

December 18, 2006
7:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 7:15 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, and Luscombe.
Commissioner Davies entered the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Madere to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2006 regular commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Madere to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2900 (Payroll) in the amount of \$31,977.89. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Madere to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2901 (disbursements) in the amount of \$74,455.67. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Water Rate Study for Wholesale to Willis

Pat Cox, BG Engineering, was present to give his report on the cost to the City of Horton to supply water to the City of Willis. The contract with the City of Willis says that the City will sell water at its cost. Mr. Cox explained that the cost to produce water in the City of Horton in 2005 was \$3.597/1,000 gallons. After removing the administrative costs it would be \$3.30/1,000 gallons to produce and deliver water to the City of Willis. The current price is \$2.16/1,000 gallons.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to increase the price to \$3.30/1,000 gallons to the City of Willis subject to comments from the City of Willis at the 1-16-07 meeting. This rate will be effective 2-1-07. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Mr. Cox reported to the Commission that the City of Horton experienced a 9 ½ million gallon water loss in 2005. This could be attributed to leaks, old meters not registering properly or mistakes in accounting for the water. Mr. Henry will check with Rural Water to see if they can assist in finding the problem and if not he will prepare an RFP for a study to be done. This will be discussed again at the 1st meeting in February.

Approval of Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for 2007

Motion by Commissioner Madere to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for James Gormley, Horton Pool Hall. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Peggy Gilkerson, Hole in the Wall Restaurant. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Lyle Kirlin, The Super Store. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Madere to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Mary Ann Bontrager, The Wagon Wheel Restaurant. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Approval of Charge Off List

Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to approve the charge off of bad debt from the books for 2006 in the amount of \$3,988.08. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. These accounts will still be in the collection process.

Commissioner Davies entered the meeting at this point.

Discussion of Wage Comparison Report

A chart comparing the City of Horton wages with other cities of like size and services. The Commission requested that Mr. Henry put together a recommendation showing the adjustments and the impact on the budget. The asked that this be brought back in 2 months.

City Administrator's Agenda

- a. Watershed Restoration & Protection Strategies Update. Mr. Henry attended the WRAPS meeting last week. He will be exploring a green initiative in Horton to become a more environmentally friendly community. There will be a WRAPS conference in Wichita on January 17 and 18 and Mr. Henry will attend.
- b. City Treasurer Request for Qualifications. Mr. Henry has prepared a request for qualifications for the position of City Treasurer. A peer nominating committee consisting of Mr. Henry, Commissioner Krug and the City Clerk will review the proposals. If there are 3 or less responses the committee will interview and make a recommendation if there are over 3 the committee will narrow it down to 3 choices to interview. The recommendation of the committee will be made on February 5, 2006.
- c. Lake Caretaker Process Update. Mr. Henry wants to do more research on the cost of this position and the job duties. Commissioner Davies advised there may

be an avenue to help fund a recreation director position through the schools. The Park Board will review the position and will bring back a recommendation to the Commission in January.

- d. KANSTEP Project Update The KANSTEP project has been approved and the City will need to issue two resolutions promising to maintain the facility and to abide by the CDBG rules.
- e. Westar Update Bill Delzeit and Levi Henry attended a meeting with Westar and they may be coming back to the table with a proposal for the sale of wholesale power. Mr. Henry may need to prepare a request for proposal to test the PT & CT Transformers.
- f. Purchase Request The electric department requested to be allowed to purchase a 150 kva transformer at a cost of \$5,800 in order for the hospital to be able to run their new 3-phase CAT scan machine. Motion by Commissioner Krug to purchase the transformer. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. Aye—Commissioners Krug, Madere, Davies and Luscombe. Abstained-Mayor White.
- g. Planning Commission The planning commission will be reviewing the draft of the comprehensive plan on January 10, 2007.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug had received citizen complaints about the condition of the cemetery. Mr. Henry will check it out.

A police officer has resigned and a part time officer has been hired. A full time position will be advertised.

Commissioner Madere

Commissioner Madere expressed that the City needs someone over the seasonal mowers other than the street department because they have enough to do.

Commissioner Madere would like to be in on the hiring of the officer.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies advised that he and Mr. Henry will be coming to the Commission in 2 weeks with a solution to the traffic going around the speed bumps.

The solar light on the flag at Mission Lake Dam is not working properly. Mr. Henry advised that the City would be looking into an electric light or a proper solar panel.

Commissioner Luscombe

Commissioner Luscombe reported that the City has a 12-13% line loss on electricity and it should be 4-7%.

Mayor Dale White

Mayor White asked about the Hammersmith water line issue. Mr. Henry will check and report back to the Commission.

The bondholders have approved the offer made by the City to purchase Tri-County Manor and the Judge has approved the sale. The City is checking into financing the purchase of the deed and the attorney will have to look at all of the paperwork. There are 18 patients and they have received \$25,000 in donations.

Mr. Henry has requested that he receive an annual evaluation in January. The first meeting will be on January 2 and the Mayor will be gone so it will be a light agenda. The second meeting will be held on January 16 and the evaluation will be conducted at that meeting.

The Commission recessed for 5 minutes

Executive Session—Employee Grievance Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Krug to go into an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission, City Administrator, City Clerk and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission, City Administrator, City Clerk, City Attorney, John Isaacs, Rex West and Jerry Stewart. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

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

Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission, City Administrator and the City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Mayor White reminded all parties involved that anything said or done in the executive session is confidential. He then stated that the basis of Mr. Isaacs's grievance was that he was guaranteed 40 hours during two different weeks. One week he worked 32.5 hours and was paid 40 and the second week he worked 17 hours and was paid 40. Mr. Isaacs

felt because during those weeks he worked on a Sunday and a Saturday that he should be paid overtime.

Motion by Commissioner Madere to not allow the overtime for the first week but to pay 6 hours straight time for the second week. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. Aye—Mayor White and Commissioners Krug, Madere and Davies. Nay—Commissioner Luscombe.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor