

September 2, 2008
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 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, and Luscombe.

Absent: Commissioner Davies.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Commissioner Forkenbrock asked that the minutes of the August 18 meeting be amended to include the following statement in the section under his agenda. "Lengthy discussion was held as to what wage implementation would follow passing job descriptions. Commissioner Forkenbrock explained the current wages and discrepancies to previous wage review and the need to follow current resolution that contains Police Officer I and Police Officer II job descriptions. It was the understanding that these job descriptions were the missing piece to be compliant with the resolution." Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2008 regular meeting as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2008 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2008 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2989 (payroll) \$34,353.99. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2990 (Disbursements) \$81,871.66. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Discussion of Repair to Waterway at Wells

Commissioner Krug talked with the owner of the property, Craig Kew, on which the City wells are located concerning repairs to the waterway that his tenant was requesting the City make. Commissioner Krug asked the City Attorney to review the original agreements and easements. This matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Review Bid Specifications for Patrol Vehicle

This matter was tabled due to the documents not being available.

Report on Blue Building

The grant administrator, Donna Crawford, will be setting up a meeting with the architect and the City Commission. The architect is unavailable this week due to a family emergency. A special meeting will be arranged.

Report on Expenses on the Central Avenue Project

The City Clerk presented a spreadsheet showing the breakdown of the budget and the actual expenses for the Central Avenue Project. This shows that the project went over in expected expenses on the materials for the water line and the street construction. It appears that the original budget completed during the application process was estimated low and material costs went up before the project began.

Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to go into executive session for 25 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to include the Commission, City Clerk and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to include the Commission, City Clerk and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

City Staff's Agenda

Rex West reported that the trees were being trimmed for the new 7200 electric line, vehicle maintenance is being done, trees at the intersections are being trimmed, cemetery is being mowed and the trees on the east side of the lake are being cut and trimmed. Mr. West also informed the Commission that the water tower would be drained on September 7 so that an internal inspection could be performed. It should be refilled by Monday evening.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug inquired about the electric rate study. The City Clerk reported that she was in contact with Scott Shreve and he requested more information from her and that was being gathered.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock stated that he was checking into adding a fuel surcharge on traffic tickets. Some cities are doing this and it might be something the City of Horton would want to consider since the cost of fuel is so high.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies was not present but had requested that the topic of parking at the old Hilltop Convenience Store be discussed. There is a visibility issue during the school year when people are parking close to the corner and children are crossing at the crosswalk at that intersection. There is also a problem with the dumpster being between the curb and the sidewalk on that same corner. The Commission agreed that the dumpster should be on the west side of the sidewalk.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Krug to have no parking on the west side of 1st Avenue East from the privacy fence at 1521 1st Avenue East south to the corner. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Krug to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to include the Commission, City Attorney, City Clerk and Jim Whisenant by phone. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the employment agreement with Jim Whisenant as City Administrator as amended, subject to an indemnification clause that's acceptable to Mr. Whisenant and the City of Horton. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Commissioner Luscombe

Commissioner Luscombe asked if the new bucket truck had a diesel engine and he was informed that it did.

Mayor Tim Lentz

Mayor Lentz and Commissioner Krug will be meeting with the State of Kansas again soon on the Mission Lake project. The Corps of Engineers is pushing for jurisdiction on the disposal site.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Krug to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission, City Attorney and City Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to adjourn the meeting 7:22 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor