

October 17, 2005
7:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 17, 2005 at 7:15 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Mayor White opened the meeting and the prayer was given by Pastor Tom Stone of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2005 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2842 (Payroll) in the amount of \$28,832.59. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2843 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$91,048.58. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Discussion of Engineering Services with BG Consultants

Pat Cox from BG Consultants had left a contract at the last meeting for the City Attorney to review. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to discuss the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. Aye—Commissioners Krug, B. Stirton, Davies and K. Stirton. Nay—Mayor White.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to write a letter or contact Mr. Cox and advise him that the Commission has considered the contract and doesn't wish to enter into a contract but may reconsider at a later time. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Discussion of the Property at 101-105 E. 8th St.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to have the City Attorney draw up a general liability release to effect minor repairs where wood was removed and from the building when the stairway was demolished and to have the crews backfill the demolition site to the original wall of the building. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Report on Tree Dump

The tree dump was approved for the site at the sanitation plant. Several residents complained about this site being used. The City Clerk was instructed to call the residents in the area of the airport and determine if there would be any complaints from that area.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to put the tree dump on the northwest corner of the airport. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye. The City Clerk will put an article in the newspaper to advise residents that if there are any complaints or the rules are abused they will lose this privilege.

Discussion of Potential Housing Project

Gary Satter, Glacial Hills RC&D, had contacted Mayor White to report that they have money available in their first time homeowners program. He was inquiring if they could work together with the City through the Homestead Program.

A property tax sale will be held in the next few months. The Mayor requested that the Code Enforcement Officer inventory the lots that will be on the tax sale and determine if they would make good building sites. There was no objection from the Commissioners.

Report on KAN STEP Project

The City Clerk received a call from the Department of Commerce and was advised to put together a visionary committee to develop the specifics in the plan for the Community Center. After this is completed and a schematic is drawn of the building then the City Clerk will contact the Department of Commerce to proceed to the next step and by that time, they should know if they would have the funding to do this project.

Report on Search for Administrator

The League of Municipalities sent a report that they had received 7 applications for City Administrator.

Bids for Sandblasting Pool Building

Bids were received for sandblasting the two buildings at the swimming pool. The bids were

May Sandblasting	\$1,500	Can do the job next week
Bob Becker	\$900-\$1,500	Not able to start for 2 weeks

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to award the bid to May Sandblasting because of the flexibility of scheduling. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Ordinance for Vacating Alley at 201 E. 5th

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to adopt Ordinance 1067, AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE NORTH-SOUTH ALLEY AT 201 E. 5TH STREET. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Music in the Downtown Area

Commissioner Davies reported that he had met with Roger Madere, Bill Williams and Connie Werner. The city crews will assist in putting up the speakers.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to allow music to be played in the downtown area. Seconded by Commissioner K. Stirton. All aye.

Clerk's Agenda

The City Clerk contacted David Grimm from Hiawatha about contracting as a sanitation plant operator for the City until one of the employees can be certified. Mr. Grimm requested \$20 and hour plus \$.40 per mile for travel expenses and that the City covers liability for Mr. Grimm. Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to enter into the agreement with David Grimm. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

The Assistant Chief of Police requested permission to sell a Ruger mini 14 rifle and use the money to buy a taser. Commissioner B. Stirton will talk with the Assistant Chief and the Chief and Assistant Chief will make a presentation to the Commission.

A letter from Kevin Cowan, the bond counsel, was presented to the Commission stating that he did not feel the City would be required to have another vote on the bond issue for the Lake Project as long as the City does not spend more than \$4 million dollars.

The City of Horton has been chosen as the Friends of 4-H this year and will be honored on November 4 in Hiawatha. The Mayor, Commission and employees are invited to attend.

The Street Department requested a new salt spreader at a cost of \$3,888. Motion by Commissioner Krug to purchase a new salt spreader and place the old one for sealed bids immediately. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Estimates were given for the repair of the Jetter Truck and the Vacuum Truck. Commissioner K. Stirton will meet with the sanitation crew and the City Clerk to check on options.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner B. Stirton

Commissioner B. Stirton requested an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies met with the boy scouts, Rex West and the City Clerk and the Scouts will help cut the brush and small trees in the waterway below the dam this winter.

The Senior Class Projects will be presented to the Commission at a later date.

The handicap parking signs need to be extended in height by the swimming pool and some handicap signs need to be placed at the soccer fields.

Commissioner K. Stirton

Commissioner K. Stirton complimented the street crew on the work on the streets on 4th Ave. E.

Motion by Commissioner K. Stirton to give the man who purchased the motor grader until the end of the week to present the money or rebid the grader on Monday. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Mayor White

Mayor White thanked the City Clerk, Doug Schmitt and Rodney Paden for their work on the KAN STEP meeting. There was a good turn out.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel to include the City Clerk, City Attorney and Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner to extend the executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor