

October 3, 2005
6:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 3, 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.

The Agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2005 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2840 (Payroll) in the amount of \$26,540.09. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2841 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$36,065.97. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Discussion of Possible Scout Project

Chad Haling was not able to be present.

Discussion of Engineering Services

Pat Cox, an engineer with BG Consultants, was present to discuss the possibility of the City hiring his firm as the City Engineer. This would give the City a discount of 18-20% on engineering costs. Mr. Cox left a proposed contract with the City Attorney for review.

Discuss any problems or possibilities regarding the property at 101-105 E. 8th St

Ruth Lucero, owner of the building north of the buildings that were demolished by the City on Central, presented the Commission with pictures and a list of items she felt the City should address. Ms. Lucero feels the City should replace the stairway that was torn down and plug the areas left open in the brick wall. The Commission requested that Ms. Lucero supply the City Attorney with a common stairway agreement and the City Attorney will review all the facts and report back to the Commission.

Discussion of Chamber Request to Play Outside Music in the Downtown Area

The Chamber would like to play music over outside speakers in the downtown area. Commissioner Davies will gather more information.

Discussion of Property at 201 E. 5th

The City Attorney explained the procedures for the vacating of an alley. Motion by Commissioner Davies to vacate the 10' x 50' alley located at 201 E. 5th Street. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2005 Special Meeting

The City Clerk reported that the audio tape of the September 8 meeting was not clear and she was not able to hear the comments made concerning the statement in question.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to strike the sentence "the Commission stated that they would not be putting the project out for bids until the State contributes funds" from the minutes of the September 8, 2005 special meeting as it does not accurately portray their comments. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2005 special meeting as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Clerk's Agenda

A list of sanitation plant operators willing to contract with other facilities was received from KDHE. There is an operator from Hiawatha and one from Sabetha. Motion by Commissioner Krug to have the City Clerk work with Commissioner K. Stirton to get someone on contract. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

The City Clerk reported that the no parking signs by the swimming pool would be in place by Friday.

A copy of the newspaper, which printed the ballot question on the lake project, was given to the Commission. Mayor White read the entire question as printed.

The plans for the repair on Mission Lake Dam have not been approved by the Department of Agriculture yet.

The digesters at the sanitation plant will be cleaned mid to late October.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner B. Stirton

No report.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported that the rock for the parking lot by the football field has been ordered and will be completed this week.

Handicap Parking signs will be placed at the swimming pool. Bids for sandblasting the concession and shower building at the pool will be solicited this week. The concrete around the baby pool needs to be replaced and will be bid out at the same time as the work on the spillway.

Commissioner K. Stirton

Commissioner K. Stirton inquired about the certified letter to INCO on the oil leak on the generator. The City Attorney will write the letter.

Mayor White

Reminded everyone to attend the meeting for the KANSTEP project on October 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor