

August 20, 2007
7:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 20, 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 Pastor Chris Conklin of the Christian Church.

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

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the agenda as amended to add an executive session after the budget hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2007 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2935 (Payroll) \$38,057.65. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2936 (Disbursements) \$216,675.18. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Public Hearing on 2008 Budget

Mayor Lentz opened the public hearing for the 2008 budget.

Police Chief Luzier and Assistant Chief Stuart gave a presentation to show justification for having six police officers as opposed to five officers. Mr. Henry presented a sample schedule for five officers and advised the Commission that the fiscal impact for one less officer would be approximately \$23,500. A decision will be made at a later date.

No public comment was made. Mayor Lentz closed the public hearing at 7:40 pm

Motion by Commissioner Krug to adopt the 2008 budget as published. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt Ordinance 1078, AN ORDINANCE ATTESTING TO AN INCREASE IN TAX REVENUES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2008 FOR THE CITY OF HORTON. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Tri-County Manor Report

Mary Brown, administrator of the Manor, was present to give a report to the Commission. The current number of residents in the Manor is 33 and 7 of those live in the assisted living section. The Manor will be holding a car and motorcycle show in October. Dale White was also present and reported that the Manor has paid all of the

local accounts that had a balance under \$100. They are current on accounts and are making payments on the delinquent portion of their bills.

Discuss Road Around the Lake

Mr. Willis was not present. Scott Cowley, a resident from around Mission Lake, suggested that Yates Avenue be made a one way road. He also advised that the homeowners had a meeting and agreed to help pay for maintenance every four years. Their suggestion was that the homeowners pay 33%, the City pay 33% and the County pay 33%. A member of the audience suggested that Mission Township should pay a portion as well.

Discussion of a proposed preschool

Not present.

LKM Report

Mr. Henry gave a report on the legislative committee that he attended. There is a bill that will require locatable lines in all cities by 2013. The City of Horton will most likely meet that requirement. This will add points on the rating system for CDBG grants and KDHE revolving loans. Mr. Henry feels the laws should strengthen water quality standards. Motion by Commissioner Davies to support those issues. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Electric Utility Consulting Procurement

Three proposals were received for the RFP on consulting for the electric department. The companies responding were, Burns & McDonnell, Black and Veatch Corp. and Energy Management Group. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 22 at 6:15 pm to interview Energy Management Group. Interviews for the other two companies at the regular meeting on September 4.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Henry reported that he will be reapplying for the point source permit for the sanitation system to reduce the amount of testing that is being currently required.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission, Chief of Police and the Assistant Chief of Police. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to extend the executive session for 30 minutes for the same reason and to include the same people. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

The Commission directed Mr. Henry to continue to advertise for a police officer and to conduct pre-interviews but not to hire another officer without the direction of the Commission.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

No report.

Commissioner Luscombe

No report.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported on the different projects for the parks department and the Boy Scout projects.

Commissioner Davies would like an updated report on the Blue Building, Mission Lake and the Central Avenue Project.

Commissioner Davies inquired if a professional had been hired to assist the crews on the Central Project. Mr. Henry reported he had been unable to find anyone.

Mayor Tim Lentz

No report.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor