

April 29, 2002
6:00 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 29, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Pastor David Glavin of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Absent: Commissioner Lentz

Motion by Commissioner Groshong to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2002 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2658 (Payroll) in the amount of \$24,337.71 and #2659 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$103,560.56. Seconded by Mayor Bohannon. All aye.

Public Hearing—Land and Water Conservation Fund

Mayor Bohannon opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. City Administrator, Paul Evans, explained that this hearing was to hear public input on an application to Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for a liner for the City Swimming Pool. The amount being requested is \$30,600 with the City matching those funds. When the bids are received, they may be lower than the requested amount.

There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to move forward with the application for funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

Michelle Black—Water Project

Ms. Black presented the Commission with an estimated project timeframe. She explained what has been accomplished on the water wells to this point and listed the future activities that would need to be completed.

Mr. Evans stated that the next steps would be to obtain easements, get the design from the engineer and go through the legal review with Rural Development. Ms. Black reported that the legal review could take 90-120 days. The engineer had given assurance the design could be completed on time.

Electric Improvement Bids

The engineer recommended that the low bid from H.K. Scholz be accepted. The bid was \$396,900 and was received at the previous meeting.

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to award the bid for electric improvements to H.K. Scholz in the amount of \$396,900. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Civic Center Bids

Bids to replace the fascia boards and soffitts on the Civic Center were received and were as follows:

Ken's Home Repair--\$ 6,494.98
Martinek & Flynn--\$15,502.50
Link Construction--\$11,680.00
Pierson Construction--\$9,970.75
Lemke Construction--\$11,478.50

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to award the bid to Ken's Home Repair in the amount of \$6,494.98. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

City Administrator

Mr. Evans reported that there are three seasonal workers employed at this time and the City seems to have a head start on the mowing.

Mid-West Tank, the company who has a maintenance contract on the water tower, will be painting the outside of the water tower next week and will do the interior of the tower next year.

An ADA compliance report will be presented as a later date so that plans to schedule work can be made.

Bid solicitations for the firing range will go out on Wednesday of this week.

The State legislature will be deciding on the demand transfers on Wednesday. This will consist of the LAVTR, City/County Revenue Sharing and the Special Highway. The total decrease in revenues will be 3.4% if passed.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Groshong

Commissioner Groshong was approached by the Horton Hospital requesting an ordinance be adopted that would prohibit Jake Brakes. Motion by Commissioner Groshong that the City Attorney draw up an ordinance prohibiting the use of Jake Brakes when entering the City of Horton. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye. Commissioner Groshong requested that when the ordinance is passed that signs be put at each entrance to the City.

Commissioner Groshong stated that he would not be able to attend the next meeting but wanted to congratulate Bryan Stirton on becoming the next Commissioner. He also thanked the rest of the Commission and the staff for working with him and the citizens of Horton for voting for him.

Commissioner Groshong expressed thanks to Dick Luzier and Dave McClain who were Chief of Police during his time on the Commission and to the police department for their hard work. He also stated he would continue to work for a salary increase for the officers.

Commissioner Dave McClain

Commissioner Dave McClain thanked Commissioner Groshong for his service and stated he looks forward to working with Mr. Stirton.

Commissioner John McClain

Commissioner John McClain had some concern about large vehicles parking on South 159 Highway or 1st Ave. East. It was suggested that the Chief of Police talk to the owners of the vehicles and try to obtain their cooperation.

Commissioner John McClain also stated that he had information from KMEA that shows the average price of electricity across the state.

Mayor Bohannon

Mayor Bohannon thanked Commissioner Groshong for all he has accomplished and welcomed Mr. Stirton to the Commission.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Groshong. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas-Bohannon, Mayor