

May 21, 2007
7:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor White called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Chris Conklin of the Christian Church.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Madere, Luscombe and Davies.

Absent: Commissioner Krug.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2007 regular commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2921 (Payroll) in the amount of \$32,023.72. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2922 (Disbursements) \$41,906.38. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session for 15 minutes for preliminary discussion concerning possible acquisition of property to include the Commission, City Administrator and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission, City Attorney and City Administrator. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Request for use of baseball field for a softball tournament

Teresa Hammersmith appeared to request permission to run a softball tournament from June 29-July 1. She has held one of these tournaments for the last 9 years. She inquired if the City would require event insurance. The Commission requested that Mr. Henry look into the cost of event insurance. The topic of not allowing alcohol consumption on City property was brought up. The ordinance prohibits alcohol on City property and there have been problems in the past. Ms. Hammersmith informed the Commission that she donates the proceeds to the Little League and the Youth Wrestling program.

Discussion of General Topics

Bill Willis was not present.

Discussion of Cleaning out of Culvert Pipe

Michael Franks and Marvin Stone were present to complain about a tube being plugged in front of Mr. Franks' residence. He advised he had discussed this with the City Administrator last year and nothing had been done. Mr. Henry advised that a work order had been issued and that Mr. West said the tube was not the problem but that the ditch would need to be cut down which would cause an erosion problem.

Mr. Henry was directed to look at the tube himself and to take pictures and report back to the Commission.

Discussion of new building project and alley

Rick Clement, a business owner, was present to state that he felt people needed to get all the facts before they talked about him. He was referring to an article in the Horton Headlight and he asked the newspaper to print a retraction stating he did have a building permit.

Mr. Clement requested that the alley behind his business be upgraded. There are 4 businesses along this alley. Mr. Henry will get a cost figure to chip and seal the alley and bring it back to the Commission.

Discussion of Sidewalk repair in 700 block of Central Ave.

Jimmy Stuart, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that a sidewalk had collapsed in the 700 block of Central. He requested that the City repair the sidewalk and put up a privacy fence to cover the hole on the property next to the sidewalk. The cost would be \$257.36 for materials.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to table in order to have the City Attorney check into the sequence of events on this property and see where the City stands legally. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. Aye—Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Madere and Davies. Nay—Commissioner Luscombe.

City Administrator's Agenda

Representative Luckert was present to talk with the Commission. He feels it is important that all levels of government entities have a good working relationship.

Dirk Waser was present with a question of whether the City or the First Baptist Church would be responsible for the cost of a meter pit at their new building. Mr. Henry reported that the ordinance and the past policy has been that the City charges a tapping fee and

then the City supplies the meter and the meter pit. This situation requires a larger pit because of a 6" meter and backflow prevention valve. The Commission requested that the size and cost be made available before a decision can be made.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to authorize KMEA to move forward with a re-study of an aggregate facilities study and to authorize the City Administrator to procure a letter of credit in an amount not to exceed \$322,000 from Horton National Bank. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Madere to approve the contract with Black and Veatch in the amount of \$166,755 and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Commissioner Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Not present.

Commissioner Madere

Commissioner Madere questioned several things and asked that they be looked into. These included a storage building moved onto Lonnie Boller's property, a trailer with tin on it parked on Central and who is in charge of the mowing crew. He also asked about the nepotism policy for the City of Horton.

Commissioner Luscombe

Commissioner Luscombe stated he would like to recommend Mary Pickerell to write grants for the City.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies also said to look at using Mary Pickerell for writing grants.

The senior projects are over and a bill for paint will be submitted.

The amount that will be donated for trees at the cemetery has dropped to \$10,000.

A job description for the lake caretaker position was given to the Commission for their review to discuss at the next meeting.

Mayor Tim Lentz

Mayor Lentz requested that an inventory be done.

A special meeting was set up for May 23rd at 5:00 p.m. to meet with the department heads and the City Administrator. This meeting will be mandatory.

Mayor Lentz advised he spoke with Mr. Henry earlier in the day and they had a very productive meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor