

August 20, 2001  
6:00 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 20, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Prayer by Candy Schmitt.

Present: Mayor Bohannon and Commissioners Dave McClain, Lentz and John McClain.

Absent: Commissioner Groshong

### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Bohannon opened the public hearing on the 2002 budget. Mayor Bohannon made a statement on behalf of the taxpayers requesting that the commissioners consider adopting the preliminary budget that was presented to them before the increase for longevity pay was made. There is a \$7,250 difference in the two budgets. An ordinance would not be needed if the original budget were adopted. Citizens were questioning what could be cut from the budget and why the road by the soccer field was not chip and sealed this year. The hearing was closed at 6:11 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> budget that was presented to the Commission. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. Aye—Mayor Bohannon, Commissioners Lentz and John McClain. Nay—Commissioner Dave McClain.

Mayor Bohannon requested that the minutes of the August 6, 2001 meeting reflect that Commissioner Groshong is the one who requested a contract be entered into with George Bruning for spraying weeds. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2001 regular meeting as amended. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2621 (Payroll) in the amount of \$34,942.33 and #2622 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$177,882.47. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

### **Bonnie Miller—AFLAC Cafeteria Plan**

Ms. Miller appeared to discuss a pre-tax deductible health and supplemental insurance plan for the employees. An unreimbursed medical expenses program is available in which the employees can withhold monies to be reimbursed to them when they pay the deductibles or co-pays on the health insurance. This is not taxed which saves the employees money as well as the City on matching social security and Medicare. There is an initial fee to set the program up and a fee per individual who participates in the plan. The savings on taxes offset the cost of the program.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to enter into the program for the remainder of the year and review it again in December. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

### **Michelle Black--MAP**

Unable to attend but will be at the next meeting.

### **Esther Smith—Discussion of Contractor Performance**

Mrs. Smith appeared to express her discontent with a local contractor who performed work for her neighbor. The contractor, Chuck Harris Construction Company, was hired to fix a sewer line for Elwood Burke. He damaged property belonging to Mrs. Smith and unhooked her sewer line and did not reattach

the line when he finished. Mrs. Smith felt the Commission should be aware of this since Mr. Harris is doing some of the rehabilitation for the housing grant. Mrs. Smith also wanted the Commission to consider licensing the contractors.

### **Theresa Goins—Complaint on property next to hers**

Ms. Goins was complaining about the condition of the Dewey Denton property. She was advised that the Code Enforcement Officer has been working with Mr. Denton to clean up his property and would be contacting his brother or guardian. Ms. Goins was not satisfied that anything was being done. Commissioner Dave McClain stated that the City employee's are not doing their job. It was decided that Chief of Police Luzier would serve a written notice on Mr. Denton on August 7, 2001 and that he would be given 10 days and then the City crews will be sent to cleanup the property. A notice will also be sent to the guardian.

Mr. Evans pointed out that since January 1, 2001 action has been taken on 106 properties, with 59 of those being for weeds and grass. The City has cut 1/3 of those. 47 actions were for junk cars and structures. There has been compliance on all but 11 of those.

### **Bids on Street Materials**

Bids were opened by the Commission and it was decided to extend the contract to the next meeting to allow the bids to be tabulated and reviewed.

### **Debt Collection Services Agreement**

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to enter into an agreement with Lockheed Martin IMS Corporation to collect bad debts. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

### **City Administrator's Agenda**

The signing inventory is completed and the cost to make the recommended changes is between \$1900 and \$2000. It was the consensus of the Commission to replace the signs that are needed.

15 test holes have been drilled for water and samples sent to the laboratory. The next step is to dig 5" holes and test pump for quantities.

KDOC&H has given their approval for enlarging the target area on the housing grant.

The grinder at the sewer plant is broken and will be repaired or replaced.

All of the police officers attended training on violence in the schools.

Brown County mowed around the edge of Mission Lake and the Little Lake.

The rate study will be at the next meeting.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to approve the payments on H10 and H12 contingent upon the completion of the paperwork and final inspection by the Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Taler Kupp, King's Super Store when Mr. Kupp supplies proof of residency in Brown County for 6 months. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

## **Commissioner's Agenda**

### **Commissioner Lentz**

Commissioner Lentz thanked the crews for cleaning up the cemetery.

Commissioner Lentz inquired about when the park equipment would be completely installed. Mr. Evans reported that they were going to try to start on August 21, 2001.

### **Commissioner John McClain**

Commissioner John McClain stated that code enforcement needs to be stepped up.

Commissioner John McClain stated that the county did a good job on the streets and so did the city crews.

### **Mayor Bohannon**

Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain to approve the appointment of Charlene Hansen to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

Mayor Bohannon inquired about repairs to the spillway. It can't be repaired because of water running over the top.

Mayor Bohannon inquired about the progress on the fire department manual. The City Administrator will check with the Fire Chief.

It was decided to treat the road on the eastside of the soccer field with magnesium chloride for dust control.

Commissioner John McClain stated he would like to look at licensing procedures for contractors and put minimum qualifications in the ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Jeanne Thomas-Bohannon, Mayor