

December 4, 2006
6:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 6:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor White called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Candy Schmitt.

Present: Mayor White, Commissioners Krug, Madere, Davies and Luscombe.

An executive session was added to the agenda. Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

The minutes were corrected to read Sweet Pro is looking into an expansion instead of planning an expansion. Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2006 regular meeting as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2006 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2898 (Payroll) in the amount of \$31,126.94. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2899 (disbursements) in the amount of \$28,755.51. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Ordinance 1073—Uniform Public Offense Code

Motion by Commissioner Madere to adopt Ordinance 1073, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” EDITION OF 2006. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Ordinance 1074—Standard Traffic Offense

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt Ordinance 1074, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” EDITION OF 2006 PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1051. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Lake Caretaker Resignation

Dale Monson, Lake Caretaker, resigned effective December 26, 2006. Commissioner Davies stated that he regrets the resignation of Mr. Monson and has appreciated his hard work.

Mr. Henry recommended that the lake caretaker position and the cemetery sexton position be merged. He will put together a proposal and bring it back to the Commission at a later date.

City Treasurer Resignation

Shirley Hosford, City Treasurer, resigned her position due to health issues. Commissioner Davies stated that he regrets Ms. Hosford's resigning, she has done a good job and she will be missed.

It was decided that an RFP will be prepared and a draft presented at the next meeting.

City Administrator's Agenda

- a. Wage Schedule. Mr. Henry reported that the inflation rate since the last cost of living raise given to employees has risen 9.7%. He requested a 4% cost of living raise for 2007. Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve a 4% COLA to become effective January 1, 2007. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Commissioner Madere requested that a comparison be done on the salaries for city employees with those of cities of like size and services.

- b. Resolution for Household & Farmstead Hazardous Waste Program. Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt Resolution 06-017, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, URGING THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A HOUSEHOLD AND FARM HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE BROWN COUNTY CITIZENS TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD AND FARM HAZARDOUS WASTES IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT POLLUTE THE DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED AND OTHER WATER BODIES LOCATED IN BROWN COUNTY. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Mr. Henry will draft a letter to other cities and communities in the County encouraging them to pass similar resolutions.

- c. Electric Rates. Mr. Henry was approached by a local business owner concerning the electric rates. He stated businesses similar to his received utility bills that were much less than his in other cities. Mr. Henry checked with other cities and found that this gentleman was correct. Several other cities have a different rate structure for industrial and commercial users. These rates are based on a demand

metering system. Mr. Henry would like to gather more facts and figures before making a recommendation to the Commission.

- d. Codification. A draft of the new codification of the City Ordinances has been received and is being reviewed by the City Administrator.
- e. Employee Christmas Party. A budget of \$580 has been set for a Christmas Party for the employees. This includes a dinner, decorations and a DJ for a dance. It will be held in the Muscotah City Hall.
- f. Report on Mission Lake Project. There have been 5 applications for the state funding on small lakes program.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner Madere

No report.

Commissioner Davies

No report.

Commissioner Luscombe

Commissioner Luscombe thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve. He reported that he had visited the sanitation plant and is trying to get to know the other areas under his position.

Mayor Dale White

The balloting of the bond holders for Tri-County Manor is still ongoing. The operations are going well. The revenues are right on the projections. There are 16 residents. Of the ballots that have been returned the majority of them have voted yes to the offer to purchase.

Executive Session—Annual Evaluation of City Administrator

The Commission decided to postpone this session for a couple of months to allow the new Commissioners to gain knowledge of Mr. Henry's work.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Madere to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission, City Administrator and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. Motion by Commissioner Madere to extend the executive session for 10 more minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. There was no action taken in executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor