

June 2, 2003  
6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 2, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Candy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mayor White, Commissioners Smith and McClain.

Absent: Commissioners Stirton and Lentz.

The following changes to the minutes for the May 21, 2003 meeting were made by Mayor White. Under the Planning Commission it should state that the Commission would like the Planning Commission to follow and enforce the codes not that they support them in their decisions. The minutes should state that Ron Smith seconded the motion to go into executive session not Mayor White. The minutes should reflect that Mayor White stated that the wireless internet issue is dead until such time as a reason could be presented to take the matter up again and that Mayor White directed Mr. Leighton to distribute spec sheets on cable and wireless modems to the Commissioners. The sentence stating that Bob Fanning would assist the City at no cost to the City should be deleted. The minutes should reflect that the Commission is in agreement with Laura Cowart that projects should meet ADA projects. Hearing nothing further from the Commissioners, Mayor White stated the minutes were approved as corrected and amended.

The Commissioners inquired about the amount to be paid to Jenson Insurance Agency and were informed that it was for property, liability and vehicle insurance for the City. Ron Smith inquired about the insurance on Mission Lake Dam. The city is waiting to hear back from the insurance company on this matter. Motion by Commissioner McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2718 (Payroll) in the amount of \$29,568.34 and #2719 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$110,540.83. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

#### **Ordinance 1043—Demolition or Moving Requirements**

Motion by Commissioner Smith to adopt Ordinance 1043, AN ORDINANCE ON MOVING BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 4-712 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, 2001. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

#### **Discussion of Range Advisory Board**

Mr. Leighton advised that there is a need for an Advisory Board to be appointed for the Firing Range. He presented the Commission with a list of possible candidates for the Board. It was decided to advertise for the board openings and then interview those interested. Mayor White would like to have a list of standardized questions and to have the applicants will out a sheet on their background. Mr. Leighton will advertise within the next week. He will draft a set of questions by 9 June and the Commission will respond with their suggestions by the 13<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will take place in about 3 weeks.

#### **Discussion of Wireless Internet**

Mayor White stated that he thought this was tabled at the last meeting. Motion by Commissioner Smith to table this matter indefinitely. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye. Mayor White stated that if it were presented again that the City would need three proposals and that one of the proposals that had been received was not itemized.

#### **Discussion of Air Conditioning the Blue Building**

Mr. Leighton reported that the West end of the Blue Building could be air conditioned at a cost of approximately \$600; this would include two window air conditioners. Mayor White suggested ventilation fans in the ceiling in the east end to pull out the hot air and asked Mr. Leighton to check on the cost of such fans. Mayor White also directed Mr. Leighton to look for the air conditioners locally. Commissioner McClain asked Mr. Leighton to check on renting a big air conditioning unit for the week of the fair. Mayor White inquired about a report on the deficiencies of the Blue Building and Mr. Leighton reported that he is waiting on a report from a contractor. Mr. Leighton was directed to report at the June 30 meeting what it will take to fix any problems the building might have.

### **Discussion of Financial Reports**

The City Clerk was directed to send out balance sheets, cash balance reports, and income statements along with the revenue and expense reports already sent monthly. These will be in the packets for the second meeting of each month.

### **Kickapoo Relations**

The Commission received an invitation from the Kickapoo Tribe for a joint meeting, which would include a lunch or dinner on a date mutually agreed upon.

Mayor White presented a resolution that he had asked Commissioner Smith to draft which states the appreciation of the City Commission to the Kickapoo Tribal Council and to the entire Kickapoo Nation for its rich history and heritage, its talents and assistance, and its cooperation in future mutual efforts to make Brown County, the Kickapoo reservation and the City of Horton, better places to live and work.

Motion by Commissioner McClain to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Mr. Leighton will attend the K-20 meeting on June 4 at the Kickapoo Community Building.

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

Mr. Leighton reported that the contracts for easements have been signed on the water project. Construction will begin within the next few days. Brown-Atchison Electric will begin their work with the weather allows.

There will be a pre-construction conference on June 6 on the generator installation.

The Commission requested that Mr. Leighton write a letter of recognition to Ean Lucero and Robert Coots on achieving their operator certifications.

The Commission directed that those volunteers who mow should be recognized later this summer. The staff is to compile a list of volunteers.

### **Commissioner's Agenda**

#### **Commissioner Smith**

A town meeting will be held on June 21 at 8:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This will be advertised in the Horton Headlight and on KNZA radio.

Commissioner Smith would like the camping fees to be discussed at budget time. The consensus of the Commission is to have a joint meeting with the park board. Mayor White stated that he felt the area parks and lakes should be surveyed to compare fees.

A new website will be discussed at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on June 27 and Mayor White requested that Mr. Leighton attend the Chamber meetings. The City Clerk was directed to contact the Chamber secretary about the present website.

Commissioner Smith stated that a survey of available buildings needs to be done for economic development purposes.

The City needs to start on the Community Assessment Tool Survey as soon as possible.

New welcome signs will be placed as specified by KDOT. It was decided to run a citywide contest for suggestions on a logo to place on the signs. The suggestions should be in by 24 June.

### **Commissioner McClain**

Commissioner McClain thanked the other Commissioners for continuing to make good solid decisions during his absence due to his son's accident.

The engines should be running this week.

### **Mayor White**

Mayor White inquired about the mowing and was advised that it was on schedule. He asked about the back of Mission Lake Dam and was advised it would be mowed this week.

An update on the library needs was given. Some ideas on the drainage issue are to trench along the building and place drain tile and then slope the ground away from the building. The guttering system will be looked at on June 3 and the downspouts need to be repaired. The problems should be taken care of by the end of October.

The noise ordinance needs to be enforced more but citizens seem to know when the police are in the area. It was suggested that maybe foot patrol would need to be done for a period of time. Mayor White stated that he had heard positive comments in the community about the noise level going down. He wanted to commend the Police Department for that accomplishment.

It was reported that there has been a rash of vandalism in the community. There is an ongoing case and some arrests have been made with the possibility of addition arrest in the future. The Mayor commended the Police Department.

Mayor White was approached by some young people in the community concerning a skateboard park. Mayor White stated that it was nice to see the enthusiasm of the youth.

Mayor White spoke with Bob Fanning and he is interested in pursuing assisting the City with planning. Commissioner Smith and Mayor White will meet with Mr. Fanning in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Dale A. White, Mayor