

September 16, 2002
6:00 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 16, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Candy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Absent: Commissioner John McClain.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2002 and September 3, 2002 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Dave McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2677 (Payroll) in the amount of \$30,473.52; #2678 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$67,665.27; #2679 (Payroll) in the amount of \$28,003.99 and #2680 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$106,313.70. Seconded by Mayor Thomas. All aye.

Brandy Carter—Requesting that parking in the 200 block of E. 7th be only allowed on one side of the street.

Ms. Carter was not present.

Tree Dump Site

Mr. Leighton, City Administrator, reported that a permit from KDHE had been applied for to place the burn site on approximately 1 ½ acres near the Gaskell Machine and Metal property on the southwest side of Horton. The property is less than 1,000 feet from residences on the north side of the location however, KDHE advised it might be possible to approve the site if certain conditions are met. There would have to be a buffer of trees between the burn site and the residences and burning would have to be done when there was a northern breeze of less than 10 mph. The site would take some preparation work. There is another possible site on the west side of the city and the Administrator will check into it.

Ordinance—Firearms amendment

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve ordinance 1039, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 12-303(b) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS. This ordinance would allow the carrying of firearms on city owned firing ranges. Seconded by Mayor Thomas. All aye

Return to Work Policy

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adopt the return to work policy which deals with employees on workmen's compensation. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Leighton reported that he and the engineer, Louis Funk, met with the owners of the property needed for the water wells to discuss easements and acquisition. An offer was made and it may require some negotiation.

A letter was received from a citizen commending Officer Tom Williams for his assistance on a matter.

Mr. Leighton has requested the street department proceed with erecting the metal building that was purchased 2 years ago.

Mr. Leighton commended the water crew for the repairs of several leaks and the wastewater department for the progress they have made on general cleanup at the treatment plant and for being responsive on repairs of sanitation lines.

The National Guard will be back in town on September 20, 2002 to finish their part of the firing range.

Commissioner's Agenda
Commissioner Dave McClain

Commissioner Dave McClain welcomed Mr. Leighton to the City.

Commissioner Dave McClain stated that he felt the fence on the firing range needs to be upgraded to a chain link fence rather than a wire fence.

Commissioner Lentz

Commissioner Lentz thanked Mr. Leighton and Ms. Schmitt for their help on the preparing for the demolition derby. He also stated that the derby went well.

Mayor Thomas

Mayor Thomas also welcomed Mr. Leighton to Horton and stated that she had already heard several good comments.

A letter from Carson Communications was read noting that the ESPN channel would be moved from channel 23 to channel 22 due to radio interference.

The Mayor stated that she had received phone calls from citizens about violations of the open meetings act and she reminded the Commissioners that there are regulations about more than two commissioners meeting outside of the public meetings.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel

Motion by Mayor Thomas to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor Thomas stated that no action was taken.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas, Mayor