

March 4, 2002
6:00 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 4, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Pastor Larry Parrish of the United Methodist 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 19, 2002 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve appropriation ordinances #2650 (Payroll) in the amount of \$27,156.12 and #2651 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$81,111.93. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

Extension on H22

It was determined that this extension was not needed because the project would be completed before the ending date of the contract.

Paper Work on Electric Bids

Larry McKown appeared to present the Commission with a Preliminary Official Statement. Motion by Mayor Bohannon to adopt Resolution No. 02-0304, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF ELECTRIC UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2002, OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. The projected interest rate on the bonds is 5.18%.

KLINK Bids

The bids for the KLINK project were opened by the Engineer earlier in the day and a tabulation sheet was presented to the Commission. The bids were as follows:

Shilling Construction	\$104,207.20
Herzog Contracting	\$119,299.20
Andrews Asphalt	\$127,328.10
Hall Brothers	\$135,982.65

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to award the project to Shilling Construction at a cost of \$104,207.20. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

Tuck pointing Bids

The bids for restoration/tuck pointing of the electric plant and the building north of the plant were as follows:

Midland Restoration	\$37,385
Mid Continental Restoration	\$43,500

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to award the project to Midland Restoration at a cost of \$37,385. Seconded by Mayor Bohannon. All aye.

Street Sweeper

A used street sweeper can be purchased at a cost of \$17,000. This sweeper is a 1997 John Deere that will require some work but not anything major.

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to authorize the City Administrator to purchase a 1997 John Deere street sweeper. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. Aye—Mayor Bohannon, Commissioners Lentz and John McClain. Nay—Commissioner Groshong.

New Housing Grant Application

Mr. Evans presented the Commission with a proposed target area for a housing grant. The application is due to the Department of Commerce and Housing by October 1, 2002. Commissioner Groshong stated he would like to see if there is enough interest on the west side of the city for this type of a project before designating a target area. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to put an article in the newspaper and request those who are interested in participating to contact City Hall. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

Application for Engineering on Mission Lake

Mr. Evans requested permission to submit an application to get funds through the Section 319 Clean Water Act for preliminary engineering on Mission Lake. This would be a 60/40 grant and the total project would cost approximately \$48,500 with \$29,100 from the grant and \$1,000 in kind from the City and \$18,400 in cash from the City. This will help to determine options and likely sources of funding for work that needs to be done at Mission Lake. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to submit the application. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

City Administrator

Mr. Evans recommended that City forces be used to mow the cemetery instead of contracting the work out. Motion by Mayor Bohannon to hire seasonal help and use one person at the cemetery full-time. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. Aye—Mayor Bohannon, Commissioners Lentz and John McClain. Nay—Commissioner Groshong.

An application for a grant through FEMA for fire department equipment will be presented at the next meeting. This will be a 90/10 grant.

Storage will be needed for the electric department during the construction phase of the generation project.

The Fish and Game Club and Earl Selle have reached an agreement on using the land at the airport for a demolition derby. Commissioner Groshong stated that the City needs to have something in writing to protect the City. Mr. Evans stated that the Fish and Game Club should obtain special event insurance naming the City as co-insured.

Harold Arnold has resigned his position as City Engineer as of the end of March. He will not be renewing his engineer's license.

Mr. Evans will be submitting a grant through the Department of Wildlife and Parks for a liner for the swimming pool.

Commissioner's Agenda Commissioner Groshong

Commissioner Groshong turned the floor over to Paula Beach. Ms. Beach read several statements indicating that she was not pleased with the actions of the City concerning the building located in the 800

block of Central that had partially collapsed last spring. She advised that she was coming to the Commission on the advice of her attorney to request they attend court with them to assist them in rectifying this matter. The court date is set for March 11, 2002. She stated that they had not received any of the letters that were sent by the Code Enforcement Officer and that she felt the City had failed to communicate with them properly. The Mayor showed the returned certified letters that were marked by the Post Office that they had been notified twice to pick up a certified letter and that one letter was returned stating the post office box had been closed. Ms. Beach informed the commission that it would cost \$33,000 to tear the building down and that there is some sewer work that needs to be done as well. Dale White, a business owner with an adjoining building was present to ask that the Commission work with the Beach family and give them more time. Mayor Bohannon stated that the matter is in the court's hands and the Commission could do nothing at this time. Commissioner Groshong stated that he felt the Judge and City Attorney would be fair. Ms. Beach also stated that they had previously had three prospective buyers but none had signed a contract. She also stated they had contacted HIDC about possibly helping with the funding.

Motion by Commissioner Groshong to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Mayor Bohannon. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor Bohannon stated that no action was taken.

Commissioner Lentz

Commissioner Lentz reported that the Park Board met and made recommendations for the pool and camping rates.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz that the rates be set as follows: seasonal camping, \$110; daily camping, \$5 per day; seasonal boating, \$50 and daily boating, \$5 per day and that electric be set at \$2 per day. And that the pool rates be set as follows: seasonal residential family, \$65; non-residential family, \$80; residential single, \$45; non-residential single, \$60; daily 12-under, \$1 and daily 13-over, \$1.50. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

Commissioner John McClain

Commissioner John McClain stated he felt there was a failure to communicate over several months on the Beach situation.

Motion by Commissioner Groshong that the City write a letter to the City Attorney advising that the Commission feels there was a communication problem. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Groshong that the Commissioner hear back at the next meeting from Ms. Beach on the results of Court. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Mayor Bohannon

Mayor Bohannon reported she had attended the Tri-County Manor meeting and they have a new administrator, Dean Strom, they are at full capacity and are working on cutting overtime hours with the staff. She encouraged everyone to support the Manor as they are headed in the right direction.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas-Bohannon, Mayor