

August 6, 2007
6:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 6, 2007 at 6:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

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

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Forkenbrock, Luscombe and Davies.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2007 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2933 (Payroll) \$41,653.98. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2934 (Disbursements) \$42,735.14. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Report on Tri-County Manor

Steve Stoltenberg was present to give an update on the status of the Tri-County Manor financial situation in regards to the loan at the bank. At the last census there were 34 patients. Mr. Stoltenberg presented a spreadsheet and explained it to the Commission and advised he would provide a similar written report on a monthly or bi-monthly basis.

Discussion of Sewer Charges

Ella Stevens was present to dispute her sewer bill. She told the Commission that she watered her lawn and so she was not questioning the water bill but she felt the sewer bill should be adjusted since the water did not go into the sewer system. The consensus of the Commission was to leave the bill as it is because it would be impossible to determine the amount of water used to water the lawn and it has not been the policy of the City to make adjustments for watering the lawn or gardens.

Report on Enterprise Facilitation Program

Janet Griesel presented the Commission with information on the accomplishments of the Enterprise Facilitation Program for the year. Ms. Griesel also requesting continued funding from the City of Horton for the 2007 and 2008 year. The Commission suggested that she also talk to the HIDC group for funding. Motion by Commissioner Krug to pay \$3,200 in 2007 and look at 2008 during the budget hearing and to talk to HIDC about their involvement. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss possible acquisition of real estate to include the Commission, City Administrator, City Attorney, R. J. Wilson and Joe Arb. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. Upon reconvening, a motion was made by Commissioner Davies to go back into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss possible acquisition of real estate to include the same people. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. Upon reconvening, Mayor Lentz stated the session was for information only.

Discussion of Yates Avenue

Mayor Lentz reported that he and Commissioner Davies attended the Brown County Commission meeting and several things were discussed concerning the chip and sealing of Yates Avenue. A written proposal will be provided from the Brown County Commission in about 2 weeks.

Discussion of the 2008 budget

The Commission spent time discussing the proposed budget for 2008. Several items came up for action. Mr. Henry was directed to have Horton Metal Products make a strainer basket for the sewer department to catch debris going through the plant pumps. Commissioner Forkenbrock would like to see a report showing the impact on a mill levy increase.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to place the old grader for sale in the Machinery Trader and place a \$12,500 reserve on it. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by commissioner Krug to publish the budget hearing for August 20 at 7:15 pm at a mill levy of 63. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

City Administrator's Agenda

Bids for replacement of the pumps and piping at the wastewater plant were received and opened. The bids were as follows:

Midland Contractors	\$115,200.00
Savannah Machine	\$ 49,688.15

Motion by Commissioner Krug to award the bid to Savannah Machine for a cost not to exceed \$50,000. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock inquired about the regulations at the Firing Range and the need for a Range Safety Officer if Police Departments are using the range. It was noted that the Standard Operating Procedures require a Range Safety Officer and that was a requirement of the grant that built the range.

Commissioner Luscombe

No report.

Commissioner Davies

No report.

Mayor Tim Lentz

No report.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor