

July 7, 2008
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 5:15 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, Davies and Luscombe.

Additions to the agenda were, Gary Behrnes, Michael Tinio, Uretek and a KLINK application. Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2008 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2008 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2979 (payroll) \$38,460.69. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2980 (Disbursements) \$264,972.57. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Quarterly Report on Tri-County Manor

A financial report from Steve Stoltenberg was presented to the Commission. Mary Brown from Tri-County Manor was not present and the Commission asked the City Clerk to have her come to the next meeting.

Request to Use the Swimming Pool for a Triathlon

Keith Olsen is holding his 2nd annual triathlon on August 3, 2008 and would like to use the pool and lifeguards at 9:00 am. Motion by Commissioner Davies to allow the use of the pool and lifeguards for the event. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Gary Behrnes

Fire Chief Behrnes requested that dry hydrants be installed at Mission Lake when the dredging process takes place. He would suggest that 3 hydrants on each side of the Lake would work well and that they be placed at the edge of the water in order to pull water from the lake to fight fires in that area. He would also like a large one (6") at the south end of the west side to be used for pump testing.

Chief Behrnes also informed the Commission that a meeting would be held on Wednesday between the firemen and the Sheriff's department concerning who makes the determination when tornado sirens are sounded throughout the cities in Brown County. It was noted that the fire department, police department and ambulance service do most of the storm spotting. The Commission suggested that all of the agencies get together and organize and review policies and procedures for the City of Horton.

Request for increase in rates on solid waste pick-up and disposal services

Rodney Paden, owner of RSP, Inc., presented the Commission with a request to increase the rates for solid waste pick-up. He requested a \$2.00 a month increase due to fuel and landfill costs rising. It was noted that the \$2.00 per month would still not cover all of his costs. There was discussion concerning increasing the City's part of the rate for billing and collections. Motion by Commissioner Davies to increase the rate

an additional \$3.00 for RSP, Inc. and \$0.25 for the City's portion to become effective August 1, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Michael Tinio—Eagle Scout Project

Michael Tinio presented an Eagle Scout Project to the Commission. The project consists of maintenance to the restrooms and bleachers at the baseball fields, repainting of the scoreboard, work on one picnic table and the 2 signs. Mr. Tinio requested that the City pay for materials at a cost not to exceed \$500. Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the project. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Request for purchase of pump/controller/alternator for wastewater treatment plant pumps

Rex West reported that when the new pumps were installed at the wastewater treatment plant a demonstration controller was installed by Lee Matthews to alternate the pumps so that they don't all work at the same time. This device seems to be working well and the cost of the controller is \$2,978. Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the purchase. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Review of Bucket Truck Specifications for bidding process

This matter was tabled to the next meeting for further information.

Approval of paperwork for the Kansas Corporation Commission for electric service in the new annexed area.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to authorize the Mayor to sign the paperwork for the Kansas Corporation Commission to apply for permission to provide electric service to the area that was recently annexed north of the City limits. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Adoption of Resolution and approval of guaranty agreement with Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to adopt Resolution 2008-005, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GUARANTY AGREEMENT MADE BY THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS IN FAVOR OF THE SOUTHWEST POWER POOL, INC. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the guaranty agreement with the Southwest Power Pool in the amount of \$3,700. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Appointment of Director #1 position to the KMEA Board of Directors

Since Mr. Henry is no longer with the City of Horton a new Director #1 needs to be appointed. Motion by Commissioner Davies to appoint Bill Delzeit to Director #1, Kevin Dalen to Director #2 and Jim Martin to the Alternate position. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Discussion of offer from S & S Truck and Equipment Sales to donate truck to the City

The owner of S & S Truck and Equipment Sales, Kevin Stirton, had previously offered to donate a truck to the City of Horton if it would be designated to be used by the Water Plant Operator. The Commission would agree to take the donation if there were no stipulation on how it was used. Commissioner Davies will contact Mr. Stirton.

Discussion of Reserve Fund for Sewer Department

KDHE sent a letter to the City of Horton recommending that they set aside enough \$175,000 per year for 10 years to have a fund to start the replacement of the sewer plant with a lagoon system. This would require an increase in the sewer rates of approximately \$17.50 per customer. Commissioner Krug mentioned that possibly the land that the City bought for the disposal site for the lake project could be used for a lagoon system in the future. Mr. Evans will contact KDHE and let them know that the City is looking at their options.

City Administrator's Agenda

A meeting will be held between Mr. Evans and the Hospital representatives on Wednesday.

The Planning Commission will meet with John Riggs, the planner, to complete the Comprehensive Plan on July 31 at 6:00 p.m.

A company called Uretek has a product that could help stabilize the soil around the blue building site so that it would not have to be moved. The cost would be \$14,400 and this could also be used on one of the streets that has some areas underneath that are being undercut by water at a cost of \$4,800. There is a 10 year warranty. Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the purchase from Uretek on the Blue Building subject to the approval of the engineer. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the Uretek procedure for the street on East 8th Street to be done at the same time as the Blue Building. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve an application for a KLINK project for fiscal year 2011 to mill and overlay Highway 159 from the south City limits north to 15th Street at a cost of \$264,976.45 with the City's share being \$66,244.11 and to be paid out of the Special Highway fund. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe.

Budget Workshop

Mr. Evans presented the draft of the 2009 budget for the review of the Commission. There is a 3% COLA included in the salaries, a new vehicle was requested by the Chief of Police but was not included, The Library requested an increase of \$4,400, a new truck to be used as a snow plow for the street department was budgeted, a metering system for the electric plant and a new bucket truck were included in the budget as well.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug reported that he and the Mayor had met with Black and Veatch at the CDF site and they were optimistic about the permitting for the lake project qualifying for a nationwide permit.

The owner of Horton Thriftway, Jim O'Neal, contacted Commissioner Krug because he had paid his utility bill late and was assessed a penalty. He requested a waiver of the penalty. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to waive the late fee charges on the utility bill for Horton Thriftway. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. Aye—Commissioners Forkenbrock and Krug. Nay—Mayor Lentz and Commissioner Luscombe. Abstained—Commissioner Davies. The Commission requested that Mr. O'Neal come to the next meeting and make his request in person.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

The dock at the boat ramp at Mission Lake is sinking.

Commissioner Forkenbrock would like to have all City vehicles marked with decals so that they are easily recognized as City vehicles.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported on the repairs that had been completed by the Senior class.

Commissioner Luscombe

Commissioner Luscombe requested that the remaining 3 blocks of 2400 electric line be changed. He has requested this since December of 2006 and it has not been touched.

Mayor Tim Lentz

Mayor Lentz inquired about the street light project that was being done by the Chamber of Commerce. He would like to know where the project is and how it is being funded and who is funding it. The City Clerk will contact the Chamber president.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor