

January 20, 2003
6:00 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 20, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Candy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Absent: Commissioner Dave McClain

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2002 regular meeting. Seconded by Mayor Thomas. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2697 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$73,433.87; #2698 (Payroll) in the amount of \$34,562.02 and #2700 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$66,431.47. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Michelle Black—Discussion of Water Project

Michelle Black appeared to present a time line of procedures for the water project. She advised the Commission that the easements had been purchased and that the contracts are in the process of being written by the City Attorney. Ms. Black explained the process of submitting items to Rural Development.

Ambulance Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to adopt the 2003 Ambulance Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

Pole Rental Agreement with Carson Communications

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adopt the new pole rental agreement with Carson Communications, raising the pole rental fee to \$2.03 per pole. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye. It was noted that this increase was due to an increase of 10.56% in the cable television rates. Carson Communications rents 579 poles from the City of Horton.

Adopt Ride-along Procedures

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to adopt the procedures for those riding with a police officer. Seconded by Mayor Thomas. All aye.

Discussion of Law Enforcement Grant

Mr. Leighton advised the Commission that he would like to apply for funds to standardize the firearms and leather in the police department. This would mean that the City would purchase the weapons and have some control over the type of weapon and ammunition to be used. There would be a 10% match for the grant.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to have the City Administrator apply for the law enforcement grant. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Discussion of Purchase of Backhoe

Bids for a new backhoe were presented and were as follows:

Sellers Tractor Co.	JCB 514	\$59,909.00
Victor L. Phillips	Case 580SM	\$61,984.00

The City Administrator recommended that the city purchase the JCB backhoe and retain the current backhoe for availability for the different departments. Union State Bank will do a lease purchase at 4% for 5 years.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to purchase the backhoe from Sellers Tractor Co. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. Aye—Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Stirton and John McClain. Nay—Commissioner Lentz.

Health Insurance Comparisons

The City Administrator presented figures showing that out of 90 cities with a population of 5,000 or under 44 of them provide 100% of the family insurance. Mayor Thomas stated that she wanted figures from cities with the same population as Horton and with similar budgets. Mr. Leighton will bring new figures back at a later date.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Leighton reported that Dawn Succi had passed the test for her Class II Water Operators License. It was also reported that Officer George Groshong made a major drug bust the previous evening and the Police Department should be commended for a good job.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Dave McClain

Commissioner Dave McClain sent a letter of resignation stating the he had moved out of the City limits and would have to resign as Finance Commissioner.

Commissioner Lentz

Commissioner Lentz reported that the Lake Caretaker had resigned effective February 28, 2003. The position will be advertised in the Horton Headlight.

Commissioner John McClain

Commissioner McClain expressed his thanks for the street department getting the snow removed in a timely manner.

Commissioner McClain questioned the \$1600 expenditure on the Police truck. He was advised that the front suspension needed to be repaired.

Mayor Thomas

Mayor Thomas commended the street department for an excellent job of snow removal.

It was determined to have a special meeting on January 29, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. to interview candidates for the Finance Commissioner position.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas, Mayor