

June 4, 2007
6:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 6:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by Father Dekat of St. Leo's Catholic Church.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Madere, and Davies.

Absent: Commissioner Luscombe.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2007 special commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2923 (payroll) \$33,356.00. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2924 (Disbursements) \$22,623.68. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Commissioner Madere presented a certificate of appreciation from the Tri-County Manor for the City of Horton.

Steve Cadue and Tribal Council

Not present.

Discussion of General Topics

Bill Willis was not present.

Discussion of Water Bill

Ron Kautz was present to request an adjustment on a water bill at 601 w. 10th Street. He advised they did not have a leak. City Clerk, Candy Schmitt, informed the Commission that the meter reading was checked twice and had been read correctly and the meter was not moving at this time. The readings were estimated in January and February and then when it was read in March there was a large amount of usage. Mr. Kautz insisted there

were no leaks and he had turned the valve inside the house off in February or March because no one was living there. The Commission requested that the Mr. Kautz turn the valve on and have the City check the meter again and report back at the next meeting.

The Commission agreed to defer the penalty.

Request to vacate a street and an alley

John Rokita made a request to the Commission to vacate 6th Ave West between 2nd and 3rd Streets and the alley behind his residence. Mr. Rokita wants to build a structure that would be too close to the street. Mr. Rokita owns the entire block and his residence is the only structure currently there.

City Attorney, Kevin Hill, advised it was not normally recommended to vacate streets. The Commission requested that the Code Enforcement Officer stake out the property where the structure is being proposed and to get a drawing showing the measurements and to bring the information back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Discussion of Business Licenses

Dale Liechti addressed the Commission concerning business licenses. Mr. Liechti feels that business licenses should be required in the City of Horton. Mr. Henry advised that he is working on getting with the contractors and getting the ordinances in line with the policies.

Appointment to Housing Authority Board

Motion by Commissioner Madere to appoint Vada Kletchka to a 4 year term to the Horton Housing Authority Board. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Jesse Hobbs resigned after serving many years. The Commission requested that a recognition letter be written thanking Mr. Hobbs for his years of service.

Opening of Mowing Bids for Cemetery

The bids for mowing of the Horton City Cemetery were opened. They were as follows:

Dave Helmstetter	\$700/week
Lawn Pride (Shelby Rice)	\$1,200/mowing
Jared Wilson & Brad Heston	\$1,100/mowing

Motion by Commissioner Krug to continue using the seasonal mowers this year and look at hiring one person to do the cemetery next year in the spring. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Henry reported that the cost for the meter and meter pit for the Baptist Church would be approximately \$5,100. The Commission suggested not metering the 6" line since it is only for a fire suppression system. Motion by Commissioner Davies to proceed with tapping an unmetered 6" line with a backflow prevention valve at a cost of \$2,500 to the Church for the tapping fee as provided for in the ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

The cost of chip and sealing the alley behind Autos 4 U would be \$2,500-\$2,600 the first year and approximately \$500 every 3rd year after that. This will cause more water runoff at the east end of the alley and will wash rock down the street. Motion by Commissioner Davies to lay base rock now and then chip and seal the alley in 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Mr. Henry advised he has scheduled to conduct an inventory of anything over \$500 in December.

Mr. Henry reported back to the Commission on the tube and ditch at 739 W 10th Street. The tube was crushed when the work on the lift station was performed and the ditch needs to be cut out more. The crews will work on this as time allows.

Teresa Hammersmith has informed the City that she cancelled the baseball tournament due to the cost of event insurance.

An ordinance requiring addresses be placed on residences was presented for the Commission to review for the next meeting. Motion by Commissioner Davies to proceed to prepare this ordinance for the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

A proposed contract for the Lake Caretaker position was presented. There are 2 candidates for the position. Tim Noble has requested \$700/month plus the housing and utilities. Dave Merz has requested only the housing and utilities. After some discussion, it was decided that the City Attorney will make some changes to the contract and will bring back for approval at the next meeting.

The City received a dividend from EMC for the KMU Safety Group in the amount of \$9,581.00.

The Commission took a 5 minute recess.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug would like to see the rules and regulations clarified on the building and demolition permits and that the information is made known at the time a citizen gets

the permits. The City Administrator and City Clerk will work on developing a permit that spells out the requirements of the ordinances. This will be reviewed by the City Attorney.

Commissioner Madere

Commissioner Madere commended the mowers.

Commissioner Madere stated that an ATV ordinance needs to be developed.

Commissioner Luscombe

Not present.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported that the Park Board met at the Lake to develop a list of needs.

A flag was received for the pole at the dam and was donated by Mrs. Rebant. It was mentioned that the organizations need to know that when they sponsor an Eagle Scout project they have to maintain the project.

The signs for the baseball field should be up this week.

Mayor Tim Lentz

Mayor Lentz was contacted by a business owner concerning the electric rates and Mayor Lentz would like a letter to be written to this business owner explaining the City's position on the rates and explaining the plans for the future.

Mayor Lentz met with the Kickapoo Tribe and the Corp of Engineers on the condition of the dam on the Kickapoo reservation. The Corp of Engineers will focus on how to preserve the dam.

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

Motion by Commissioner Madere to go into executive session to discuss personnel for 20 minutes to include the Commission, City Attorney and City Administrator. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. No action was taken in executive session. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel to include Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator and City Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Madere. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor