

March 5, 2007
6:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 6:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor White called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Mayor White.

Present: Mayor White, Commissioners Krug, Madere, Luscombe and Davies.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2007 regular commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2911 (Payroll) in the amount of \$32,848.90. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2912 (Disbursements) \$16,711.84. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Discussion of Salary – Jerry Stewart

Motion by Commissioner Madere to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non elected personnel to include the Commission, City Administrator, City Attorney and the employee. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Madere to go into executive session for an additional 5 minutes to include the Commission, City Administrator and City Attorney.

Upon reconvening, Mayor White stated that the Commission will take the request under consideration at the March 19th commission meeting when the wage review is presented.

Public Hearing Proposed ATV Ordinance

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Several citizens were present to discuss their concern over the proposed ordinance. There was discussion over what was considered a utility or quad runner. One citizen had brought brochures to show the differences. Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker was present to add his ideas. Commissioner Davies stated that something has to be done to stop the destruction that is being done by some of the four wheelers. Mayor White would like to see the community put peer pressure on those that are breaking the rules.

After much discussion over ways to stop the destruction of public property without completely restricting the use of them, the consensus of the commission was to form a committee to come up with ideas and present an alternative. The committee will include

Chief Luzier, Assistant Chief Stuart, Commissioner Madere, Levi Henry, Earl Selle, Emmett Labes, and Steve Hochstetler. Mayor White closed the public hearing at 8:50 p.m.

Bids for Spraying Weeds

Three bids were received for the spraying of weeds for 55 acres and 1 ½ acres of ground sterilant.

Urban Lawncare	\$3,830.00	1 spray and 1 sterilant
Grassroots Pest Control & Lawn	\$5,505.00	2 sprays and 1 sterilant (option 1)
	\$4,400.00	1 spray and 1 sterilant (option 2)
Weed Free Lawns	\$6,400.00	1 spray and 1 sterilant

All bidders supplied copies of licenses and insurance.

The Commission instructed Administrator Henry to get a second option of two sprays from Urban Lawncare and Weed Free Lawns.

Resolution for demolition of derelict property – 550 West 11th St.

Motion by Commissioner Madere to adopt Resolution 2007-05 finding that certain structures located within the City of Horton, Kansas, are unsafe or dangerous and directing the structures to be repaired or removed and the premises made safe and secure. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Henry advised the Commission that he would have the wage review ready for the next meeting.

The qualifications for engineers were evaluated. Administrator Henry was advised to contact Cook, Flatt and Strobel, Cramer and Schwab & Eaton for interviews and to ask Cramer and Schwab & Eaton for a timeline of completion. A special meeting was set for Wednesday March 7th at 5:00 p.m. for interviews.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner Madere

Commissioner Madere stated that he appreciated the community turnout over the ATV issue.

Commissioner Luscombe

No Report.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported that the YMCA putting a facility in Horton is still being looked into.

Mayor Dale White

No report.

Commissioner Krug made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

The meeting adjourned at 9.14 p.m.

Carol Stirton, Assistant City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor