

July 18, 2011
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for regular meeting on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

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

Present: Mayor Lentz, and 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 Forkenbrock to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2011 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3143 (Payroll) in the amount of \$42,411.07. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3144 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$4,221,134.10. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3145 (Payroll) in the amount of \$43,776.66. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3146 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$376,215.47. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Quarterly Report on Tri-County Manor

Mary Brown reported that there are 29 residents in the Manor and 9 residents in the assisted living. The Fire Marshall conducted an inspection and there were some very minor things that needed to be taken care of.

Discussion of Life Flight Landing on Euclid Avenue

Mary Brown from Tri-County Manor expressed concern to the Commission that with the medical helicopter landing in the street on Euclid Avenue that there would be no fire protection to the Manor in case of an emergency. The Commission assured Ms. Brown that if there were an emergency the helicopter would move or the fire truck would drive around it to get to the Manor. Ms. Brown also advised that this causes vehicles to drive across the Manor property to get around the blocked street. The situation of the helicopter landing in the street is temporary until the new hospital is built.

Eagle Scout Project

Bryce Scott appeared to ask permission to repair 10 park benches for his Eagle Scout project at an approximate cost of \$300 for materials. He requested the City pay for the materials. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the project and to pay for the materials. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Bids on Demolition of 1585 Euclid Avenue

Two bids for demolition of 1585 Euclid Ave. were received and were as follows:

Stirton Bros. Trucking	\$7,000
Lowe Construction, Scott Lowe	\$7,665

Ms. Schmitt reported that there was approximately \$2,000 left in the demolition budget but there was over \$6,000 in the court diversion that could be used. Motion by Commissioner Davies to proceed with the demolition and take the funds from the demolition and court diversion funds. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Aye – Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Krug, Edwards and Davies. Nay – Commissioner Forkenbrock.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to award the bid to Stirton Bros. Trucking. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Aye – Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Krug, Edwards and Davies. Abstain – Commissioner Forkenbrock.

Discussion of Building Permit Fees

Commissioner Edwards inquired about the reason for building permits. He was advised that the new rates were put in effect with the expectation that the City would adopt new national building codes and would train someone to do the inspections. Commissioner Edwards stated he does not like the sliding scale because he feels it does not promote building in Horton. He would like to know the cost of Community Service Officer Stuart's services on building permits.

Discussion of Parking on E. 16th Street between Central and 1st Ave. East.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to designate "No Parking" on the north side of East 16th Street between Central Ave. and 1st Ave. East. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. The City Attorney will have a resolution at the next meeting.

Discussion of Use of the Armory

Commissioner Davies reported he is getting many requests to use the Armory. A user agreement was approved at an earlier meeting.

Discussion of 2012 Budget

After some discussion on the 2012 budget it was decided to have a special meeting on July 25 at 7:00 am with the department heads to go over each budget more thoroughly.

Staff Reports

Mr. West reported on the activities of the city crews. He also reported that the electric plant would be generating at 1:00 p.m. on July 19 to qualify the engines for KPP.

Interim City Administrator's Agenda

Ms. Schmitt presented a payment request for Mayer Specialty Services in the amount of \$57,256.74. This represents 50% of the project completion for televising the sewer lines. A 10% retainage was held in the amount of \$6,361.86. Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the payment. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Ms. Schmitt noted that the Commission had copies of the radar sign graphs, the monthly police department report, the delinquent utility bill amounts for June and an article Commissioner Edwards asked to be put in the packets from the Topeka Capital Journal relating to employee raises.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug stated that he thought the speed limit on Wilson Drive could be raised to 30 mph from 15th north to the lake.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock asked if the EMS could be added to the texting program that is used by the Fire Department.

Commissioner Forkenbrock became aware of a recording from the tasers used in the police department. He would like to have that recording at the next meeting for viewing. City Attorney Hill advised this would be in executive session.

Commissioner Forkenbrock stated it would save money if the police department would work 8 hour shifts on the holidays. There was additional discussion on overtime and the need to avoid the overtime.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards asked about the 2 year notice of withdrawal from KPP. The City Attorney will send the letter to the City Clerk to be mailed.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies expressed anger about the negativity of some of the citizens in the community.

There was a report of a citizen who stepped in a meter pit. A claim has been filed with the insurance company and they will be making a determination.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz attended a pre-construction meeting on the water projects and a progress meeting on the sewer projects.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel, to include the Commission and the City Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. No action was taken after executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel, to include the Commission, City Clerk and Assistant Chief Tom Williams. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. No action was taken after executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor