

January 3, 2005  
6:15 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 3, 2005 at 6:15 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Mayor White opened the meeting and the prayer was given by Candy Schmitt, City Clerk.

Present: Mayor White and Commissioners Krug, B. Stirton, Lentz and K. Stirton.

The executive session was taken off of the agenda. Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

The minutes of the December 20, 2004 meeting were corrected to show that Commissioner Krug did not say he knew someone who could put up the metal building. In addition, Mayor White had stated he was impressed with the street department's job on street sweeping and repairs. Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2004 regular meeting as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2801 (Payroll) in the amount of \$27,860.41. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2802 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$12,488.43. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2803 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$13,656.06. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

#### **Discussion of CFAP Program**

Kirk Tjelmeland of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks was present to discuss a new program with the Commission. The Community Fisheries Assistance Program allows for the Department of Wildlife and Parks to lease the fishing rights from local governments and in addition the local governments receive priority status for services from the department such as stocking, feeding and habitat assistance. The City would have to document operations and maintenance expenses equal to at least 75% of the lease payment amount. This can be labor or in-kind expenses. The consensus of the Commission is to enter into the CFAP program. The application will be submitted and information brought back to the Commission on January 17.

#### **Public Hearing—Demolition of 726 & 728 Central**

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments concerning the demolition or repair of the structure at 726 & 728 Central. There were no comments from the public. The Commission discussed several options concerning the demolishing of this building. The public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m. Motion by K. Stirton to adopt Resolution 05-01 giving the owner until February 21, 2005 to resolve the problem with the structure. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

#### **Discussion of Lake Project and Bond Issue**

David Penny from Master Dredging Company was present to talk with the Commission of his recommendations for Mission Lake. Larry Mckown, Kevin Cowen and Todd Loescher were available by phone to discuss the bond issue and the wording of the question to be placed on the April ballot for the issuance of the bonds.

Mr. Penny advised the Commission that there are 1 million cubic yards of silt material to be removed from Mission Lake to return it to a good depth for water quality. The process will take approximately 1 ½ years

to complete. The estimated cost is \$6 million and it is anticipated that the State of Kansas will contribute \$1 ½ million to \$2 million to the project if the City of Horton is selected as a pilot project for the reclaiming of small lakes. The City will have to issue bonds for the remainder of the cost. These would be water revenue bonds and the water rates will have to be raised to pay for the bonds.

Two examples of questions for the bond election were presented by Kevin Cowen of Gilmore and Bell. The Commission requested that Mr. Cowen rewrite the first proposition to show that the project will not proceed without funding assistance by the State of Kansas. The new draft will be presented at the January 17 meeting for approval.

The Commission took a 10-minute recess at 9:10 p.m. and returned at 9:20 p.m.

### **Discussion of “Help the Needy” Using Utility Billing**

Pastor Richard Crooks was present representing the South Brown County Ministerial Alliance. They were proposing that a program be started where residents could voluntarily donate to a fund for assisting those who are unable to pay their utility bills due to being low income or having an emergency arise. If someone were to want to donate then a line item could be placed on the utility bills for that purpose. The City Attorney expressed some concern because of the separation of religion and state. The City Attorney will check into the issue and report back to the Commission. The City Clerk will ask the auditor if there are any problems with the idea.

### **Discussion of the Enterprise Facilitation Funding**

Motion by Commissioner Krug to continue the funding of this program for one year in the amount of \$3,200. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

### **Maintenance Agreement on Software**

Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the maintenance agreement for the City software programs in the amount of \$4,173.00. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

### **Discussion of Homecoming Event for Military**

A letter was received from the Mayor of Troy stating they would like to have a regional event honoring the soldiers when they return from Iraq. A planning meeting will be held on January 11, 2005 in Troy. The Commission requested that the City Administrator attend the planning meeting. The consensus of the Commission is to have some kind of event in Horton.

The Mayor requested that the yellow ribbons be replenished before the return of the soldiers. The City Administrator will contact the group that was in charge of distributing ribbons previously.

### **Opening of Bids for Street Materials**

The bids were opened by the City Administrator and City Clerk and a tabulation sheet was presented to the Commission. Motion by Commissioner Krug to accept the low bid on all materials. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. Aye—Mayor White, Commissioners Krug and Lentz. Abstain—Commissioners B. Stirton and K. Stirton.

Bill Stirton Trucking was the low bidder on 1/2” crusher run, 1/2” screened chat, 1” crusher run, 1 1/2” crusher run, 3” crusher run, mason sand, CMK and the hauling per ton per mile. Stirton Brothers Trucking was the low bidder on the pit sand and the cold mix asphalt hauling with the purchase of the cold mix to go to Andrews Asphalt of Topeka.

### **Bid on Truck Bed**

One bid was received on the 2000 GMC truck bed. S & S Truck and Equipment Sales bid \$452.17. Motion by Commissioner Krug to accept the bid from S & S Truck and Equipment Sales in the amount of \$452.17. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. Aye—Mayor White, Commissioners Krug and Lentz. Abstain—Commissioners B. Stirton and K. Stirton.

### **Report on Demolition Bids for 530 W. 10<sup>th</sup>**

Two bids were received for demolition of 530 W. 10<sup>th</sup>. The bids were as follows:

Stirton Brothers Trucking	\$2,750
Bill Stirton Trucking	\$6,500

The bid was awarded to Stirton Brothers Trucking.

### **Discussion of Metal Building**

The manufacturer states that the cost of erecting the building should be around \$10,000-\$15,000. He will supply a list of contractor's in the area. The Commission instructed the City Administrator to send out for bids when he receives the list of contractors.

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

The City received an extra \$655 from Powhattan Township for the fire department. The Commission instructed that a thank you be sent to the township.

The City Administrator inquired about the intention of the Commission on the Homestead Program concerning commercial buildings. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to have a policy drawn up to allow commercial or rental property to be included in the Homestead Program. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

### **Commissioner's Agenda**

#### **Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug requested that at the special meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January that the question to be put on the April ballot be discussed as well as the sewer plant issues.

Commissioner Krug inquired about the automation of reading meters. Mr. Smith advised he is in touch with a company about this issue. The Commission would like to have information on the cost of a handheld meter-reading device as well as the automated meter system.

#### **Commissioner B. Stirton**

No report.

#### **Commissioner Lentz**

No report.

#### **Commissioner K. Stirton**

Commissioner K. Stirton informed the Commission that he and the City Administrator are looking at the possibility of getting a newer and smaller road grader for the City that can be used in the alleys.

**Mayor White**

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Dale A. White, Mayor