

November 7, 2005
6:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 7, 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: Commissioners Krug, B. Stirton, and Davies.

Absent: Mayor White and Commissioner K. Stirton.

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

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2005 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2005 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2844 (Payroll) in the amount of \$26,049.61. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2845 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$190,454.25. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt Resolution 05-06, a GAAP waiver. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Parks and Recreation Report

Commissioner Davies introduced two boy scouts from Troop 112 who were attending the meeting for their citizenship and community badge. Commissioner Davies listed all of the ongoing projects in the parks and recreation department. These projects are a joint venture with the City, Scouts and high school seniors. The projects should all be completed by April 1, 2006.

Discussion of Proposal from ECS on Operational Review of the Wastewater Treatment Facility

A proposal to perform an operational review was received from ECS. The City Clerk talked with KDHE and they do not require this review since the City has had an engineering study and a review from Fort Scott Community College.

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

Report on Search for City Administrator

The City Clerk reported that three candidates were chosen and will be interviewed by the Commission at special meetings held on Thursday, November 10 from 3:30 to 6:30 and on Friday, November 11 from 4:00 to 6:00.

Report on Tree Dump

Approval was received from KDHE for a tree dumpsite at the airport north of the City. The site is open and several citizens have expressed gratitude for the service being made available.

Report on KAN STEP Project

Nothing new to report at this time.

Approval of Contract Documents for Repair of Slope Protection on Spillway

Documents were presented to the Commission for approval. The City Attorney had reviewed the documents and made one change. Motion by Commissioner Davies to send out the bid and contract documents as amended. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Clerk's Agenda

A resident requested the City supply dirt to cover drainage tubes he is installing. The resident is installing the tubes for convenience of mowing not because of necessity for drainage. The consensus of the Commission is to not supply the dirt as this has been the practice in the past.

The City Clerk requested permission to obtain a debit card for the City of Horton. The Commission agreed providing the card stays at City Hall.

The City Clerk reported that the days that the City will be closed for the Christmas Holidays is the 23rd and 26th since Christmas is on Sunday. There was some discussion about whether or not the Commission would like to do something for employees for Christmas. The matter was tabled to the next meeting so all the Commission can be involved in the decision.

The City Clerk presented a plaque of appreciation from the 4-H organization for all the City does to support 4-H.

The Chamber will be dedicating the sound system in the downtown area during the Veteran's Day Parade. The Lentz family donated the funds.

The City Clerk requested to be allowed to bid out the janitorial services for City Hall and the Blue Building. Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to put the janitorial services out for bid. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

The Clerk reported that a new employee has been hired for the water department and will start November 14. The employees name is Jerry Stewart.

The Little Lake project has been started and will be completed before the end of November.

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 reported on the program for donations to help the needy on their utility bills. The committee is looking at the procedure for donating and how to implement the process on the utility bills.

Commissioner Davies toured the maintenance building at Mission Lake. The building is in bad condition and has mildew. The Commission agreed that Commissioner Davies look at options and costs for a metal building.

Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel to include the City Clerk, City Attorney and Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor

