

February 19, 2002  
6:00 P.M.  
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 19, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Father Keith Lunsford of St. Leo's Catholic Church opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Absent: Dave McClain

Motion by Commissioner Groshong to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2002 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve appropriation ordinances #2648 (Payroll) in the amount of \$28,276.04 and #2649 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$53,172.31. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

#### **Bill Webster**

Mr. Webster appeared to thank the fire department for their response to the fire at his rental property located at 1575 Euclid. He also wanted to complain about the condition of the house north of his property. He stated that it is in bad shape and harbors roaches, rats, etc. and he feels it is a health hazard. It was noted that the City had cleaned this property up approximately 2 years ago and charged the owner and that at this time they are not in violation of any City codes. Mr. Webster also felt that the ordinance that requires the insurance company to pay to the City 15% of the covered claim payment on damaged structures to be unfair. He was informed that the money would be returned to him with interest when the property was cleaned up. Mr. Webster also stated that he wanted to put a mobile home on this property and was advised by the Commission that the area was not zoned for mobile homes.

#### **Kathy Madere**

Mrs. Madere stated she wanted to present the Commission with a bill for \$200 per year for 26 years for mowing and upkeep of the property owned by the City that is next to her property. The Commission informed Mrs. Madere that no one from the City had requested she maintain this property and therefore the City did not have a responsibility to pay her. Mrs. Madere also inquired if the City was going to repair the street in front of her house that was caving in. Mr. Evans stated that dirt and been hauled in and asphalt would be used to repair the dip in the road when the weather permits.

#### **Cemetery Bids**

Bids for mowing and maintaining the cemetery were opened.

Mercer Lawncare	\$1200 each time
Mark Cook	\$10 per hour for 700 hours or \$7,000 for the season (April 1-October 31)
Lawn Pride	\$9,975 for the season

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to table this matter so that the City Administrator can evaluate the bids and report at the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

**City Administrator**

When the weather permits, the drillers will get back in the fields to drill more wells. The nitrates were high in some of the test sites so more will need to be drilled.

The auditor has completed the financial report for the electric generation project.

The chlorine monitoring system has been installed at the water plant.

The dog pound is in the process of being updated.

Mr. Evans will discuss with the Park Board this week an application for funds on a study at Mission Lake.

Bids for the KLINK project and the tuck-pointing will be opened at the next meeting.

The State will remove the underground tanks at the property on E. 15<sup>th</sup> within 120 days at no cost to the City. The dirt will go to the firing range and will need to be turned over three times by City personnel.

**Commissioner's Agenda**  
**Commissioner Groshong**

Commissioner Groshong stated that there are several yards in the City that need to be cleaned up. Mr. Evans stated there are no ordinances concerning clutter unless it is determined to be a health hazard or there are tall weeds and grass. Commissioner Groshong asked that the matter be looked at to see if an ordinance could be developed.

Commissioner Groshong stated that since the police and dispatch receive funds from Sac and Fox Tribe and Brown-Atchison Electric for dispatching services he felt those funds should be set aside and used for equipment and salaries.

Motion by Commissioner Groshong that the funds received on dispatch contracts be used for equipment and salaries for the police and communications departments. There was no second to the motion. Mr. Evans explained that those funds are budgeted as revenue and used for budgeted expenses at this time. Commissioner Groshong recalled his motion.

Commissioner Groshong inquired about why expenses for the dog pound are taken out of the police department budget. It was explained that the revenues for dog tags, pound fees and fines are put into the police department line items on the budget.

Commissioner Groshong stated that the City needed to look at the exit interview from the electric lineman that recently resigned. He felt there were some problem areas that needed to be addressed.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to table the viewing of the video on the drug/alcohol court system until Commissioner Dave McClain could be present. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

**Commissioner Lentz**

Commissioner Lentz reported that the Baseball League had their organizational meeting and elected Joe Hackney as President, Shirley Platt as Vice-President, and a secretary and treasurer. Someone was also appointed to be in charge of the concession stand. He stated that he would like the Commission's support for the Baseball program.

Commissioner Lentz also expressed concern about the exit interview and asked if anything had been done. Mr. Evans reported that he had talked with the employee and the supervisor.

**Commissioner John McClain**

Commissioner John McClain stated that the rock for the chip and sealing for this year needed to be ordered.

**Mayor Bohannon**

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to approve payment on D4 in the amount of \$2400. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

Mayor Bohannon inquired about the progress on the Beach Building downtown. It was noted that the owners are due in court on February 25, 2002. Mayor Bohannon requested that the matter be put on the agenda for March 4, 2002 if nothing is done by that date.

Jack Walker appeared before the Commission to argue that the property next to his that is shown as a platted street is not publicly maintained and therefore cannot be classified as a street according to the definition in the Standard Traffic Offense. He also stated that if he is singled out by the City by putting signs up stating no ATVs then they should put signs up on all streets.

The Commission told Mr. Walker and Mrs. Madere that they would not get in the middle of a feud between neighbors and if they had complaints, they should write out a statement and give it to the police department and it will be turned over to the City Attorney.

No further business being brought before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Jeanne Thomas-Bohannon, Mayor