

April 4, 2005  
6:15 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 4, 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.

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

The executive session to discuss wage classification was changed to discuss non-elected personnel. The agenda was accepted as amended.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2005 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

The minutes of the March 21, 2005 regular meeting were amended a section under the discussion of baseball fields to read that Mayor White wanted the baseball association to check into reorganizing the fields, possibly placing them back to back in order to make better use of the lighting. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2815 (Payroll) in the amount of \$28,340.13. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2816 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$104,817.96. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

#### **Appointment of Housing Authority Board Members**

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to appoint Leone Elkins, Teresa Wiggins and Dale Baker to the Housing Authority Board. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

#### **Discussion of Proposed Ordinance for Franchise with RSP**

Rodney Paden, from RSP, Inc., was present to discuss the franchise agreement with the City of Horton. The previous franchise agreement was for a period of 10 years and Mr. Paden was requesting the same time frame. A proposed ordinance was presented for the Commissioner's review. Motion by Commissioner Davies to proceed with the process of publishing a notice to the public of the proposal and to vote on the ordinance at the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

#### **Discussion of Proposed Ordinance to Raise Rates for Solid Waste Collections**

A proposed ordinance, raising the rates for solid waste disposal to \$10.75 per month, was presented to the Commission for their review. Motion by Commissioner Davies to proceed with the process of publishing a notice to the public of the proposal and to vote on the ordinance at the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

#### **Discussion of Proposed Ordinance Changing Ordinance 1-205 on Time of Meetings**

A proposed ordinance changing the meeting times for Commission meetings was presented for review. This would allow the Commission to meet at 6:15 and to change the time of the meetings as needed. Motion by Commissioner Krug to proceed with the process of publishing a notice to the public of the proposal and to vote on the ordinance at the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

### **Information Concerning Demolition of Business at 726-728 Central**

Meridian Construction Services sent a proposal to lower the cost of the demolition of 726-728 Central to \$37,209. This could be accomplished by having the City crews complete some of the work and to allow Meridian to use some of the City's equipment. The Commission does not feel comfortable with the proposal to do away with the performance bond or to have the city employees remove the debris from inside the building prior to demolition.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to rewrite the bid documents to use the City's loader and hydraulic hammer and to provide an area for disposal for the brick and masonry. Providing the site meets the standards set by KDHE. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. Aye—Mayor White and Commissioners Krug, B. Stirton and Davies. Nay—Commissioner K. Stirton.

City Administrator Smith will check with KDHE about the regulations for disposal of brick and masonry.

### **Discussion of Need for Fifth Dispatch Position**

The Police Department is back to full force. The Communications Department has four full time employees and recently lost the part-time person. The City Administrator would like to hire a person full time to work part time in the Dispatch area and part time in the Clerk's office. From May to December, this would cost \$16,233 including benefits. The annual cost would be \$27,828.

The Commission would like to see a job description and a break down of the overtime and comp time currently being spent in both departments.

### **Discussion of Appointment of Two KMEA Board Positions for Horton**

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to appoint Bill Delzeit as Director #1 and Kevin Dalen as Director #2 on the KMEA Board. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

**The Commission recessed for 5 minutes.**

### **Executive Session to Discuss Non-elected Personnel**

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to include the City Administrator and the City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to extend the executive session for 10 more minutes. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Upon reconvening, Mayor White stated that no action was taken.

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

Mr. Smith reported that after appointing the board members for the Foundation he would like to present them with a project to develop a memorial brick wall at City Hall. He would like to see this completed by September 2006 for the City's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday. The cost for the wall could be offset by selling memorial bricks for veterans. The board will have to approve bylaws before the paperwork can be completed.

Mr. Smith would like to look at the signage around the city and possibly change to wrought iron with gold lettering. He will be soliciting ideas from the citizens.

The ammonia level for the March testing at the sanitation plant was 1.4 and the limit is 8.4 so the plant is well within the requirement.

Mr. Smith will be interviewing for the summer mowing positions on Tuesday.

Bids will be sought for the cost of cleaning one of the digesters.

The City of Everest would like to purchase a fire truck with an aerial sprayer at a cost of approximately \$6,500. They would like to enter into an interlocal agreement where we would share the truck. They are requesting that the City of Horton pay ½ the insurance, supply the building to house the truck and 1/3 of the cost of the truck. This may count toward lowering the ISO rating for the City of Horton. The Commission would like to see specific cost amounts as well as the proposed agreement.

### **Commissioner's Agenda**

#### **Commissioner Krug**

Commissioner Krug announced that he would not be at the next meeting.

Commissioner Krug made reference to an anonymous letter received by the Commission that outlined some suggestions for paying for the lake project. Commissioner Krug stated that the writer had some good points and requested that they be contacted to see if they would come to a Park Board meeting and talk to them.

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

Commissioner B. Stirton wanted to welcome Nathan Gray as a new officer in the Police Department.

#### **Commissioner Davies**

Commissioner Davies expressed that he had some concerns about the pool and that the City Administrator is gathering information on several items for him. The manager for the 2005 season has been hired and Commissioner Davies would like to know the requirements for the assistant manager.

The Park Board is putting together books with information on each park.

Commissioner Davies has talked with the representatives of the baseball and soccer programs.

The baseball field projects are progressing well and Commissioner Davies expressed thanks to the City Crews.

The outhouses at Mission Lake are ventilated, the picnic tables were painted, signs will be completed and a boat has been purchased for the caretaker.

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

Commissioner K. Stirton inquired about the days for the fair this year. He does not want the chip and sealing to be performed during the fair. It needs to be done after the fair.

Commissioner K. Stirton reported he had citizens ask about the dredging project at Mission Lake. They want to know if the bond proposal does not pass will the City just drain the lake and leave it that way. The Commission agreed that they would have to come up with a different solution to correct the problem but no one wants to do away with Mission Lake.

#### **Mayor White**

Mayor White presented statistics on the ambulance service showing the number and percentages of runs in the different areas of the community. They were as follows:

Hospital 21% Horton 39% Kickapoo Reservation 10% Golden Eagle Casino 9%  
Sac & Fox Casino 9% Everest 3% Brown County 8%

It was noted that the Pool Manager is Brandon Moore.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Dale A. White, Mayor