

February 3, 2003  
6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 3, 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, Smith, Lentz and John McClain.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Ron Smith who was appointed Finance Commissioner on January 29, 2003.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2003 regular meeting and the January 29, 2003 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve appropriation ordinances #2701 (Payroll) in the amount of \$28,327.18 and #2702 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$44,335.82. Seconded by Mayor Thomas. All aye.

### **Tri-County Manor Proposal**

Dean Strahm was present to request that the delinquent utility bill for the manor be written off. The amount in arrears is \$32,533.86. After some discussion, Mayor Thomas made a motion to allow Tri-County Manor as much time as needed to pay the delinquent amount without charging interest or penalties. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Mr. Strahm was requested to supply quarterly financial statements to the Commission.

### **Designating Voting Delegate for Kansas Rural Water**

Motion by Mayor Thomas to designate Commissioner McClain as the voting delegate for Kansas Rural Water and Dawn Succi as the alternate. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. Aye—Mayor Thomas and Commissioners Stirton, Smith and Lentz. Commissioner McClain abstained.

### **Contracts for Government Acquisition of Vehicles**

Mr. Leighton presented the Commission with information on a program that provides vehicles to government agencies for \$1.00. The agency must allow advertisement to be placed on the vehicles. The vehicle can be used by the agency for a period of 2 years and then sold back to the company that originally purchased the vehicle. Mr. Leighton had submitted an application for 2 vehicles for the police department and the application was accepted.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to enter into the contract for the government acquisition of vehicles for a car and a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

### **Cereal Malt Beverage License for Pat's Thriftway**

Motion by Mayor Thomas to issue a cereal malt beverage license to Melinda Meyers at Pat's Thriftway. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

### **Purchase of Truck**

Mr. Leighton reported that the one of the sewer departments vehicles was involved in an accident and would need to be replaced. He requested permission to pursue different sources for the purchase of at least

one and possibly two trucks at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. These funds could be taken from the equipment reserve fund.

Motion by Commissioner McClain to have the City Administrator pursue prices on vehicles and call the commissioners for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

### **Financing Documents for Water Project**

Motion by Commissioner McClain to adopt Ordinance 1040, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM/ AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF, and to enter into the agreement with Stiffel, Nicolaus and Company, Inc. Seconded by Mayor Thomas. All aye.

### **City Administrator's Agenda**

Mr. Leighton reported that a Hazard Mitigation Plan will need to be developed and Nellie Small, Brown County Emergency Preparedness Officer would be giving them more information at a later meeting. The Federal Government requires this. It will involve an assessment of the risks to our community and developing a plan for handling those emergencies.

### **Commissioner's Agenda**

#### **Commissioner Stirton**

Commissioner Stirton inquired about the length of time given to residents to pay their past due bills. It was noted that the staff has tried to work with the residents but beginning in February will be stricter with the time allowed.

Commissioner Stirton requested that the City Administrator weigh the cost of repairs of a 4 x 4 vehicle as compared to a car.

#### **Commissioner Smith**

Commissioner Smith inquired of the amount that the city would have cut from the revenues from the State of Kansas. Mr. Leighton advised it would be approximately \$40,000.

#### **Commissioner Lentz**

Commissioner Lentz welcomed Commissioner Smith to the Commission. And he also welcomed Sue Korthanke who was in attendance from the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Lentz asked about the progress of the firing range. The contractor is ready to start when the weather allows.

Mr. Leighton advised there were several applications for Lake Caretaker and that he and the Park Board would be going over them at their next meeting.

#### **Commissioner John McClain**

Commissioner McClain stated that he would like the City to have an inventory of all equipment showing the condition, hour records and service records. He would like the employees to keep the records current on any maintenance or repairs.

#### **Mayor Thomas**

Mayor Thomas welcomed Commissioner Smith.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Jeanne Thomas, Mayor