

April 16, 2007
7:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor White called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Pastor Tom Stone of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Stone also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Tri-County Manor topic was moved to the top of the agenda and an executive session was added. Motion by Commissioner Madere to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2007 regular commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2007 special commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2007 special commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2917 (Payroll) in the amount of \$30,746.10. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2918 (Disbursements) \$112,955.70. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Approval of Tri-County Manor Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Madere to go into executive session for 20 minutes for preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of real property to include the Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Clerk and Steve Stoltenberg from Union State Bank. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. Upon reconvening, a motion was made by Commissioner Madere to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of real property to include the same people. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Discussion of Water Bill

Ron Kautz was not present. He had previously advised the city staff that he felt his water bill was too high.

Resolution 2007-007—unsafe structures

Motion by Commissioner Madere to adopt resolution 2007-07, A RESOLUTION 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 Davies. All aye.

Ordinance 1076—Appointing a Treasurer and prescribing duties

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt Ordinance 1076, AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL DUTIES FOR THE CITY TREASURER. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Executive Session

This session was no longer needed.

City Administrator's Agenda

- a. Fiscal note on 2007 wage report. Mr. Henry presented a report and recommendations for changes to the wage ranges. The commission did not want to make changes at this time and would like to review the topic at the end of the second quarter of the year.
- b. City spraying and spraying equipment alternatives. Mr. Henry recommended that the City purchase an ATV 4X4 with spraying equipment. Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to purchase an ATV 4X4 with the spraying equipment and snow blade not to exceed \$6,500. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.
- c. FY 2008 CDBG Mr. Henry requested approval to proceed to get a preliminary engineering report on the water treatment facility in order to prepare for an application to CDBG for a grant to make improvements to the water treatment plant to be able to treat surface water. The City will need to make a presentation to KIAC committee in August. Motion by Commissioner Davies to proceed with the preliminary engineering report not to exceed \$5,000. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.
- d. Fisheries report The new reports from the Department of Wildlife and Parks were presented. It was noted that both lakes need Wipers in order to control the shad population.
- e. Wetland Program Development Grant Mr. Henry requested permission to pursue a grant to develop a wetland program. There was no objection from the Commission.

- f. One year lease of Bobcat Mr. Henry reported that the city crews would like to have a skid steer loader for working on the Central Ave. project. A Bobcat can be leased for \$1,893 for one year to come from the street budget. Mr. Henry included \$2,700 in the grant budget for equipment rental. This would give the City an idea of whether there is a need to purchase a skid steer loader in the future. Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to proceed with the one year lease. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Mr. Henry thanked Mayor White for his leadership during his tenure as Mayor.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner Madere

Commissioner Madere inquired about the interviews of the engineers for the Mission Lake project. Mr. Henry advised the selection committee already met and selected three companies to interview on April 18.

Commissioner Luscombe

Commissioner Luscombe had questions about three blocks in the city that are fed by a transformer that he feels is too large. Mr. Henry advised that Bill Delzeit was aware of the issue and it is on the schedule.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies gave a report of the senior projects. The Park Board is working on a plan for the parks. There are some cement problems at the pool.

Commissioner Davies inquired about the status of the tree board. Mayor White advised he had visited with Norm Ross and a couple of others to serve on the tree board. Mr. Henry will get the names from Mayor White.

Commissioner Davies also thanked Mayor White for his years of service.

Mayor Dale White

Mayor White encouraged the Commission to carry out the strategic plan that was developed during his time as Mayor. A comprehensive plan is being completed by the Planning Commission. He also encouraged the City to look at the green initiative (recycling, etc.)

A statement was read and is included as part of these minutes.

Executive Session

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Dale A. White, Mayor