

November 18, 2003
3:30 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a special meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall. Others present for this meeting representatives from the banks, Tom Kidwell, Carl Gasper and Steve Handke and Gary Satter from Glacial Hills RC&D.

Mayor White called the meeting to order.

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

There was discussion on the implementing of a program which would provide lots at no cost to people who would build a new home in the City of Horton.

The City of Marquette, Kansas has a similar program that is working well for their city. The lots are given away with the stipulation that the new owners has to show proof of a construction loan within the first 6 months and must begin construction within the next 6 months.

The lots could be city owned or privately owned lots that could be either donated by the owner or purchased by the City. Commissioner Smith stated that the City needs to apply for 501c3 status to be able to have lots donated.

Mr. Handke stated that he felt it would be better to have several lots in one area that could be developed.

Areas that were mentioned as possibilities were the Lake area, Horton Heights, the southwest area and the Airport.

The Commission is looking into reclaiming properties that are in arrears on taxes.

Carl Gasper suggested that HIDC serve as the steering committee for this project.

It was decided that to start out the City needs to identify 10 desirable lots and ask HIDC to finance the purchases if needed.

Carl Gasper will contact Ray Foster about any possibilities of land he may have available.

The City will finish a map showing all the vacant lots owned by the City and the vacant lots that are privately owned. Also a list of owners will be developed and will be coded as to the condition of the immediate neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor