

August 21, 2006
7:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:15 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, Commissioners Krug, B. Stirton, Davies and K. Stirton.

The executive session will be held after the consent agenda. Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2006 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Ordinance #2884 (payroll) \$35,948.22. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Ordinance #2885 (disbursements) \$46,175.97. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to include the Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator, Chief of Police and Officer Jodi Keller. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye. Motion by Commissioner Davies to extend the executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to include the Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator, Chief of Police and Officer Jodi Keller. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to extend the executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to include the Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator, Chief of Police and Officer Jodi Keller. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye. There was no action taken in executive session.

Public Hearing on Demolitions

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. for the proposed demolition of two properties. The first property is located at 140 W.10th and is owned by the Willard Aversman Estate. The violations include deterioration of exterior building, rotten condition of the exposed and untreated wood, unstable front porch area, unsecured back door, broken windows, large hole in roof, and rotten basement door with water standing in basement and overgrowth of brush and weeds. This property has been in probate since 2002 with the last action taking place in December 2002. There was no one representing this property present and they had not made contact with the City.

The second property is located at 431 E. 13th and is owned by Mary Ann Botts, c/o Barbara Singletary. Deteriorating and rotten condition of the exposed and untreated wood, unsecured front door, broken windows, leaks in the roof in the kitchen and bathroom areas, animals nesting in the crawlspaces and inside the structure due to holes in floors. Guttering loose and falling; overgrowth of brush and weeds. Shed in the back yard is deteriorating and rotten with an unsecured side door. Structure is leaning. No one was present for the hearing and no repairs were made to this property.

Mayor White closed the hearing at 8:06 p.m. The Commission instructed Mr. Henry to have a resolution for demolition at the next meeting and to proceed with getting bids.

Hearing on 101 E. 8th Street

A letter was received from Ed Dunn, attorney for the property owner, requesting a continuance. Motion by Commissioner Davies to continue this hearing to September 18 and that this is the hard cut off date for completion of the repairs.

Public Hearing on 2007 Budget

Mayor White opened the hearing at 8:12 p.m. for the 2007 budget. Chief Luzier expressed that he felt the police department should purchase new cars every 3 years and the current cars were bought in 2004. The budget for 2007 does not have funds for new vehicles and Chief Luzier felt the maintenance budget should be higher. The vehicles currently have 44,000 and 46,000 miles on them. The Commission agreed that these vehicles should last another year and that they would review the matter next year at budget time and will look at the maintenance records at that time. The hearing was closed at 8:26 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to accept the budget as published. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Chamber Update on Centennial Plus

Connie Werner, President of the Chamber of Commerce, reported on the celebration events for the 120th birthday of the City of Horton.

She requested that the City put up the flags on the poles in the downtown area and at the four corners before the 23rd of September. The Commission asked that Ms. Werner work with the City Administrator on all of the details for the event. The Commission supports the celebration.

Suggestions for Emergency Alert System for Citizens of Horton

Connie Werner submitted a list of suggestions for ways to alert the citizens when an emergency arises. The Commission agreed that the automatic calling system would be the best solution and should be added to the emergency operations plan. Another

suggestion was to use the siren as a warning sound to alert the public. This will be looked into and added as an option at a later date.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Henry reported that the Emergency Operation Plan is 85% complete.

There were 2 suggestions made to prepare for water emergencies. They are

1. Interconnect with Rural Water District #2 which has a line that crosses over the City's line at Willis. Mr. Henry will meet with them and request a connection.
2. Install an emergency treatment center at the wells as a secondary backup in case the plant is incapacitated. The cost would be less than \$600.

The Commission agreed to both of these suggestions.

Correspondence was received from KRWA concerning the high chlorine levels in the water earlier in the month. A CL-17 unit was installed at the beginning of the treatment process and it will automatically call several numbers when the chlorine levels are high. Manual testing will be done in the future to verify the automatic testing. The Commission is very appreciative of the KRWA's help as well as that of KDHE.

Mark Gaskell is working on the cover for the solid contacts basin and he should begin installation next week.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug would like to see a report on the policies and charges for replacing sidewalks, curb cuts and etc.

Commissioner Krug felt the article in the Headlight about the Blue Building renovation was good.

Several main water valves will be replaced beginning the end of September.

Commissioner B. Stirton

No report.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported that the drain in the girl's restroom at the pool is not draining properly.

Commissioner Davies has received calls about the maintenance of the flag pole at Mission Lake. This was a Scout project and should not be the City's to maintain.

A dock was moved at Mission Lake without permission and Commissioner Davies will check into it.

Commissioner Davies asked Mr. Henry to check with other cities on their procedures and policies for baseball tournaments and their use of City property.

Commissioner Davies thanked the law enforcement for patrolling the first day of school.

Commissioner K. Stirton

Commissioner K. Stirton reported that the alley behind the OK Corral is washing out and he would like the street department to look at it.

Mayor Dale White

Mayor White reported that an individual contacted him and will donate cement to go under the cover over the picnic tables at Hickory Point.

There are vehicles backing onto the fishing pier at the Little Lake. The City needs to put up no parking signs.

Mayor White has received several calls from citizens expressing their appreciation for the Commission, Levi and staff for their efforts for the community.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor