

July 30, 2007
6:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 30, 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 Candy Schmitt.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Forkenbrock, Luscombe and Davies.

County Commissioner Glen Leitch was added to the beginning of the agenda and an executive session was added to Commissioner Forkenbrock's agenda. Motion by Commissioner Krug to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2007 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2931 (payroll) \$40,115.00. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2932 (Disbursements) \$53,712.79. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Discussion of Yates Avenue

Brown County Commissioner Glen Leitch appeared before the Commission to explain his proposal for upgrading the road around the East side of Mission Lake known as Yates Avenue. The road belongs to the City but the residents adjacent to the road are County residents. Mr. Leitch explained that the County would repair the drainage on the road and put down a base this fall and then chip and seal next spring. He also advised that the County would chip and seal twice and then it would be up to the City to maintain the road. He invited the City Commission to attend the Brown County Commission meeting on Monday, August 6, 2007 to discuss the project and come to an agreement on the terms. A special meeting will be called to allow the Commissioners to attend the County meeting.

Public Hearing to Vacate an Alley

Mayor Lentz opened the public hearing to vacate an alley in the City of Horton. The City Attorney, Kevin Hill, advised the Commission that they would still reserve the easements and public utility rights in the alley way. No public comments were given and Mayor Lentz closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn the hearing to September 4, 2007 at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Resolution committing use of the community building kitchen to the hospital auxiliary during the Brown County 4-H fair for the years 2008-2018

Motion by Commissioner Krug to adopt Resolution 2007-011, A RESOLUTION COMMITTING USE OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING KITCHEN TO THE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY DURING THE BROWN COUNTY 4-H FAIR FOR THE YEARS 2008-2017. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Opening of bids for demolition of structures

The bids for demolition of 140 W 10th and 550 W. 11th were opened and were as follows:

	140 W. 10 th	550 W. 11 th
Olsen's Backhoe	\$5,540.00	\$6,390.00
Stirton Bros.	\$4,500.00	\$4,900.00
SW Pipeline, LLC	\$37,562.00	\$37,562.00
Lowe Construction	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

Motion by Commissioner Krug to award the bid to Lowe Construction for \$3,000 each property. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Review of bids for the Central Avenue Project

The bids were opened and the engineer is still evaluating them and will present a recommendation at the next meeting.

Discussion of the 2008 budget

The Commission spent some time discussing the budget for 2008. During the discussion Commissioner Krug requested a report showing what we are paying our consultants (i.e. engineers, etc.) and what we are getting for our money and he would like to look at the contracts. It was also noted that the Commission had requested some financial reporting from Tri-County Manor and had not received any reports as of this date. They would like to see a report every other month beginning at the next meeting. They would like to have a letter drawn up for their review at the next meeting concerning the delinquent utility bill the Manor has with the City.

The Police Department had been told in the past to stagger the mileage on the patrol vehicles so that the City would only have to replace one vehicle at a time. This is not being done. The Commission directed that the Chief of Police use Unit 2 and all other officers are to drive unit 1 all the time.

The Commission recessed for 10 minutes at 8:20 p.m. and were back in session at 8:30 p.m.

City Administrator's Agenda

No report.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug stated he had complaints that the citizens can't find the City Administrator. Mr. Henry was directed to submit a calendar to the Commission when he would be out of the office for any length of time.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock requested a 15 minute executive session at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Luscombe

Commissioner Luscombe requested that the electric department check the metering on the large users to make sure that the multipliers are correct.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies gave a report on the senior projects.

Commissioner Davies requested an executive session for attorney/client privilege at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Tim Lentz

Mayor Lentz requested that the City Administrator attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting with him in September.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission, City Administrator and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. There was no action taken in executive session but the Commission resolved and directed after the executive session that the police officers wear their ballistic weapons vest at all times while on duty and that the Chief of Police also have a ballistic weapons vest.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session for 5 minutes for attorney/client privilege to include the Commission, City Administrator and City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor