

February 1, 2010
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for regular meeting on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Pastor Vern Finley of the First Baptist Church.

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

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

Commissioner Edwards asked that appropriation ordinance #3066 be pulled from the consent agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2010 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3067 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$57,951.73. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Commissioner Edwards inquired why the payroll hour report did not show how many hours the court clerk worked in court and how many hours worked in dispatch. City Clerk Schmitt advised she is paid out of the communications department so all of her hours show in that department. She can distinguish her hours in court vs. hours in dispatch on her time card and a report could be developed showing the amounts in each area. Commissioner Forkenbrock would like the same thing done with the Assistant Chief of Police/Code Enforcement Officer. The staff will prepare a report each meeting. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3066 (Payroll) in the amount of \$33,456.30. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Resolution to Authorize the Offering for Sale of Taxable Renewal Notes

David Arteberry explained to the Commission that the temporary notes used to purchase the land for the CDF were coming due and that the City would need to pay the interest and refinance \$995,000.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adopt Resolution No. 2010-003, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION RENEWAL NOTES, SERIES 2010-1, OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Report on Legalities and Options for the National Guard Armory

Lt. Col. Gully from the Kansas National Guard presented the Commission with a fact sheet on the closing of the 18 armories across Kansas and how they were chosen. The land in Horton was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Green and there was no revisionary clause in the agreement. This means that the armory in Horton is owned by the Military Board. They will decide what happens to the building and land. The most probable action will be to enter a 99 year lease with the City of Horton for no charge. The outstanding bonds owed on the recent updates of the building will be paid by the Kansas National Guard. The next step would be to go to the State legislature at a later date and ask them to convey ownership to the City of Horton. Commissioner Davies stated that if the building is not kept as an armory then the City should take possession on the 99 year lease. Mayor Lentz stated the City needs to keep the leases with the Headstart and USD #430 as they currently have with the Guard.

Bill Sechler had some questions for the Guard as well as some information to share. There were some comments in opposition of the closing of the armory by Carol Reese and George Reeves.

Col. Andrew reported that the annual maintenance operating budget for the Guard was \$800,000 and was being decreased to \$300,000.

Discussion of Letter Received from NEKCAP Headstart on Use of Armory

There were several representatives from the Headstart program present to make sure there would be no changes in their use of the armory after the City of Horton takes possession. Mayor Lentz assured them that the intention of the Commission was to leave things the same. The City Attorney will contact Lt. Col. Gully and work out the new lease.

Discussion of Blue Building Landscape Plan

A proposed landscape plan for the new Blue Building was prematurely published in this week's Headlight. The plan had not yet been approved by the Commission and there was some confusion. Judy Tollefson will present the plan to the Commission at a later date.

The publication was an attempt to gather donations for the landscaping and materials.

First Reading on Ordinance to Designate a No Parking Area—100 Block of East 17th Street

A proposed ordinance was presented to the Commission designating East 17th Street from Central to 1st Ave. East as "No Parking" as requested by KDOT.

Approval of Cash Lease Agreement on Farm Ground at CDF Site

A proposed agreement for the lease of the farm ground around the CDF site was discussed and approved. Bids for the leasing of this ground will be opened at the next meeting.

Approval of Pawn License for Ruthanne Koger

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve a Pawn License for Ruthanne Koger at 130 East 15th Street. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Purchase of Water and Sewer Materials

Mr. Whisenant presented an opportunity to purchase some plumbing materials at less than market value. The cost would be \$2,000. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the purchase of these materials from Ken Krug and that the cost be dispersed between the water and sewer departments. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. Aye—Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Forkenbrock, Edwards and Davies. Abstain—Commissioner Krug.

Letter of Approval for Brownfield Assessment Program Application for Union State Bank

Mr. Whisenant gave the Commission a sample letter of support for a redevelopment project on the corner of 15th and Central. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the letter of support for the application by the Union State Bank. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

First Reading of Ordinance Setting Water Rates

A proposed ordinance setting the new water rates was presented for discussion. This will be on the agenda for a vote at the next meeting.

Proclamation for Boy Scouts of America

Mayor Lentz signed a proclamation setting the period of February 1-28, 2010 as the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Boy Scouts of America and February 8 as Anniversary Day.

Staff Report

Mr. West reported that there are some problems with the pumps on the west lift station. They have had to run the lift station manually and will be pumping sludge from the bottom.

The crews are trying to keep up with the potholes.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Whisenant reported that Glacial Hills met with their board on the Community Kitchen and it has been delayed for 30 days to look at issues that need to be resolved with the building. A survey will be sent out to those who expressed an interest earlier to determine if they are still interested.

The National Retailer that is going to build in Horton no longer requires the alley to be vacated. There is a storm water issue that needs to be worked out with KDOT in that area.

Cleanup days have historically been held in the spring and fall. Mr. Whisenant advised that the city wide garage sales will be held June 18 and the Chamber of Commerce wondered about a cleanup day the weekend after the garage sales. May 8th and September 25th have been set for the usual cleanup days. The Commission agreed to hold 3 cleanup days this year. These will be May 8, June 26 and September 25. The Code Enforcement Officer will determine a targeted area for one of the cleanup days as well.

CPR training for all of the staff has been set for March 24 and 25.

There have been several good work session held at the Blue Building and a lot of work has been completed. The cost of the power assist doors is \$2,000 for each door. The Commission felt there should definitely be one on the south door.

Mr. Whisenant is getting price quotes on the moveable walls, he is also getting samples. Commissioner Davies invited the Commissioners and Mr. Whisenant to look at the ones used at the Everest Middle School.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock stated he appreciated the help on the Blue Building.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards asked Mr. Whisenant when work on the 2011 budget would begin and Mr. Whisenant advised it would start in March. Commissioner Edwards would like to see the budgets account for the utilities used in each department.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies advised the Senior class would be working at the Blue Building during the month of February and the Boy Scouts will work on the building on Tuesday evenings.

Commissioner Davies would like to see the Boy Scouts maintain the memorials at the Armory.

Commissioner Davies asked that Officer Stuart report on the cleanup of yards at the next meeting. Commissioner Forkenbrock stated that the Commission has asked for a regular Code Enforcement report and would like to see one on a regular basis.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz reported that the Blue Building work is coming along great. He appreciates all the young people that are participating. He requested that the Headlight come and take pictures of the inside of the building and publish them.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor