

October 15, 2001
6:00 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 15, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Candy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Motion by Commissioner Groshong to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2001 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2629 (Payroll) in the amount of \$27,919.33 and #2630 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$65,260.29. Seconded by Commissioner John Lentz. All aye.

Girl Scout Troop 644—Presentation to Commission

Brenda Honea, leader of Troop 644, informed the Commission that the girls in her troop were working on their Jr. Citizenship Badge. They would be sitting through part of the meeting and wanted to present red, white, and blue bookmarks they had made to the Mayor and Commissioners. These were made because of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. The girls introduced themselves and gave a bookmark to each Commissioner, the City Administrator and the City Clerk.

Donna Crawford—Open Bids for Housing Rehabilitation

Bids were opened for rehabilitation of houses and were as follows:

H5	Ken's Home Repair	\$13,925	Inspector's Est.	\$12,700
	Chuck Harris Const.	\$12,600		
H16	Ken's Home Repair	\$13,715	Inspector's Est.	\$12,000
	Chuck Harris Const.	\$14,000		
H18	Ken's Home Repair	\$10,750	Inspector's Est.	\$7,835
	Chuck Harris Const.	\$ 9,600		
H19	Ken's Home Repair	\$14,550	Inspector's Est.	\$13,900
	Chuck Harris Const.	\$14,900		

Donna Crawford pointed out that on H5 the City could only spend \$12,400 because some funds had already been spent on an emergency furnace repair earlier in the year. She will talk with the owner and the contractor to negotiate the difference. The bids should not be more than 20% over the inspector's estimate and H18 is over by less than \$200. The City can determine to proceed if they wish to. All bids stated that they would begin in 10 days and complete work in 30 days.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to award H5 and H18 to Chuck Harris Construction and H16 and H19 to Ken's Home Repair. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Brenda Sherwood, CEO of Hartford, Inc.—Hiawatha Place

Ms. Sherwood's company runs a residential care facility for those with developmental disabilities. They are leasing a building in Horton and will providing day care services for their clients. Hartford, Inc. is a not

for profit organization that is funded through Medicaid. They train clients in math and money skills, job training and personal hygiene.

Michelle Koppa—Discussion of Opening E. 4th Street

Terry Koppa appeared to request that the street be opened up and rock be put on it because the street is uphill that they use now and is hard to navigate in the winter. Commissioner John McClain requested that this be tabled to the next meeting so that he could look at the area.

Discussion of closing street on Horton Heights

Tabled to the next meeting.

Scott Huizenga—Discussion of Sirolli Enterprise Foundation

Scott Huizenga, Executive Director of Rural Development Association (RDA), appeared with David Ross from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. They presented information on a new concept in economic development using an enterprise facilitator. The State of Kansas is setting up a program that will help to fund three pilot projects. The concept uses a board made up of members of the community who have expertise or experience in product management, marketing and financial management. A facilitator would then help put the right people together to start up new businesses in the community. RDA would like to apply to be one of the pilot projects and they are asking 6 counties and the main cities within them to contribute to the matching funds. The State will pay 2/3 of the cost and the entities will pay the other 1/3. The cost will be approximately \$100,000 per year and the project will be for 3 years. Mr. Huizenga requested that the Commission consider contributing to the program. RDA would need to know the intention of the Commission by October 25th.

Motion by Dave McClain to have the City Administrator report to Mr. Huizenga that the City of Horton will participate if the amount of contribution required is within the ranges discussed and if a majority of the other counties and cities participate. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Evans has requested that the State move the Highway 73 KLINK project up one year.

Application will be made for school signs from the State of Kansas.

All of the holes for testing for new wells have been dug and the work will proceed after harvest season.

There may be a pump out at the North well.

The alley behind 1611 1st Ave. W. is beginning to cave in where the ground around the sewer line has washed out and part of the line is caved in. The City does not have the equipment to dig this deep so someone will have to be hired to dig and our crew will replace the line. The approximate cost will be \$3-5,000.

Rex West, Street Foreman, appeared to request he be allowed to purchase a snowplow to be installed on the 1991 Dump Truck. The cost of a new plow installed is \$4,385 from Knapheide. Mr. West had received another price of \$5400 from another company. The goal is to buy another plow next year for the older truck. Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain to purchase the snowplow from Knapheide. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Altec brought a bucket truck for the electricians to try out.

Commissioner's Agenda
Commissioner Groshong

Commissioner Groshong requested that while they are working on the sewer line on 1st Ave. W. that they finish repairing the one in the alley between E. 10th and E. 11th between 1st Ave. E. and 2nd Ave. E. Repairs on this line were started several years ago and work stopped because of the depth of the line.

Motion by Commissioner Groshong to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor Bohannon stated that no action was taken.

Commissioner Groshong that the issue of licenses for contractors be discussed at a later date.

Commissioner Dave McClain

Commissioner McClain inquired about the status of the firing range. The environmental report was sent to the National Guard. Their next meeting is Nov. 16 & 17 and the City should hear something after that.

The Chief of Police and the Code Enforcement Officer have talked with the owner at 500 2nd Ave. E. and he is in the process of cleaning up the property and meeting the codes on the mobile home.

Commissioner John McClain

Commissioner McClain inquired about pricing on the new bucket truck and about the lease purchase option. At the present we do not have a definite price but with the proposals from the local banks it will be approximately \$1,000 a month for lease purchase. The Commission requested that the Mr. Evans check with the local dealers on bidding the vehicle with Altec supplying the bucket.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas-Bohannon, Mayor