

April 7, 2003
6:00 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 7, 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, and Lentz.

Absent: Commissioner McClain

It was noted that the minutes of March 17 should be corrected to show Commissioner McClain present not absent. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2003 meeting as corrected. Seconded by Mayor Thomas. All aye.

Mayor Thomas questioned the purchase of boards to repair a fence on Central since it is private property. Mr. Leighton advised he approved the purchase and that the funds will be recovered through restitution by the vandals through the court system. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve appropriation ordinances #2709 (Payroll) in the amount of \$28,064.17; #2710 (Payroll) in the amount of \$28,919.76 and #2711 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$358,381.00. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. Aye—Commissioners Stirton, Smith and Lentz. Nay—Mayor Thomas.

Larry McKown, Stiffel, Nicolaus & Co.--Bonds

Mr. McKown advised the Commission that the interest rate on the bonds will be 4.09%, which is less than originally thought. These bonds will be for the water improvement project and to refund the 1996 General Obligation Bonds and the 2000 Sewer Revenue Bonds.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adopt the Bond Ordinance number 1042, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$615,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2003, OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO REFUND A PORTION OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND THE COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS WITH RESPECT THERETO. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adopt Resolution 03-0407, A RESOLUTION PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$615,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2003, OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1042 OF THE ISSUER; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Discussion with Brown County Commissioners and Fair Board about Improvements to the Blue Building

Two members of the Brown County Commission, Glen Leitch and Steve Roberts, were present along with two members of the Fair Board, Linda Schuetz and Joe Bunck to discuss the needs of the 4-H during the fair. There was some discussion concerning the need for an air conditioned area for the display of perishable items. It was also noted that there is a need for changing rooms, more restrooms, meeting room

and a kitchen area. It was suggested that instead of putting a lot of money into the blue building it might be wise to build an additional building to the east of the blue building. The County Commissioners stated they would help as much as they could but that funds are down due to the State cutting the demand transfers. The City Commissioners asked if the County would be able to supply labor assistance if a building were purchased and remodeled. The County advised they thought that would be possible.

Discussion of Parking on Central

Mr. Leighton reported that there had been a visibility problem at the corner of 8th and Central because of a long van being parked there during business hours. It seems the immediate problem has been solved by the owners themselves by parking farther north on Central.

Condemnation of Structures

A list of four structures was presented and recommended for condemnation. Motion by Mayor Thomas to proceed with the condemnation process on 531 W. 9th Street, 431 W. 10th Street, 600 W. 13th Street and 802 W. 12th Street. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Appointment of Board Member for Housing Authority

Motion by Mayor Thomas to reappoint Jesse Hobbs to the Housing Authority Board. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Report on Hazardous Mitigation

Mr. Leighton reported on the workshop he attended dealing with the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The City is required to write a plan which will become part of the Brown County Plan. The plans are supposed to be completed by 2004. Mr. Leighton estimates that it may take 8 months to complete. Mr. Leighton will bring a list of suggested name for appointment to a committee to work on this project.

Report on Main Street Program

The City Clerk reported on the workshop she attended concerning the Main Street Program. This program consists of four steps to help rejuvenate the downtown areas of cities. The steps are organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring. The first step toward being selected for this program is to establish a planning committee who will be responsible for gathering community support, fundraising, developing a budget, filing the application and making a presentation to the selection committee. The program requires a commitment of 5 years and a budget of not less than \$25,000 a year. If selected for the program a market analysis will be done for the area and the plan is developed from that.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Leighton reported that he, Commissioner McClain, Bill Delzeit and Andy Becker traveled to Chillicothe, Missouri to look at their wireless internet service. For the City to begin an internet service the initial investment would be approximately \$36,000. This figure is based on 80 units being installed. Mr. Leighton advised that it would probably cost less because we would not have to start out with 80 units. Installers may have to be hired and there would be some training required. The cost to the clients would be \$259 for the installation and \$30-40 per month for service.

Mr. Leighton sent letters to all those landowners in the watershed district asking for their cooperation and advising them that a study will be done on Mission Lake and an engineer may be looking at their property.

An insurance issue on Mission Lake Dam came up in the last few weeks. The insurance company stated they would not insure the dam. A letter was written to the insurance agent giving the engineers opinion on

the the condition of the dam. The City has not heard back from the insurance company yet. Commissioner Smith suggested that Mr. Leighton contact the League of Municipalities about the options available is the dam is not insured by this company.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Smith inquired if anything further had been done concerning the noise ordinance. The City Administrator stated that he had asked the Police Department to enforce the ordinance.

Mayor Thomas

Motion by Mayor Thomas to reappoint Tim Keck as the City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to reappoint Mike Riley as the Municipal Court Judge. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to reappoint Shirley Hosford as City Treasurer. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Mayor Thomas asked if the bathrooms that were being built at the baseball field's were handicap accessible. Mr. Leighton advised that they were handicap accessible.

Motion by Mayor Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas, Mayor