

January 10, 2005
3:30 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a special meeting on Monday, January 10, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Mayor White opened the meeting.

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

Discussion of Sanitation Plant

Present were Rod Geisler and Ted Johnson from Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Pat Cox and Karen Weathers from BG Consultants. It was noted that the Sanitation Plant has been in compliance with the permit requirements for the last 4 months. The City would like to work on upgrading and refurbishing the current plant to ensure it's functioning for several more years and then look at a long-term plan for either a new plant or a lagoon system.

Mr. Geisler reported that the City of Horton's plant uses an outdated treatment process. He also stated that KDHE recommends a lagoon system for those cities with population under 2500. He discourages any large capital investment in the plant and would rather see the City keep in compliance and save the money to accomplish a long-term solution.

The State of Kansas has a State Revolving Loan program with current interest rates of 2.70% on a 20-year payback. This program is open to applications all year long.

Mr. Geisler stated that if the City of Horton sanitation plant is out of compliance for 2 months there will probably be some kind of order issued from KDHE.

The City Administrator will respond to KDHE in writing of the current plans for the plant operation and maintenance.

The Commission took a five-minute recess at 4:12 p.m.

Discussion of Bond Proposition for the April Election

The Commission reviewed a draft of the proposed proposition for the April election dealing with whether or not the City should issue water revenue bonds to finance the refurbishing of Mission Lake. The project being contingent on receiving some funding from the State of Kansas. The City Attorney will contact the bond counsel for clarification on some of the wording and the final decision will be made at the January 17 meeting.

There was discussion concerning the project and the consensus of the Commission was to go out for bids for a design build project for dredging Mission Lake.

The Commission would like to have some examples of water bills for different size families at the next meeting to give them an idea of how the bond issue will impact the utility bills.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor

