

January 5, 2004
6:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 5, 2004 at 6:15 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Candy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Carolyn Gaston will not be present until the January 19th meeting. The agenda was adopted as amended.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2003 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2750 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$54,883.32. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

Firefighter Awards

Fire Chief, Gary Behrnes, presented awards to Bill Williams and Dan Knudson for their years of service to the Horton Fire Department. An award will also be presented to Tim Gaskell at a later date. These three men served over 20 years and have now retired.

Bids on Wastewater Plant Study

Bids were solicited for an engineering study of the wastewater treatment plant. One bid was received from BG Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$26,585. Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the bid and request that a contract be prepared with a ceiling of \$26,585. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. Aye—Mayor White, Commissioners Smith, Stirton and Lentz. Commissioner McClain abstained.

Report on Library Repairs Needed

A report written by Hans Fischer, a consulting architect for the library association, was presented to the Commission. This report outlines the problem areas with the Library building which include moisture problems and safety issues with the exits. This type of extensive repairs were not budgeted for 2004. The City Administrator was instructed to check with Dr. Fanning about possible sources for grants and to check with the National Library Association about funding options.

Sac & Fox Nation Firefighting Contract

A copy of a contract with the Sac & Fox Nation for Firefighting was presented to the Commission for their approval. Motion by Commissioner Stirton to approve the contract. Seconded by Commissioner McClain. All aye.

Letter of Support for Kickapoo Tribe Water Source

A letter was read expressing the support of the City of Horton for the Kickapoo Tribe's efforts to obtain and adequate, reliable and long-term water source to serve the Tribe's present and future needs. Motion by Commissioner McClain to adopt the letter as read. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Leighton reported that he had received an e-mail from RDA stating that the Brown County Commission approved submitting an application for the Micro Loan Program and they were requesting a letter of support from the City of Horton. Mr. Leighton will write a letter of support.

Different proposals for Health Insurance Policies were presented to the Commission for their review. A representative will be present at the January 19, 2004 meeting to discuss the proposals.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Smith

No report.

Commissioner Stirton

No report.

Commissioner Lentz

Thanked the Commission for their support in the purchase of a new mower at the Lake.

Commissioner McClain

Commissioner McClain thanked the street crew for the good job of snow removal. He stated he would like them to go down the alleys when possible to push the snow.

Mayor White

Mayor White announced City Hall Day will be held in Topeka on January 29. The Chamber of Commerce will be setting up a booth with Donna Hallauer and Connie Werner volunteering.

There is a Main Street Program workshop will be held on February 26 in Topeka. The Commission would like Mr. Leighton or the City Clerk to attend.

A thank you letter from Steve Cadue was read.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor White stated that no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor