

June 19, 2006
7:15 P.M.
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 19, 2006 at 7:15 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, Commissioners Krug, B. Stirton and Davies.

Absent: Commissioner K. Stirton.

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

Corrections were made to the June 5, 2006 minutes as follows: under the Fish and Game Club topic was added the statement "Commissioner Davies requested not to proceed with the handicap accessible sidewalk until plans are presented to the Commission in writing." And under Commissioner Davies' agenda was added "except for cement" after the last sentence in the first paragraph. A correction was made to the June 14, 2006 meeting to change the signature to Ken Krug instead of Dale White.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2006 regular meeting as amended. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2006 special meeting as amended. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Ordinance #2876 (payroll) \$34,447.08. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Ordinance #2877 (disbursements) \$101,604.77. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. All aye.

Consider Recommendation for Dangerous and Unfit Structures

Code Enforcement Officer James Stuart presented the Commission with information concerning properties at 140 W. 10th and 431 E. 13th. Both properties are recommended for demolition. The owner of 431 E. 13th contacted the City Administrator requesting 2 weeks due to a death in the family.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to start the process on 140 W. 10th and give 431 E. 13th 2 weeks to present a mitigation plan to the City in writing. All aye.

Report on Building at 101 E. 8th

A letter was sent to the owner of the property at 101 E. 8th Street giving them a certain amount of time to correct the code violations on the building. The City received correspondence from the owner's attorney requesting a hearing on the issue.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to set a hearing date on July 3, 2006 at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner B. Stirton. After some discussion about the unavailability of the owner's attorney on that date, the motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to set a hearing date on July 17, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Report on Mission Lake Dam Exercise

Officer Stuart reported that a Mission Lake Dam Failure tabletop exercise would be held on June 21, 2006 from 1-5 p.m. at the USD #430 Board office. The dam has to be inspected every 3 years and the City must have an emergency plan in effect. This exercise is a part of that plan.

Review of Court Cost Rates

The Commission received a recommendation from Municipal Judge Riley to increase the court costs due to an increase in the state fees.

Motion by Commissioner B. Stirton to increase the court costs from \$50 to \$65 to cover the state increase and to fund the purchase of software so that the court can file electronically. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Request from Horton National Bank to Allow Outdoor Amplification and to Block Some Parking Spaces for Their Appreciation Day

Horton National Bank requested permission to block the parking spaces in front of their facility to park a trailer for a band and to be allowed to have outdoor amplification for the band during their Customer Appreciation Day on July 28.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to allow the requests. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Donation for Fireworks

Motion by Commissioner Krug to donate \$500 to the Lion's Club for the fireworks display on July 4. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Henry reported that Stirton Brothers has withdrawn their bid for the cold patch material. They originally bid \$46/ton and now want to change it to \$53.50/ton. The next

lowest bidder was Andrews Asphalt at \$51.25/ton delivered. Motion by Commissioner Davies to award the bid to Andrews Asphalt. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

It was noted that the city should try to bid the rock in September and the other materials early next year.

Mr. Henry gave the Commission a memo on the KANCAP program and this will be discussed at a later date.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug has received several compliments on the way the Little Lake was redone.

Commissioner Krug inquired about the Willis Water Rates. Mr. Henry talked with the City of Willis and proposed an increase of 80% and the City of Willis felt that was too much of an increase. They requested that Mr. Henry show more information to justify the increase. Mr. Henry has also been talking to the townships about increasing the cost of fire protection.

Commissioner Krug expressed appreciation for Mr. Henry's pursuing the KANSTEP grant even when it looked like we would not get the approval. He also stated that the current Commission is trying to be positive and looking to the future on the contracts for electric power and transmission instead of waiting for the axe to fall.

Commissioner B. Stirton

Commissioner B. Stirton also complimented the city crews on the job at the Little Lake.

Commissioner B. Stirton asked if the City has an ordinance on Pit Bulls and was informed that there is an ordinance in effect and it is actively enforced.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported that the swimming pool is running smoothly, the Little Lake looks good and that he would like to see a plan in writing showing all the dimensions for the handicap accessible sidewalk at the Little Lake. The cement is partially done at the Lake Building. He also stated that the Waste Water Treatment Plant is much improved.

Some items that need attention are the drain by the football field and the sidewalk in the 900 block of Central needs to be completed by Otho Stevens.

Commissioner K. Stirton

Not present.

Mayor Dale White

Mayor White requested that a budget workshop be scheduled for July 26 or 27 at 4:00 p.m. He would like a review of the current budget.

There is a plan in the process to increase the water volume and pressure at Hammersmith Manufacturing. A curb plan will be in place and Rex will evaluate the curbs after the summer season is over.

Mr. Henry reported that the plan to apply for a CDBG grant for the rehabilitation of the sewer lines has been abandoned because the KDHE representative on the KIAC committee would not recommend a grant until the plant has been upgraded or replaced. Mr. Henry would like to apply for a Community Facilities grant instead for a project to repair Central Avenue. This grant application will be due in November.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant is in compliance and will be looking into some repairs of the UV system. The clarifiers will be repaired in-house.

Mr. Henry has contacted Mid Continent on the problem with the heat exchanger on the EMD #4 generator.

Officer Stuart will write an article for the newspaper concerning ATVs. Mr. Henry will review the article before publication.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor