

March 16, 2009
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The regularly scheduled meeting for the Horton Commissioners was held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and Pastor Richard Crooks of the First Baptist Church offered the prayer.

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

The discussion of the Manor bill was tabled to the April 6 meeting. Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2009 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3019 (payroll) \$32,565.26. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

A payment to Heather Blacksmith for an overpayment on a final utility bill was taken out of the police fund and should have been taken out of the electric fund. This will be corrected. Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3020 (Disbursements) \$1,080,801.94 as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Discussion of Problem with Cats

Jerry McNeil was present to ask the Commission to consider an ordinance regulating cats. She advised there is a large amount of cats in the city and they destroy property and she feels they are unsanitary. The Chief of Police, Richard Luzier, stated that there would be an expense to enforcing such an ordinance. The dog pound would have to be modified to house the cats that are trapped and then those not claimed would have to be properly disposed of which would cost approximately \$60-\$70 per cat. The Commission requested that the staff get a copy of the ordinance on cats from Hiawatha and they would discuss the issue at a later date.

Discussion of Placement of Storm Sirens

Bruce Fisher with Blue Valley Public Safety was present to explain the placement of the new storm sirens. One will be at 3rd Avenue East and E. 8th Street and the other will be placed at 3rd Avenue West and West 10th Street. The new sirens will be louder and will have a battery backup.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to accept the proposed locations for the storm sirens. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Proposal for Grant from Kansas Forestry Service for the Fire Department

Fire Chief, Rex Lockwood, reported that the Fire Department would like to apply for a grant to purchase tools and wild land personal protective equipment. The total cost of the items would be approximately \$9,187.60. This grant would be a 50/50 match.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the application for a grant from the Kansas Forestry Service in the amount of \$9,187.60. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Mr. Lockwood reported that a local business owner donated the running boards for the new truck.

Commissioner Davies stated that his son Drew would donate a 5 gallon bucket of foam for the fire truck.

Proclamation for Fair Housing Month in April

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Appointment of Director #1 Position on KMEA Board of Directors

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to appoint Bill Delzeit to the Director #1 position on the KMEA Board of Directors. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Bids on Shelter House Roofs at the Lake

Bids were received for repairing the roofs on the shelter houses at Mission Lake. The bids were as follows:

Name	North	South	Total
Asphalt Shingle Roof			
D & M Construction	\$1,700.00	\$1,050.00	\$2,750.00
Becker Homes	\$1,725.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,975.00
Richard Archer	\$1,981.26	\$1,032.12	\$3,013.38
Peabody Construction	\$2,239.17	\$1,356.03	\$3,595.20
Bo's Home Maintenance	\$2,399.00	\$1,380.00	\$3,779.00
Atchison Construction	\$2,760.00	\$1,280.00	\$4,040.00
Shamburg Unlimited	\$4,319.20	\$1,991.56	\$6,310.76
L & L Construction	\$4,400.00	\$2,490.00	\$6,890.00
Metal Roof			
Gene Gormley	\$1,887.23	\$3,011.03	\$4,898.26

Motion by Commissioner Davies to award the bid to D & M Construction in the amount of \$2,750. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Bid on Correcting Ductwork in the Upstairs Police and Administrator's Area

Mr. Whisenant had received a quote to repair some ductwork in the upstairs area of City Hall for the heating and air conditioning of the Police Chief's Office and also for a heat pump system for the Administrator's office. The Commission directed that bids be solicited from several contractors.

Approval of Graphic Arts Assistance on Logo

Mr. Whisenant has been working with a company to develop a logo that could be used to have pins made, decals for vehicles and water tower among other things. The cost of preparing the logo is \$50. Commissioner Davies stated that, at the request of Mr. Whisenant, some of the high school students created logos and he would like the Commission to see all of the logos and make a decision on which one to use.

Staff Report

Rex West reported that the meters are being read, they are working on the list of repairs at the swimming pool, the sewer pump truck has been repaired, the work on the footings at the blue building has begun, the comminutor will be completed at the end of the week and they are hauling chip and seal rock.

The water line for the blue building will be changed to a 2" line. The parts to make this change will cost \$649.86 from Water Products and \$502 from Wichita Winwater and the boring will cost \$300 from Soden

Construction. Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the purchase of the materials from Water Products and the boring from Soden Construction. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Larry Sextro has offered the use of his backhoe for the work on the blue building at no charge to the City.

The new sewer maintenance operator is training to be able to test the water at the water plant but does not feel comfortable with doing it on his own yet. The water staff will be gone next week to the KRWA Conference and would like to have Chuck Merz come in and run the daily tests during that time. The consensus of the Commission was to have Mr. Merz do the testing.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session to discuss personnel for 15 minutes to include the Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator and City Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Whisenant informed the Commission about a possible economic development opportunity for the community. Glacial Hills RC&D is looking for an area to put in a commercial kitchen. This would allow those who would like to start a food processing business to have a kitchen without the expense of developing one.

There was only one bid received on the blue building project so the bidding has been extended to April 2.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock reminded everyone of the storm spotter training in April and would like the Police and Fire personnel to be encouraged to attend.

The EMD class for dispatchers has not taken place. Brown County Sheriff's Department was supposed to conduct this training. Commissioner Forkenbrock will meet with the Chief of Police on this matter.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported on the senior projects.

The pool will go to a liquid chlorine system instead of the chlorine sticks this season. It will save money on chemical costs.

Susan Hisle is the pool manager.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the nature trail that was proposed by Assistant Chief Stuart at the last meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Commissioner Luscombe

No report.

Mayor Lentz

No report.

Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor