

September 30, 2002
6:00 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 30, 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 Thomas and Commissioners Stirton, and Lentz. Commissioner Dave McClain entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Absent: Commissioner John McClain.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2002 regular meeting. Seconded by Mayor Thomas. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve appropriation ordinances #2681 (Payroll) in the amount of \$29,524.73 and #2682 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$193,062.08. Seconded by Mayor Thomas. All aye.

Discussion of a burn site

Mr. Leighton requested that this item be deferred to an executive session later in the meeting.

City Administrator's Agenda

Commissioner Dave McClain entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Mr. Leighton reported that he is working with Western Resources concerning the contract for the purchase of electrical power. He has been advised that it will require two contracts, one for transmission and one for generation. Transmission to those who have generation will be more costly than to those who do not have their own generation. The city has 3 years before they have to do anything. It has been suggested generation cities form a pool, the City of Horton would possibly pool with Holton and Sabetha. The City needs to look at a telemetry system and the engineers will look into the matter. KMEA will research benefits of pooling and provide information in a few months.

During the construction process at the electric plant some contamination was discovered. There was evidence of diesel leakage and the EPA will be coming to inspect the area.

The street department is finishing up on E. 8th Street.

The water department has finished on the east side of town. They will be checking out a wet spot on 8th Street in the next few days.

The sewer plant and dog pound have been cleaned up.

BG Consultants began an inspection on Mission Lake dam last week.

The National Guard finished the berms at the firing range last Thursday. The city crews will be doing some shaping of the berms, parking areas and drainage and seeding the berms. The cost difference in putting in a chain link fence instead of the barb wire fence would be \$6,598.50. It was decided to stay with the barb wire fence.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to approve the payment to Ken's Home Repair on H12 in the amount of \$2,060.00. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Commissioner's Agenda
Commissioner Lentz

Requested that a thank you letter be sent to the National Guard for their help on the firing range. Mr. Leighton advised that it had already been sent.

It was noted that Commissioner John McClain will probably miss two (2) more meetings and he sent his apologies and stated that he would like to be present to discuss the personnel issues that are coming up.

Executive Session to Discuss Possible Acquisition of Property

Motion by Mayor Thomas to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss possible acquisition of property. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor Thomas stated that no action was taken.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas, Mayor