

January 7, 2008
6:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 7, 2008 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, City Clerk.

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

Absent: Commissioner Luscombe.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2007 regular meeting, December 14, 2007 special meeting, December 17, 2007 regular meeting, December 27, 2007 special meeting and the December 31, 2007 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2955 (Payroll) \$40,731.96. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2956 (Disbursements) \$256,612.50. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Discussion of disposal of mud at Horton Charger Washhouse and plans for company card for City to use car wash

Mr. Clement, owner of Horton Charger Washhouse, was unable to attend the meeting. He requested that Mayor Lentz present his request for a disposal site for the mud that is removed from the pits at the Car Wash. Mr. Henry will check on the regulations with EPA and will contact Mr. Clement with his findings. There is some concern about the contents of the waste material.

Designate a voting delegate for the KRWA annual meeting on March 27, 2008

Motion by Commissioner Davies to appoint Dawn Succi as the voting delegate and Dan Isabell as the alternate. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Scott Shreve, EMG, Report

Scott Shreve from EMG presented a comprehensive load report and a market assessment report on the electric study. He will be at the 1st meeting in February to present the option for the purchase of power during the interim years of 2008-2010. The Westar contract ends in 2008 and GRDA contract begins in 2010.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Henry reported that there will be a meeting with FEMA on January 8, 2008 in Hiawatha to give preliminary costs figures to determine eligibility for reimbursement for expenses during the ice storm.

Mr. Henry reported on his trip to Lake Of 3 Fires in Iowa. This is a lake of similar size to Mission Lake and a dredging project has been completed on this lake. The watershed use for the lake in Iowa is different from the one for Mission Lake; the intensity of use for their watershed is not as much as ours. They removed over 500,000 cubic yards using a 20" dredge bit and the project took 60 days. They then drained the lake after dredging and put in fishery areas. The Department of Water Resources agreed that the City

of Horton could drain Mission Lake after the dredging if they desired and Secretary Hayden stated that Wildlife and Parks would appropriate funds for the fishery areas.

The design engineering procurement will be due April 7, 2008.

The proposed RFP for the swimming pool project was presented for the Commission's approval.

Mr. Henry will have the procurement policy at the next meeting.

Representative Luckert was present to answer any questions the Commission might have for him. He stated that the State would be issuing special burn permits for the cleanup efforts for the ice storm.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug requested that Mr. Henry check with Homeland Security to see if there is availability of funds for the purchase of radios. It was mentioned that maybe the school and the City could share the cost of a repeater for the radio systems.

Commissioner Krug would like to see a list of the City properties to determine if any could be sold.

Mr. Henry reported that on the reserve program the cost for each reserve for liability insurance is \$176 per year and the cost of a bullet proof vest is \$660 each.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock discussed the overtime report that was given to the Commission. The consensus of the Commission was to watch the overtime this year and to keep it at a minimum in the Police Department because there is now a 6th full time officer.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported that the water pipes had frozen and the building was flooded at the soccer field because no one had shut the water off. Mr. Henry and Commissioner Davies will explore the soccer program and try to get it activated again.

The Senior Class projects were delayed because they were working with senior citizens to clean up trees after the ice storm.

Bike across Kansas has requested the use of the schools for overnight stay during their tour. There could be as many as 800 participants.

Commissioner Davies requested that a report on Central Ave. Project and a report on the Manor be given at the next meeting.

Commissioner Davies is still working with the YMCA.

Commissioner Luscombe

Not present.

Mayor Tim Lentz

Mayor Lentz inquired about the progress of the KAN STEP project on the blue building. Mr. Henry reported that he needs to meet with the representatives from KRWA and the Department of Commerce to get the plan of action approved.

The City Clerk presented a utility history for Carol Barton's water and sewer usages. She had a water leak and wanted an adjustment on her sewer bill. Motion by Commissioner Krug to adjust Carol Barton's sewer bill for October and November to an average of her April through September sewer charges. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session at 7:30 pm for 10 minutes to discuss personnel, to include the Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator and City Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor Lentz stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn at 7:41 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor