

March 15, 2010
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

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

Commissioner Krug called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Candy Schmitt, City Clerk.

Present: Commissioners Krug, Forkenbrock, Edwards and Davies.

Absent: Mayor Lentz

The executive session was removed from the agenda. Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to remove the approval of the minutes for March 1 from the consent agenda and have them voted on at the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2010 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3072 (Payroll) in the amount of \$32,682.42. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve appropriation ordinance #3073 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$1,032,722.22. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Public Comments

No public comments

Update on Code Enforcement Report

Officer James Stuart presented his code enforcement report covering the period from February 16 to March 15. Letters will be sent out in the next 2 months for violations of the weed and grass ordinance. The storm sirens were tested and one of the new ones did not work properly. It is under warranty and the company has been notified. The storm spotters training will be held at the high school on March 22. There were 20 weather radios that were donated by local businesses to be given away.

Update on Preliminary Engineering Report

Pat Cox, BG Engineering, was present to give an update on the PER for the water project(s). The report is 3 weeks to a month behind due to weather delays. They will finish the flow testing tomorrow and will try to be done by the end of the month but there is no guarantee. They are looking at the dam repairs needed, the spillway, water plant and the distribution system. A meeting is needed to determine what projects to proceed with.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to have meeting on March 29, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. to conduct a “work session” and to keep the agenda short. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Bids on Demolition of Condemned Structures

The bids were opened and were as follows:

129 West 9 th Street	
Low Construction	\$6,820
Stirton Bros. Trucking	No Bid
T C Hauling, LLC	\$6,600
339 E. 8 th Street	
Low Construction	\$6,350
Stirton Bros. Trucking	\$5,000
T C Hauling, LLC	\$6,600
149 West 15 th Street	
Low Construction	\$9,750
Stirton Bros. Trucking	\$7,500
T C Hauling, LLC	\$9,800

It was noted that there is only \$10,000 in the budget for demolition for 2010. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to table this matter so it can be reviewed. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Library Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to appoint Penny Foster to the library board to replace Mary Thomas. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Loan Resolution for USDA/RD on Fire Truck and Storm Sirens

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve loan resolution 2010-006, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS FIRE TRUCK AND STORM SIRENS FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Completion of Documents for bond Issuance for USDA/RD Loan/Grant

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt Ordinance 1108, A HOME RULE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF EMERGENCY/STORM SIRENS TO SERVE THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF THE SAME. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adopt Ordinance 1109, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$151,400 PRINCIPAL

AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010-1, OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS WITH RESPECT THERETO. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adopt Resolution 2010-007, A RESOLUTION PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$151,400 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010-1, OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1109 OF THE ISSUER; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Discussion of Uses for Armory and USDA/RD Funding Opportunities

The USDA/RD has stimulus funds available for several different types of projects. They contacted the City to see if there is a need for these funds. A meeting was held with Kevin McCann from USDA/RD, Mayor Lentz and Mr. Whisenant. There are business development grants that include low or no interest loans, the armory could provide business incubator space or land to build a new building. Another possible project could be the renovation of City Hall. The Commission would need to decide on projects and then they would need to develop the site, purpose and cost estimates for the chosen projects. The Commission requested that Mr. McCann attend the meeting set for March 29.

Discussion of Library and USDA/RD Opportunities

Rita Higley, Librarian, was present to discuss a possible project for USDA/RD funding. There is \$500,000 in grant funds available as of the end of February for libraries in cities of population less than 20,000. These funds have to be used by the end of the fiscal year for USDA/RD. The Library Board would like to build a new library. The architect will do a site inspection tomorrow, a needs analysis was done in 2007. The current building size is 2100 sq. ft and the new facility would be 6600 sq. ft to allow for community growth. There are 4 or 5 possible sites. The Commission agreed to have the library complete the pre-application process.

Purchase of Moveable Walls for Blue Building

Moveable dividing walls for the blue building can be purchased and installed for \$11,900. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to purchase the walls and pay for them from the enterprise funds except for the electric fund. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Options for Employee Compensation Programs

The Commission asked that this be placed on the next agenda to allow them time to review the wage study that was done by the League of Municipalities.

Staff Report

Mr. West reported the high service pump at the water plant will be in next week. The Street crews are working on the alleys and patching potholes. The crews are reading meters; the flow testing will be finished tomorrow and cross training at the light plant will be done next week.

City Administrator's Agenda

The City is still waiting on the information from the Kickapoo Tribe on the bulk water purchase.

Mr. Whisenant and Mr. West recommended to the Commission that Brent Shaffer be hired as a lineman. He has experience and his family is in the local area.

The staff is trying to get a cost for conducting full capacity exams (FCEs) to set a baseline for future workmen's compensation determinations. Commissioner Davies suggested checking with the provider about providing a doctor to conduct these exams.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug inquired about whether a permit is required to erect a portable car port. He was advised that a building permit is not required but they still have to meet the setback requirements.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock asked why the warning ticket section was omitted from the monthly police report. The staff will check with the Chief of Police. He would like to have it back on the next report even if none were given it should be reported as 0.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards asked the Commission to review the proposed water supply contract for the City of Willis and action will be taken at the next meeting.

A draft of an updated utility ordinance was presented to the Commission and it will be on the next agenda.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported that the Park Board met with the Fish and Game group and discussed fishing piers, docks, fish cleaning stations, walking trails, etc. They will have a special meeting next week on the blue building fees.

Commissioner Davies requested that the Girl Scouts be contacted to repair the shelter house at the Lake.

There was discussion about needing someone from the Country Club to mark the inlet where water is drawn out of Mission Lake so that the dredgers will not hit the pipe. Mr. Whisenant was advised to contact Jeff Perry, Steve Stoltenberg or Ed Wright.

Mayor Lentz

Not present.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor