

March 17, 2003  
6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 17, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2003 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve appropriation ordinances #2707 (Payroll) in the amount of \$30,462.66 and #2708 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$203,922.49. Seconded by Mayor Thomas. All aye.

#### **Louis Funk, Bartlett & West—Approval of Plans and Bid Documents**

Louis Funk and Brad Lindstrom appeared to present to the Commission draft plans for the water project for approval. They suggested a bid opening date of April 23. Motion by Commissioner John McClain to approve the plans and to proceed with the bid process. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. It was noted that construction should begin by June 1, 2003.

#### **Larry McKown, Stiffel, Nicolaus & Co.—Bond Documents, Ordinance and Resolution**

Mr. McKown appeared to explain the bond issue for the water project and to refund the 1996 General Obligation Bond and the 2000 Revenue Bond for Sewer. This would save the City money in interest charges. He explained that the revenues in these funds were sufficient to cover the payments.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adopt Ordinance 1041, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1040, AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye. This ordinance changes the amount being financed.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adopt Resolution Number 03-0317. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

#### **Payment to Brown-Atchison for Electric Line Installation on Water Project**

The installation cost for the electric line on the water project will be \$45,679.68 from Brown-Atchison Electric. Motion by Commissioner McClain to approve this expense contingent upon the bid amounts for the project coming in around the budgeted amount. Seconded by Mayor Thomas. All aye.

#### **Better Beef Days Request**

Motion by Commissioner McClain to pay the Boy Scouts for cleanup after the Better Beef Days in April. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

#### **Air Conditioning at the Blue Building**

One of the 4-H groups requested that air conditioning be put in the blue building for fair events. They have said that they would donate \$500 towards the cost. Mr. Leighton stated that to air

condition the west end of the building would cost around \$6,000 or less. The Commission requested that a meeting be set up with the Fair Board and the County Commissioners to determine future needs and the capability of the City to meet those needs.

#### **Purchase of new phone system**

A new phone system is needed for City Hall because the old system is obsolete and parts are not available to repair it when it goes down. Bids were taken last year and \$6600 was budgeted this year for this system. McKee Communications gave the lowest bid. Motion by Mayor Thomas to award the purchase of the phone system to McKee Communications. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

#### **Proclamation for City Cleanup**

Motion by Mayor Thomas to proclaim the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup> as City Cleanup Week. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

#### **Proclamation for Fair Housing Month**

Motion by Mayor Thomas to proclaim the month of April 2003 as Fair Housing Month. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All Aye.

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

Mr. Leighton reported that the Mission Lake Study is being conducted. This is to protect Mission Lake as a secondary source of water and as a recreation and economic development source. After the study is completed there may be funds available to help finance the actions necessary to preserve the lake.

#### **Commissioner's Agenda**

##### **Commissioner Stirton**

Commissioner Stirton referred to a letter written by Virgil Hallauer that requested the Commission look at raising the speed limit going east out of Horton. Commissioner Stirton recommended that additional speed limit signs be placed along that area but that the speed limit remains the same. He thanked Mr. Hallauer for his letter.

Commissioner Stirton noted that a report from the Code Enforcement Officer showed steps were being made towards clean up of properties. He stated that this is not a fun job and he appreciated seeing cooperation from the citizens.

It was noted that the Lady Chargers made it to the State Basketball Tournaments and that there was a good attendance by citizens and a good "home spirit".

##### **Commissioner Smith**

Commissioner Smith reported that the City Administrator had mentioned a city that began a digital high-speed Internet service as another utility. Mr. Leighton reported that Chillicothe, Missouri has wireless Internet services that the city operates. It cost them about \$27,000 to set up the system. The Commission requested that Mr. Leighton get more information and report back to them.

Commissioner Smith had received a call from a citizen concerning the fence regulations in the Zoning Ordinance. It was decided to have the Planning Commission review the regulations in light of possible economic enterprise and the need for fencing to extend past the front of buildings.

##### **Commissioner Lentz**

Commissioner Lentz reported that the fence and reseeding at the soccer fields was completed. The repairs on the shower house are done. A dock is being repaired. The Little League is erecting bathrooms at the

baseball field. All the labor is donated and the Little League will be getting donations for the materials but would like the city to help with the cost out of the park fund if they do not receive enough donations.

**Commissioner McClain**

Commissioner McClain inquired about the maintenance records. Mr. Leighton said that records are being kept.

Mr. Leighton was instructed to remind the police officers that the lake is in our jurisdiction.

**Mayor Thomas**

Motion by Mayor Thomas to appoint Michelle Schmitz to the Library Board. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Jeanne Thomas, Mayor