

July 31, 2003
6:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a special meeting on Thursday, July 31, 2003 at 6:15 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall to discuss the budget.

Present: Mayor White and Commissioners Smith

Absent: Commissioners Stirton, Lentz and McClain.

Also present were the department heads, Bill Delzeit, Dawn Succi, Ray Meyers and Rex West.

Mayor White called the meeting to order.

Mayor White commented that the City Administrator had done an excellent job on the preparation of the budget. Mr. Leighton commended the City Clerk and the Department Heads.

One mill will be equivalent to approximately \$4,400. An increase in the budget is necessary to cover the increase in health insurance and the loss of demand transfers from the State of Kansas.

It was noted that the sewer rates would need to be reviewed at a later date. At this time, money is being transferred from the water fund to help the sewer fund.

Mayor White requested that an article be written for the newspaper outlining the grants that the City has received in the last year or two. This would help to inform the public of the efforts of the City to use funds wisely.

It was suggested to discuss with Brown County the possibility of sharing dispatch to save on overtime costs in the communications department.

Mayor White would like to put the cost of a sign for the fire department building in the budget and to develop a signage plan for the city buildings.

It was decided that more funds need to be put in streets for the chip and sealing project.

The Commission would like to see an additional basketball court possibly be put in the budget of the parks department or look for grants.

The Commission would like to have a survey of park fees in the area before the public hearing.

The City Administrator will check with the City Attorney about the process to set up a cemetery district to oversee the cemetery and to levy its own tax.

Mayor White wants a capital budget with a replacement plan for equipment.

It was decided to recommend a raise in the budget of 9.5 mills.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor