

September 15, 2003  
6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 15, 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 agenda was adopted as presented.

The minutes of the September 2, 2003 meeting were approved as corrected.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve Appropriation Ordinances #2733 (Payroll) in the amount of \$33,429.36. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner McClain to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2734 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$143,009.22. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

#### **Public Hearing—Hammersmith IRB**

Mayor White opened the public hearing on industrial revenue bonds for Hammersmith Manufacturing at 6:10 p.m. Van Norris, representing Hammersmith Manufacturing requested that the hearing be postponed until the underwriters arrived. The hearing was recessed.

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. Underwriters from Riedl in Wichita were present to explain the requested funding would be to refund the current bonds at a lower interest rate and to build new additions to the business. A fire destroyed the buildings in 1995 and bonds were issued in 1996 to rebuild the facility. This issue was in the amount of \$2,000,000 with a 10-year tax abatement and will become taxable in 2006. The new issue is for 2.2 million dollars, 1.3 million to renew the previous bonds and \$900,000 to build a new addition and purchase new equipment. This will add 3 new employees over a 3-year period. They will be 15-year bonds and the work will hopefully be completed by the end of the year. There being no further comments from the public or the commission the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Commissioner McClain to adopt Resolution 03-915. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

#### **Steve Davies—Discuss Senior Projects**

Mr. Davies reported that the senior projects have been changed to community projects. There will be no individual projects only group projects for the community or school districts. The students and staff have a list of several project ideas and would request funds for materials from the City for the community projects. The Commission advised Mr. Davies to work with the City Administrator on what was needed from the City. Presentations will be made to the community through the news media and a celebration will be held at the end of the projects with a community picnic.

#### **Gary Satter, RC&D Council—Discussion of Housing Program**

Mr. Satter reported that since low to moderate income housing is a need in several communities in the area he has been looking into a program that would have houses built and offered to citizens who are now living in substandard housing as defined by USDA-RD. Mr. Satter and Mr. Leighton had visited with the local banks, explained the plan and received a good reception from the majority of them. If the City has vacant

lots, they could give them away for building sites. There would need to be a plan developed on the process of the give away. He will work on a plan and will keep the Commission informed.

### **Bids on Lake Study**

Bids were solicited for the engineering study of Mission Lake and the dam. Only one bid was received and that was from BG Consultants. The range for the costs is \$45,000-\$60,000. The grant that the city received is a 50/50 match. Mr. Leighton recommended that the proposal be approved and that he be allowed to negotiate the final amount. There is a siltation problem and the study will give mitigation and revitalization options.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the proposal at a cost of \$45,000 plus \$3500 for contingencies. Seconded by Mayor White. Aye—Mayor White and Commissioner Smith. Abstain—Commissioner McClain.

### **Bids on Street Barn Roof**

One bid was received for installing a steel roof on the street barn. The bid was from Kreider Construction in the amount of \$5,132. Motion by Commissioner McClain to award the bid to Kreider Construction. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

### **Bids on Shooting Complex Fence**

Bids were received for a chain link fence with 3 strands of barb wire and a kick wire for the shooting range. The grant will pay the total cost for this item. Bids were as follows:

Davis Fence Company	\$14,300.00
Shaws Custom Fence	\$12,210.00
Kent Fence Company	\$ 9,895.50

Motion by Commissioner McClain to award the contract to Kent Fence Company in the amount of \$9,895.50. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

### **INCO Request for Payment**

The engine will be delivered on October 24. The company is requesting payment of \$10,405.86, which is half of the retainer. There was some discussion of deducting some of the amount because the engine is not being delivered when the city requested. Motion by Commissioner Smith to pay \$10,405.86 once the engine is set in the electric plant to the satisfaction of the city. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

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

Mr. Leighton reported that a bomb was discovered at a residence in Horton this afternoon. The bomb squad from Topeka removed it and detonated it at the firing range.

A gasoline smell was discovered in the 100 block of East 8<sup>th</sup> Street in the sewer line. KDHE was unable to find where it was coming from and the sewer department flushed the line. It will be checked again tomorrow.

### **Commissioner's Agenda**

**Commissioner Smith**

Commissioner Smith suggested that the time for the commission meeting be changed to 6:15 p.m. The Commission decided to change beginning at the next meeting.

Commissioner Smith requested that Sprint be present at the next meeting.

Commissioner Smith reported that he talked with Glen Leitch, County Commissioner, about the Micro-Loan Program and he will visit with the other County Commissioners before the economic meeting on September 23.

**Commissioner McClain**

Commissioner McClain requested that when the water department works on water leaks they clean up the site and compact the earth after the repair is completed. He would like to look into purchasing a landscape blade for the Ford tractor.

Electric Department needs to trim trees now that generation season is over.

**Mayor White**

Mayor White received information about a school contest from the League of Kansas Municipalities. It is an essay contest "If I were Mayor I would-----" Mr. Leighton will send the information to the schools.

A thank you note from Evelyn Ramirez, Senior Citizens Center, was read. They were thanking the City for painting the awnings at the center.

Mayor White attended the Kickapoo Pow Wow and was presented a proclamation of appreciation from the Kickapoo Tribe to the City of Horton and the entire Horton Citizenry for their support and contributions to the Pow Wow.

The next meeting for the Community Planning Committee is September 16.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Dale A. White, Mayor