

July 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, July 7, 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, Lentz and McClain.

Absent: Commissioner Stirton

Janet Griesel was moved to fourth on the agenda and an executive session to discuss personnel was added to the agenda after the Commissioners agenda.

A correction to the minutes was made where the Clerk had typed south instead of north when discussing the bridgework on E. 8th Street. The minutes of the June 30, 2003 regular meeting were approved as corrected.

Janet Griesel—Enterprise Facilitator

Mayor White introduced Janet Griesel. Her position as Enterprise Facilitator is comparable to a business coach. The services she provides are free and in confidence to those who have a business idea or want to expand an existing business.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinances

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve appropriation ordinance #2724 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$124,188.38. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Louis Funk—Engineer on Water Project (Change Order)

Mr. Funk presented the Commission with a request for payment to Larson Construction in the amount of \$37,769.40, which was signed by Mayor White.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve change order #1 in the amount of \$7,960.00. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Pat Cox—Engineer Report on Wastewater Plant

Mr. Cox appeared to report that the effluent quality has improved in the last few weeks. The ammonia content had been high due to the untimely removal of sludge and that has been corrected and the readings are now within the limits set by the state. Mr. Cox also reported that the current plant has served its useful life and that the structural integrity is such that it could start to have problems, but no specific issues beyond age of the plant were mentioned. The City needs to do some planning to avoid future failure. There are several new types of treatment plants and new ways to improve the present facility. Mr. Cox felt the City needs a feasibility study to determine the options available and the funding sources that could be used to finance a project. The commission requested that the City Administrator get quotes by the next meeting on the cost of a study.

Ken Fairchild—Executive Session on Possible Litigation

Motion by Commissioner Smith to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation for 20 minutes with City Attorney, City Administrator and City Clerk present. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor White stated that a company was requesting a final payment on a project but the final delivery had not yet been made. The company was being paid \$2500 a month to store the

equipment. The Commission requested that the engineer draft a letter thanking them for their consideration and giving them a firm date when the City would be ready to complete the project.

The Commission had several questions for Mr. Fairchild concerning several outages in the electrical system in the past few weeks. Mr. Fairchild reported that the electric plant would be in good shape when the project is completed. In May, the new system cut over and adjustments had to be made to coordinate the generation system and the distribution systems. There is a small problem with the type of fuses to be used. This will be corrected. There was a discussion of line loss. It was noted that the line loss should be 10% or less. It would take a distribution study to determine the cause of excess line loss. The Commission requested that Mr. Fairchild give them some figures determining the cost of the line loss currently being experienced by the City and to submit a cost for a distribution study.

Firing Range Advisory Board

Motion by Ron Smith, upon the recommendation of Mayor White, to appoint Harold Arnold, Rex West, Christine Stirton, Tim Lentz, Mark McAfee, Ken Krug and Jerry Walker to the Firing Range Advisory Board and to have James Stuart and Mike Leighton serve as ex-officio members. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Blue Building

A cooling fan is in place and Mr. Leighton will get two large fans to draw the cool air through the building. Mayor White suggested getting some fans for the Civic Center as well.

Dam Inspection and Insurance

No information has been received from the FEMA office yet. The dam inspections were handed out to the Commission for their review. The suggested repairs will be included in next year's budget.

Welcome Signs and Motto

Mr. Leighton was instructed to check on the cost of having lettering made that would say "Est. 1886" and to have a logo printed.

City Administrator's Agenda

Nothing to report.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Lentz

Commissioner Lentz thanked the City crews for mowing and upkeep in getting ready for the 4th of July. The fireworks display was great.

Mayor White

Mayor White inquired about the cover for the basin at the water treatment plant. Mr. Leighton is waiting on information from Kansas Rural Water.

Mr. Leighton reported that it would probably take 3 days to fog for mosquitoes and would cost approximately \$200 a day to rent the fogger.

Mayor White signed a letter requesting that the Brown County Commission consider a tire amnesty for the County.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel

Motion by Commissioner Smith to go into executive session to discuss personnel for 15 minutes with the City Attorney, City Administrator and City Clerk present. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. The session was extended for 20 minutes. Upon reconvening, Mayor White stated that no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor