

August 7, 2006  
6:15 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 7, 2006 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, Commissioners Krug, B. Stirton, Davies and K. Stirton.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2006 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Ordinance #2882 (payroll) \$38,968.60. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Ordinance #2883 (disbursements) \$184,492.93. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

### **Horton Housing Authority Request**

A letter was received from the Housing Authority stating that the 2004, 2005 and 2006 payments for in lieu of taxes have not been made and they request that the City forgive these payments. They have only received 85% of their funding from HUD for the last 2 years. Full funding should be approved for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Mr. Henry reported that approximately 100 citizens are served by the Housing Authority.

The Commission directed Mr. Henry to communicate with HUD directly and explain the position this will put the City in financially and report back to the Commission. Mr. Henry will advise the Housing Authority that the City is working on the issue and is sympathetic to their problem.

### **Pricing of Magnesium Chloride for the Road on the East side of Mission Lake**

Pricing was received from Scotwood Industries, Inc. for magnesium chloride to keep the dust down on Yates Ave. The cost would be approximately \$3,310 to treat the entire road. The consensus of the Commission was to wait until next spring and to also include the road around the Little Lake. A citizen suggested checking on glycerin to treat the roads because it is more cost effective.

The Commission asked Mr. Henry to check into the cost of setting up a tank, pump and nozzle so that the city crews can apply the magnesium chloride.

### **Amendment to the Codes for fencing for dogs**

Mr. Henry presented 3 items to include in an ordinance dealing with the quality of fencing for dogs. Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to accept the language of the third item which states, “fences which are intended as enclosures for any animal shall be securely constructed, shall be adequate for the purpose, kept in good repair and shall not be allowed to become unsightly.” Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

An ordinance will be drafted for approval and when it is published a reminder will be put in the newspaper about the current ordinances on breeds that are banned and vicious animals.

### **MPSL Testimony**

On August 2, Mayor White and Mr. Henry presented testimony to the Kansas Conservation Commission regarding the rules and regulation on the Multipurpose Small Lakes Program Act. This testimony addressed the priority ranking for renovation projects and the procurement methodology, hoping to include a design-build basis of procurement.

### **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel**

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

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Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel to include Commission and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. No action was taken.

### **The Commission took a 10 minute recess.**

After reconvening, a motion was made by Commissioner B. Stirton to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission, City Administrator, City Attorney and the Chief of Police. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. No action was taken.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission, City Administrator, City Attorney and the Chief of Police. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

## **City Administrator's Agenda**

Mr. Henry reported to the Commission concerning the chlorine levels in the city water supply on July 28 and 29. The chlorine levels were extremely high during that time and steps had to be taken to correct the problem. Lonnie Boller from KRWA has since installed a new chlorine analyzer that will shut down the water plant and notify individuals automatically when the chlorine levels reach a predetermined minimum or maximum number. A citizen in attendance at the meeting suggested looking at different options to notify the public when these types of incidents arise.

## **Commissioner's Agenda**

### **Commissioner Krug**

No report.

### **Commissioner B. Stirton**

No report.

### **Commissioner Davies**

Commissioner Davies reported that the pool went well this summer and he thanked the employees. Soccer is getting ready to start in the fall.

Commissioner Davies asked if the City would look at the possibility of working with the Kickapoo Tribe on the Lake Project. It was noted that the City has talked with the Tribe in the past and they have expressed that they want their own water source.

Commissioner Davies would like to have a schedule of when the cemetery is mowed.

Commissioner Davies had received information that someone moved a dock without permission at Mission Lake. They will be contacted to go through the proper channels.

There needs to be guidelines in place for baseball and softball tournaments. The Commission will look at the rule concerning no alcohol on City property.

### **Commissioner K. Stirton**

Commissioner K. Stirton thanked Lonnie Boller and Jerry Stewart for their work during the water crisis and also for the patience of the public while the problem was being solved. There will be a tabletop meeting with KRWA, City staff, City Administrator and Commissioner K. Stirton in the near future.

### **Mayor Dale White**

Mayor White complimented the city crews on their accomplishments.

Mr. Henry reported that the architect submitted blue prints for the blue building and they will be published and are available at City Hall for review. The City encourages public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Dale A. White, Mayor