

August 2, 2003
8:00 A.M.
Senior Citizens Center

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a special meeting on Saturday, August 2, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

Present: Mayor White and Commissioner Smith

Absent: Commissioners Stirton, Lentz and McClain.

Mayor White called the meeting to order.

There were 11 citizens present.

It was noted that the audit report will be presented at the next regular meeting.

Mayor White reported that the Commission is working on the budget for 2004 and looking at all the needs of the City including infrastructure needs, mapping of the lines and a maintenance and replacement plan and repairs to Mission Lake Dam among others. There will be a tax increase this year.

Mayor White assured the citizens that the City would apply for as many grants as possible during the coming year. The Commission is working with Bob Fanning who has a PHD in education, has been appointed to a 2-year commission to look at migrant children and education. Mr. Fanning has stated that there are grants available for youth centers, pools, basketball courts, etc.

A planning committee consisting of 25-30 members will be developed. This committee will meet 10 times over a 3-month process. This committee will set and prioritize goals; determine the cost, where the funds will come from and who is responsible for each area and will set due dates for the goals to be accomplished.. After the plan is developed, the committee will meet two or three times a year to make sure the plan is being carried out.

The City hopes to apply for a Comprehensive Development Grant. The first step is to fill out a Comprehensive Assessment Tool survey. If the grant amount is over \$1 million the City will have to match 10% of anything over \$1 million.

The water improvement project should be completed within 90 days.

The electric system had experienced some outages due to new switchgear having an impact on the distribution system. The problem has been corrected by changing settings in the computer. We will need to look at the distribution system in the future. An open house will be held when the project is completed.

Most of the construction on the firing range is completed. The berms are too low so Lowe Construction is raising the berms. There will be walkways that still need to be completed. The Advisory Board has been established. The City would like to have a black powder shoot in conjunction with the Kickapoo Pow-Wow.

Mayor White stated that more money needs to be spent on the cemetery for fertilizing, and spraying of weeds. The City may look at setting up a cemetery district.

It was noted that future town meetings should be set at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m.

An idea was mentioned to build a city festival around the wagon sale event. Possibly have Civil War re-enactments and stagecoach rides.

There was a suggestion to have the history club do research on Albert Horton and possibly do a write-up and have a picture placed in City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor