

October 5, 2009
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

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

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and Lisa Merz offered the prayer.

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

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2009 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Commissioner Edwards expressed concern over the number of overtime hours on the payroll, especially in the Communications Department. It was noted that some of those hours are holiday hours which show as overtime. There was discussion of hiring another part time person. The Chief of Police reported that there is vacation time and sick time that has to be filled. He also stated that overtime is budgeted for the police and communications departments. There was some concern about the quality of work that can be done if employees are working long shifts. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3047 (Payroll) \$34,069.00. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3048 (Disbursements) \$508,837.60. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Chief of Police Luzier introduced a new police officer—Whitney Farr.

Discussion with BG Consultants for a Water Rate Study

Pat Cox and Tom Bennett from BG Consultants were present to submit a proposal on a water rate analysis. A study will be required in conjunction with the application of financing through USDA/RD for a loan/grant for the Mission Lake dredging project. The cost will be \$4,000-\$5,000 for the rate analysis and will take about 40 hours of work. The USDA/RD paperwork could be submitted on October 14 or October 28. Mr. Cox will also look at the repairs to the dam, spillway and water plant upgrades to see if these costs could be included in the funding request from USDA/Rd.

A facility study will need to be done in the future for the water treatment facility before funding can be applied for from the State.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to have BG Consultants perform a water rate analysis. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Recommendation of Planning Commission on Rezoning from C-1 to C-2

The Planning Commission reviewed the zoning along 15th Street and determined to recommend to the Commission that the zoning on two different sections be changed from C-1 to C-2 to allow a potential retail store to locate in Horton.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adopt Ordinance 1100, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OR DISTRICTS OF CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Ordinance for Temporary Cereal Malt Beverage Licensing

The Commission requested that the ordinance that was presented at the last meeting be amended to allow sales on the streets in a public place.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Ordinance 1101, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-201 OF THE HORTON MUNICIPAL CODE BY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY PERMIT FOR THE SALE OF CEREAL MALT BEVERAGES WITHIN THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS as amended. Motion by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

The Commission requested that the City Attorney develop an ordinance that would allow the possession and consumption of alcohol and cereal malt beverages at the Community Center (Blue Building) and have available at the next meeting.

Discussion of Current Ordinances on Business Licenses

Mr. Whisenant presented the Commission with some information on business licenses in other cities. They also were provided a copy of the current ordinances of the City of Horton. The Commission will review all the information they have received and would like to discuss at the next meeting. They also requested that the Chamber of Commerce be invited to attend the next meeting to address this issue.

Staff Report

Rex West was not present.

City Administrator's Agenda

The City Administrator reported on the planned activities for the celebration of the Mission Lake Project to take place on October 7 at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Davies requested that photos be taken to memorialize the event.

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an appreciation luncheon for the contractors and employees at noon.

Mr. Whisenant reported that there are opportunities for purchase of recycling trailers through the State surplus property. The City has been placed on a waiting list since these items sell quickly. There are some procedures that would need to be worked out before starting a recycling program.

The doors are on the blue building and are now waiting for the heating to be installed. The next need is for an electrician to help with running wiring.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock has some issues he has asked for information on from the police department and he and Mr. Whisenant will be working on those in the near future.

Commissioner Edwards

No report.

Commissioner Davies

The Sheriff's reserve program is available to the schools for activities that cannot be covered by the City's police department. Commissioner Davies will get more information and report back.

The school's home improvement class appreciates the opportunity to work on the blue building project.

Highland is sending a class of 18 students to the October 7 event.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz asked about the progress on the cement being poured at Hickory Point shelter house. It was decided that this project would be done after the October 7 celebration.

The ground around the west side of Mission Lake is going to be auctioned and Mayor Lentz asked if there were any future plans to put utilities to this area. This is the area adjacent to the new hospital building site. There is a possibility of development of a residential area. The planning commission should review.

There was a question about the fences at the dog pound. The staff will check about costs of the fencing or if the City has any fencing materials on hand.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to appoint Harold Arnold to the Firing Range Board. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye

Motion by Commissioner Davies to appoint Eugene Kimmi to the Firing Range Board. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye

Motion by Commissioner Davies to appoint Tom Bunck to the Firing Range Board. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor