

September 5, 2006
6:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 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, Commissioners B. Stirton, and Davies. Commissioner Krug arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Absent: Commissioner K. Stirton.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2006 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve Ordinance #2886 (payroll) \$33,037.09. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve Ordinance #2887 (disbursements) \$77,213.79. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Storm Ready Ceremony

Curt Holderbach and Jennifer Stark from the National Weather Service were present to recognize the City of Horton as a storm ready community. This means that the City of Horton is equipped to receive and disseminate severe weather information to the public as soon as possible. The systems are in place to communicate information to and from the National Weather Service and a shelter area is in place in the basement of City Hall. A certificate and signs for display were given to the city. Currently only 5 counties and 2 cities have received this designation.

Resolution Directing Removal of Unsafe Structures

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt Resolution 06-012, A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT CERTAIN STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, ARE UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THE STRUCTURES TO BE REPAIRED OR REMOVED AND THE PREMISES MADE SAFE AND SECURE, and setting the date for action as October 23, 2006. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Request for Adjustment of a Utility Bill Because of a Leak

Judy Stone reported that her rental house was empty and she had a water leak for a few weeks before it was discovered. She requested that the sewer bill be adjusted. Motion by Commissioner Krug to adjust the sewer bill to the same amount as the previous month's bill. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

City Administrator's Agenda

- a. Mr. Henry requested proposals from engineering firms to prepare for a Community Facilities grant for Central Avenue to replace curbs, storm water boxes, and the street itself. Those firms returning proposals were BG Consultants for \$3,495.00; CP Engineers & Land Surveyors, Inc. for \$2,000.00; Schwab-Eaton, P.A. with no cost provided; Shafer, Kline & Warren for \$5,500.00; George Butler Associates for \$9,500.00; Reiss & Goodness Engineers with no cost provided; Reiss & Goodness Engineers with no cost provided; Wilson and Company for \$7,490.00.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to award the project to CP Engineers & Land Surveyors, Inc. at a cost of \$2,000. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

- b. A plan has been developed to give Hammersmith Manufacturing the necessary volume of water to operate their sprinkler system. A local contractor has given an estimate of \$7,775.00 to perform the work. A survey will also need to be obtained in order to write the easements. The consensus of the Commission is to proceed with the project by bidding the installation and materials for the line and to get a survey.
- c. There are 5 water valves that need to be replaced. One at the water tower, one at 15th and Central and four at the intersection of 8th and Central. This will be advertised in the Headlight and on KNZA for 3 weeks. When pressure is released on the water lines the City is required to issue a boil order. The water will be turned off on October 2 and 9 at midnight to make the repairs. The National Guard will have water available at the Hospital parking lot.
- d. An ordinance was presented to the Commission for their review. This ordinance is dealing with the quality of fencing for animals. The Commission will make a decision at the next meeting.
- e. The Chamber of Commerce had requested that the City put up flags for the birthday celebration for Horton. Motion by Commissioner Davies to purchase the flags. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to block the streets surrounding the Blue Building for a car show to be held on September 23. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

- f. A review of the ordinances on curbs and sidewalks was presented to the Commission by Mr. Henry. The Governing Body can be petitioned by 10 property owners to replace a sidewalk or the Governing Body can decide to condemn and reconstruct a sidewalk. The cost can fall on those who fail to maintain and can be assessed over several years. The responsibility of the curbs lies with the City. A citizen must pay a \$200 bond to cut the curb and the request has to be approved by the Commission. Mr. Henry will put an article in the Headlight.
- g. Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to appoint the City Administrator to be the voting delegate for the League's annual meeting and the City Clerk to be the alternate. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner B. Stirton

No report.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported that Mr. Henry is working on guidelines for the use of City property.

A dock was moved at the Lake because Mr. Henry gave the owner permission due to a misunderstanding.

The ditch behind the concession stand at the football field needs to be fixed. There is standing water there.

Commissioner K. Stirton

Not present.

Mayor Dale White

Mayor White received complaints about citizens parking the wrong way on the streets, trash cans being left out past the deadline and the firing range being overgrown with weeds. Commissioner Krug advised that there is a rim fire shoot this weekend at the firing range.

Mr. Henry was directed to look into grave covers that are deteriorating. A citizen is complaining that the City mowers are hitting the covers.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission, City Attorney and the City Administrator. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. Upon reconvening, there was no action taken.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor