

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

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

Pastor Tom Stone of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mayor Thomas and Commissioners Stirton, Dave McClain, Lentz and John McClain.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2002 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve appropriation ordinances #2675 (Payroll) in the amount of \$37,300.77 and #2676 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$263,171.98. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Louis Funk—Discussion of Easements

Mr. Funk, Bartlett and West Engineering, appeared to discuss the process of acquiring the land for well sites and easements. The City had received the appraisals and the review appraiser did not agree with the method used by the appraiser. They will be contacting each other to work out the discrepancies. The land and easements were appraised at \$5,077.50 for the Craig Kew property and \$2,370.11 for the James Zwonitzer property. Mr. Funk requested authority to negotiate with the property owners up to the budgeted amount of \$15,000.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to allow Louis Funk to negotiate for land purchase and easements within the budgeted amount. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

Dewayne Reinertson—Discussion of New Sewer Line

Mr. Reinertson was not present.

Discussion of Alley behind Union State Bank

Commissioner John McClain presented each commissioner with a letter explaining his views on asphaltting the above alley. Mayor Thomas stated that if the payment for the City's share of the alley comes from the Industrial Fund that she would not have a problem with it. Commissioner Dave McClain stated he was in favor. Commissioner Lentz stated he was in favor but would want ½ of the funds to come from the Industrial Fund and ½ of the funds to come from the Special Highway. Commissioner Stirton inquired about recycling the millings from the KLINK project on 73 Highway.

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to approve \$8,238 as the City's share of the repair to the alley behind the Union State Bank and that the cost be split between the Industrial Fund and the Special Highway Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. Aye—Commissioners Stirton, Dave McClain, Lentz and John McClain. Nay—Mayor Thomas. Motion passed.

Bid on Rehabilitation of H12 on Grant

One bid was received and was as follows:

Ken's Home Repair \$2,060

Motion by Mayor Thomas to accept the bid provided it falls within the inspector's estimate. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

It was noted that permission would have to be obtained from CDBG for only one bid.

Approval of Cereal Malt Beverage License—Brenda Tawzer, King’s SuperStore

Motion by Mayor Thomas to approve the CMB license for Brenda Tawzer. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Contract for Administrator

A proposed contract with Michael Leighton was presented to the Commission for approval. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the contract allowing 3 months severance pay in the event of involuntary termination. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Staff Report

A citizen had requested permission to place speed bumps on the road in front of his residence on West 10th Street and to have a four-way stop placed at 2nd Ave. West and 10th Street. The Commission felt there was not a need for these items in that area.

**Commissioner’s Agenda
Commissioner Stirton**

Commissioner Stirton reported that the light at the tennis courts is out and the net needs to be tightened.

Commissioner John McClain

Commissioner John McClain reported that the sewer department’s jetter is stuck in a manhole and the alley will have to be dug up to retrieve it.

Commissioner John McClain will be out of town for 2 months and requested that the Commission meet on Saturdays during that time. Mayor Thomas stated she was not in favor because she works on Saturdays.

Commissioner John McClain requested an executive session at the end of the Commissioner’s Agenda to discuss personnel.

Mayor Thomas

Mayor Thomas read a note from Keith Olsen stating that the 4-H group he leads would donate \$500 towards air conditioning for the Blue Building if it is done by next year’s fair. Lonnie Boller suggested that the City apply for a grant through the KANSTEP program and the City Clerk suggested that other organizations might also be willing to assist financially.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel and possible acquisition of property. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. Upon reconvening, motion was made by Mayor Thomas to extend the executive session for 10 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor Thomas stated that no action was taken.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas, Mayor