

April 6, 2009
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The regularly scheduled meeting for the Horton Commissioners was held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and Pastor Alice Purvis of the United Methodist Church offered the prayer.

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

Absent: Commissioner Krug.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2009 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3023 (Disbursements) \$29,670.46. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Bids on KAN STEP Project Materials

Donna Crawford, Grant Administrator, presented the Commission with a tabulation of the bids for the Blue Building materials. The total for all materials was \$205,174.25. There were some questions concerning the way the materials were listed. The architect had removed an item which would have changed the outcome of the lowest bidder if it were left in the bid. Ms. Crawford will check with the Department of Commerce on the proper procedure. The Commission will review the bids and decide at the next meeting.

Discussions with Contractor on Mission Lake Dredging Project

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session for 15 minutes for preliminary discussions on acquisition of property, to include Dan McDougal, the Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator and City Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye. No action was taken in executive session it was for information only.

Tri-County Manor Quarterly Report

Mary Brown was present to report to the Commission on the state of the Tri-County Manor. There are currently 33 residents. A workday has been set for April 13 and the churches are sending volunteers to assist with the work. A gardening bed is planned as well as an extended covered patio for the residents.

Discussion of Utility Bill for Tri-County Manor

This matter was tabled because the Mayor has new information and will meet with Dale White, CEO of the Hospital and Manor.

Discussion of City Issues

Rodney Meyers was not present.

Ambulance Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the agreement with the Horton Community Hospital for ambulance service in the amount of \$5,000. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. Aye—Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Davies and Luscombe. Abstained—Commissioner Forkenbrock.

Contracts for Fire Service with BIA

Kevin Hill, City Attorney, had been approached by Wally Leander of the BIA to say that the agreements that were approved last year did not require approval of the Attorney General and therefore new documents needed to be approved. Mr. Hill found that in Oklahoma the Attorney General's approval is not required but in Kansas it is required. Mr. Hill sent the documents to Mr. Leander for their review and then to be sent to the Attorney General. Mr. Hill will follow up on this matter until it is resolved.

Discussion of Logo for City of Horton

Commissioner Davies presented the logo designs that the Horton High School students created. He would like to see that they receive some recognition for their work. Commissioner Davies will work on how to show the City's appreciation. No decision was made on the logo design.

Discussion of Temporary Financing on Storm Sirens

The City still does not know when the funds from USDA/RD will be available for the purchase of the storm sirens. Mr. Whisenant would like to be able to purchase the sirens and installation from the electric funds and reimburse the fund when the monies arrive since the storm season is approaching. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to purchase the storm sirens out of the electric fund and then reimburse the fund when the monies are received from USDA/RD. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Term Permit Application Through Division of Water Resources, Department of Agriculture

Motion by Commissioner Davies to submit the application for a term permit on the Mission Lake Project at a cost of \$1,640. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Budget Discussions

Mr. Whisenant, City Administrator, presented the Commission with a proposed timeline for the 2010 budget preparation. This would involve the department heads and Commissioners. It was noted that the Librarian and the Ambulance Service should be called and advised of the timeline. Commissioner Davies would like the Park Board to be involved in the budget on the parks and recreation. Motion by Commissioner Davies to follow the proposed process of preparing the budget and review during the process for the needs at the time. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Executive Session

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

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Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to recess for 5 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

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Staff Report

Rex West reported that the crews are working on cutting trees out of power lines and getting ready for chip and seal, preparing to spray properties, and working on the swimming pool. Material has arrived for the 2" water line to the Blue Building, a water leak in the 800 block of Central will be worked on this week and Bill Delzeit is working on getting quotes for poles for the baseball field and the lake camping spots.

Mr. West and the school employees will make the repairs at the football field where a pole fell on the fence. The Shelter house roofs are done. The lawns on the east side of Central have been seeded two times and grass should come up when the weather gets warmer.

City Administrator's Agenda

A sample cat ordinance was given to the Commission for their review.

Mr. Whisenant will work with Kevin Hill on details for the economic development opportunity of obtaining a community kitchen in Horton. They will bring the details back to the Commission at a later date.

The City received a 6 month extension on the KAN STEP project.

Mr. Whisenant gave an update on the Mission Lake Project and reported that he is working with the state on getting some additional funds. The state and city will meet with the Watershed Institute on April 22.

There was a discussion on the fees for using the Civic Center for auctions while the Blue Building is down. Motion by Commissioner Davies to charge \$50 per day and a \$100 deposit. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Mr. Whisenant informed the Commission that he and the City Clerk are reviewing the City insurance coverage to determine what is covered and what is not covered.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Not present.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock reported that Horton had received some 800mhz radios through a grant received by Emergency Preparedness.

Commissioner Forkenbrock would like to be involved in the planning process for storm spotters. A meeting with the police, fire and EMS needs to be held to organize the emergency personnel for storm spotting.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported there were approximately 80 children involved in the Soccer games on Saturday.

A report of senior projects was given.

Commissioner Luscombe

No report.

Mayor Lentz

No report.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor