

December 17, 2007
7:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 17, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

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

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

The topics of the swimming pool and the request from Rainbow were removed from the agenda and an executive session was added to the end of the agenda. Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2951 (Payroll) \$33,194.47. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2952 (Disbursements) \$64,076.81. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Public Hearing on 2007 Budget Amendment

Mayor Lentz opened the public hearing on the 2007 budget amendment. There were no public comments. Mayor Lentz closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to adopt the amended budget for 2007. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Sheriff Shoemaker—report on ice storm disaster

Sheriff Shoemaker was present along with Jennifer Ploeger, the Emergency Preparedness Director. Sheriff Shoemaker reported that the shelter in Horton would be shutting down on December 18 at 10:00 am and the one in Hiawatha closed on December 17. The major process now is the debris removal. The City needs to keep track of the cubic yards of debris that is removed by the City. The Corps of Engineers will be sending a technician to help assess the area after Christmas. There will be a meeting with Homeland Security on Wednesday. The County Commission extended the declaration of state of emergency for 7 more days. The expenses that are reimbursable will cover overtime, equipment use and contractors used during the disaster.

Approval of Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses

Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to approve the renewal of Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for Lyle Kirlin, dba Super Store and Jim Gormley, dba Horton Pool Hall. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Approval of Payment Request #2 for Meadows Construction Company on Central Avenue Project

Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve payment request #2 from Meadows Construction Company in the amount of \$175,415.18. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Request to purchase sludge circulation pump

Two bids were received on circulation pumps. They were as follows:

Lee Matthews	\$8,818 each
Pump and Power	\$8,675 each

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to purchase the pumps from Lee Matthews on the recommendation of the City Administrator that they would be a better quality pump. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Request to close offices for end of the year closing of the books

Mr. Henry requested that the offices be allowed to close on the December 28 and 31 to close the books. The closing will be published and the explanation given. The Commission agreed to this proposal. It was also noted that the electric and water readings for this billing will be estimated due to the ice storm.

Setting date for special meeting to approve end of the year payment of invoices

A special meeting was set for December 27 at 7:00 am to approve the final payments on accounts payable.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Henry reported that the Sanitation Plant had a 25,000 gallon bypass due to I & I for 2 hours. It has been taken care of and is working back through system. Several cities had the same problem due to the ice storm.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug inquired if the City had any regulations on contractors that may be coming in to the City since the ice storm to protect the citizens from scams. The newspaper will publish articles about the possibility of scams.

The Commission would like to publicize the fact that the City of Horton was able to get their power up quickly because they have generators in place due to wise decisions made by past and current commissioners.

Commissioner Krug thanked the crews and volunteers. The Community worked well together.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock thanked the City for getting the electricity to the Hospital so quickly.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies thanked the crews and volunteers as well.

Commissioner Luscombe

Commissioner Davies thanked Mr. Henry for his leadership during the ice storm.

Mayor Tim Lentz

Mayor Lentz thanked the crews and volunteers and stated he was proud to be Mayor of Horton.

Commissioner Luscombe would like to purchase a 12” chipper. He also stated again that he feels the City needs a superintendent of utilities. Mr. Henry will research a job description for this position in cities of similar size and services as Horton. This information will be brought back at a later time.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session at 9:46 pm for 15 minutes to discuss personnel, to include the Commission and the City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to extend the executive session at 10:02 pm for 5 minutes to discuss personnel, to include the Commission and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. The Commission reconvened at 9:07 pm and no action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adjourn at 9:08 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor