

September 19, 2005
7:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 7:15 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

A quorum was not present until 7:50 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Commissioner B. Stirton.

An executive session was added to the end of the agenda. Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

The minutes of the September 6, 2005 regular meeting and the September 8, 2005 special meeting were pulled from the consent agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2838 (Payroll) in the amount of \$28,956.83. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2839 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$149,480.14. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Discussion of Search for Administrator

Mark Tomb, League of Kansas Municipalities, was present to report the results of the surveys that were completed by the Commission. A classified ad was presented for approval. Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the ad and insert a salary range of \$42,000 to \$50,000. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Mr. Tomb presented a suggested list of where to place the advertisement. Motion by Commissioner Davies to accept the recommended advertisement budget. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

A special meeting was set for October 31, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. to review the resumes.

Permission to set Poles and Speakers and Play Music in the Downtown Area

Connie Werner was not able to be present. The City Clerk advised the Commission that the Chamber of Commerce wanted to purchase speakers with memorial funds that had been donated to them. They would like to play music in the downtown area during business hours. There was some confusion and conflicting information and Commissioner Davies will check with Ms. Werner and get the specifics of their request.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to table this matter until the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Bids on the Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan

Three bids were received on the preparation of the storm water pollution prevention plan that is required by KDHE. Bids were received from BG Consultants, Cook, Flat & Strobel, and Bartlett and West. Motion by Commissioner Davies to accept the bid from BG Consultants. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Bids on Cleaning the Digesters

Two bids were received for the cleaning of the digesters. The bids were from Ace Pipe Cleaning and Nutri-ject Systems. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to accept the bid from Nutri-ject Systems. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Discussion of Property at 201 E. 5th

Motion by Commissioner Davies to table this discussion to the next meeting when the City Attorney can explain the process of vacating an alley. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Proclamation for 4-H Week

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the Proclamation for 4-H Week in Horton on October 1-8. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Discussion of No Parking on One Side of 500 block of East 12th

Commissioner Davies reported that during the football games traffic is congested in the 500 block of E. 12th because of the way people park along the road. Motion by Commissioner Davies to have no parking on both sides of E. 12th from 4th Ave. E. to the parking lot of the swimming pool and on the south side of E. 12th from the swimming pool to the east end of E. 12th. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Approval of Final Payment on Pool Contract

Motion by Commissioner Davies to pay the remainder of the invoice in the amount of \$6,000 to Bottorff Construction. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Report on KANSTEP Project

The City Clerk reminded the Commission that a meeting was scheduled for October 5 at 7:00 p.m. with the representative from the Department of Commerce.

Update on Tree Dump

KDHE has been contacted and is gathering information about the regulations on using a site that has been used for hauling waste from the sanitation plant.

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

The minutes of the September 6, 2005 regular meeting were corrected to show that the Commission did not agree to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use the power washers because of a liability issue. Motion by Commissioner Krug to adopt the minutes as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

There was discussion concerning the minutes of the September 8, 2005 special meeting. The minutes stated that the Commission would not be putting the project out for bids until the State contributes funds. Mayor White stated that this was incorrect. It should state "until State funds are available." After much discussion, it was decided that the City Clerk would listen to the tape of the meeting and bring back to the next meeting. Motion by Commissioner Davies to table until clarification can be made. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

The Commission would like to see a copy of the ballot question and there was a 10-minute recess while the City Clerk obtained a copy. Upon reconvening, the City Clerk was instructed to get a copy of the newspaper showing the question in print and an opinion in writing from the bond counsel on whether or not the question would have to be voted on again if the State does not contribute funds.

City Clerk's Agenda

A report from Karen Weathers was presented on the Sanitation Plant. The City Clerk asked for clarification on whether the Commission still wanted Karen Weathers to inspect the plant every two weeks. The Commission requested that the City Clerk find out what the costs would be for Ms. Weathers to come every two weeks.

An example of a point system used for selecting contractors was received from Dredge America and given to the Commission for their information.

KMU is participating in a court case on transmission rates with Westar Energy and is requesting voluntary dues from its members to assist with the legal fees. The Commission requested that the City Clerk find out how many other cities are contributing.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner B. Stirton

Not present.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported that the library had contacted him about getting a bike rack. The School system has an extra bike rack and there could be some exchanging between the school, library and swimming pool at no charge to the City. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to have Commissioner Davies oversee the placing of bike racks. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Commissioner K. Stirton

No report.

Mayor White

No report.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission, City Clerk/Administrator and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. Upon reconvening, a motion was made by Commissioner K. Stirton to confirm the City Administrator's recommendation to terminate Lane Tawzer. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor