

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

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 6, 2003 at 6:15 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Pastor Tom Stone of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mayor White, Commissioners Smith, Stirton and McClain.

Absent: Commissioner Lentz.

Item number 10 (Ordinance on library board) was postponed until the next meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes for the September 15, 2003 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2735 (Payroll) in the amount of \$31,082.32. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye. Motion by Commissioner McClain to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2736 (Payroll) in the amount of \$30,249.27. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye. Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2737 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$51,439.49. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

Ordinance 1048—IRB for Hammersmith Manufacturing

Motion by Commissioner McClain to adopt Ordinance 1048, an ordinance allowing for the issuance of industrial revenue bonds for Hammersmith Manufacturing. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Adopt Code of Ethics

Motion by Commissioner McClain to adopt the code of ethics for the City of Horton. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

Standard Operating Procedures for Firing Range

Officer Stuart and the Shooting Range Advisory Board submitted standard operating procedures for the Commission's approval. Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the operating procedures as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

The board will be looking into developing a fee structure for the use of the firing range.

Update on Firing Range

A chain link fence will be installed within the next 1 ½ weeks, the sidewalks within the next 2 weeks and then the handicap accessible restroom will be set when the concrete work is done. There will be a dedication ceremony on October 31, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. and the range will be open to the public on November 1, 2003. The range will be open on November 8 for shooters to adjust their sights. The Department of Wildlife and Parks will have to do a final inspection prior to these dates. Invitations will be sent out for the ceremony on the 31st.

There have been some trespassers at the range and the officers have been patrolling more often.

Building Demolition –726 & 728 Central

The Code Enforcement Officer, James Stuart, was present to give a report on the building in the 700 block of Central. The roof leaks, bricks are missing, the front brick wall is pulling away from the structure and there is deteriorating wood. The owner is 3 years behind on taxes and the previous owner is 5 years behind on taxes. The County advises that this building will go on the tax sale in the spring of 2004. The Commission decided to wait for the tax sale and try to purchase the property to be used in economic development. **The City will have a structural engineer look at the building to determine if it is salvageable.**

Discussion of Personnel Policies

Mr. Leighton requested this be tabled to the next meeting.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Leighton reported there is a new roof on the street barn, the engine is in at the electric plant but not ready to run yet, the final well will be drilled this week then the building can be built and the pipeline finished.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Smith discussed a walking and biking trail around the city. There may be grants available through the Department of Transportation. Mr. Leighton was directed to proceed with the grant process.

The Community Foundation project should be added to the project list. The city needs to pursue this and apply for 501c3. The process could take approximately 6 months.

Copies of the Homestead Program ideas were given to the Commission and will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Smith requested that a list of incentives for businesses and residences be compiled. This would include state, county and local incentives.

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton thanked Raven Hundley for being honest. She found a large amount of money and returned it to the Police Department. He would like to invite Raven to the next meeting and present her an honest citizen's award.

Commissioner McClain

Commissioner McClain reported he and the City Administrator and Bill Delzeit had met with Westar Energy last week.

Trees need to be trimmed on Central as they are blocking the lights.

Mayor White

Mayor White inquired if the process has begun on applying for a comprehensive grant. Mr. Leighton advised that he was working on the Community Assessment Tool, which is the first step in the process.

Mayor White discussed the Main Street Program and directed Mr. Leighton to proceed to apply for the grant.

Mayor White read a thank you card from the Ministerial Alliance for the funds donated by the City from the Schneider Fund.

The next community committee meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 7:00 p.m. They will finish up discussing the strengths of the community and move on into the planning process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor