Mayor White

It was decided to have the City Attorney send a certified letter to INCO concerning the leak on the generator.

Mayor White read a letter announcing the groundbreaking of the Dental Clinic on the reservation. It will be held on September 27 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor