

February 19, 2008
7:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:15 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 Luscombe.

Absent: Commissioner Davies

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

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2008 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes of the February 12, special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2961 (Payroll) \$30,116.36. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2962 (Disbursements) \$173,323.36. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Report on Electric Study

Scott Shreve of EMG reported that Westar did not put a proposal together yet. They are still working on it and it could take up to 4 months. Mr. Shreve recommends that the City go with the KPP proposal because of the flexibility for generation, the risk is minimized and the energy is diversified. A question arose concerning purchasing power from REA. Mr. Shreve advised that they have a contract with KEPCO and they are not interested in a contract with the City.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to direct the City Attorney to review the operational agreement with KPP and report at the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Corporate Authorization

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adopt the Corporate Authorization Resolution for the Union State Bank to appoint authorized signatures by Tim Lentz, Kenneth Krug, Levi Henry and Jennifer Stevens and to require 3 signatures. Seconded by Commissioner Luscombe. All aye.

Charter Ordinance No. 20—Public Building Commission for Pool

An ordinance to establish a public building commission and to allow for recreational activities and exempt from the election portion of the state statute. This is a charter ordinance and will have to be published twice and then there is a 60 day protest period before the ordinance takes effect. The Commission will review and take action at the next meeting.

Ordinance 1079—Amending times for Commission Meetings

Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to adopt Ordinance 1079, an ordinance changing the meeting times for Commission meetings to 5:15 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Ordinance 1080—Adopting the International Building Code of 2006

This ordinance was presented for a first reading and Commission review and will be acted upon at the next meeting. There was discussion of whether this ordinance would address the use of propane tanks and overhead fuel tanks in the City Limits. Mr. Henry will check on the issue. It was also mentioned that the City should test, bond and insure employees for the required inspections. There will be training in this area.

Ordinance 1081-Amending Building Code Permit Fees

The current building permit fees are \$1 per \$1,000 worth of value for the construction. The new fees would have a minimum of \$25 and a sliding scale on additional fees. The ordinance will be acted upon at the next meeting.

Ordinance 1082—Amending Water Tapping Fees

These fees have not been changed since 1982. The Commission would like this ordinance to be reviewed on an annual basis. The ordinance will be acted upon at the next meeting.

Ordinance 1083—Amending Cemetery Fees

This ordinance will increase fees for the sale of lots and the marking of graves and stones. The Commission mentioned that they would like the City Administrator to look into repairing the existing stones that need repair.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Henry reported that the cost of a new patrol car through the Partner's Program through the KHP is \$16,500 for a Chevrolet Impala and \$18,500 for a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pickup. A used vehicle with 50,000 miles is \$14,000. Commissioner Krug reported he had contacted the fleet hotline for Ford and asked about the rear-end going out of the patrol car. He was told that the City of Leavenworth police department drives their vehicles for approximately 150,000 miles before they start the trade-in process and they have about 180,000-200,000 miles when traded. The Commission directed that the patrol car be taken to Foster Ford or Stan Boos and inspected to let the service manager determine the cause of the mechanical failure. Mayor Lentz reported that he had an estimate from Stan Boos in the amount of \$1,800 for a used rear-end to be installed in the vehicle and that a new rear end is not available for that year vehicle. The Commission wants a cost estimate for repairing everything that is wrong with the patrol car so they can make a decision on whether or not to repair it. It was noted that the Police Department says the overdrive is out of the transmission.

The Commission directed Mr. Henry to talk with the Chief of Police and the Assistant Chief of Police to make sure their people take care of the vehicles inside and out. This includes mechanically, preventative maintenance and keeping the vehicles clean.

The Commission took a 5 minute recess at 8:55 p.m.

The Department of Commerce has added an additional \$10,000 to the KANSTEP grant for additional engineering. They have assured the Mayor that they will have an answer for the City by March 1 as to when the project can proceed.

Mr. Henry reported that he will be getting more people involved with meter reading in order to have backup readers who know the routes and to take less time to read each month.

Mr. Henry will work this week on the Forestry Grant and the Firefighter Assistance Grant for the Fire Department and the USDA-RD application for the Mission Lake project.

Executive Session to Discuss Non-elected Personnel (10 minutes requested)

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to go into executive session at 9:24 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission, City Administrator and the City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Executive Session to Discuss Possible Acquisition of Real Estate (15 minutes requested)

Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to go into executive session at 9:36 pm for 15 minutes to discuss possible acquisition of real estate to include the Commission, City Administrator, City Attorney and City Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock reported that the cameras that are placed for security reasons at City Hall need to be of the type that record. He thought there is money available through the bio-terrorism grants and asked that Mr. Henry check with Jennifer Ploeger.

Commissioner Forkenbrock requested a wage comparison using Hiawatha, Sabetha, Seneca and Holton. Mr. Henry stated he had this information available.

Commissioner Forkenbrock inquired about the youth programs (i.e. soccer and baseball, etc.) There is no leadership willing to take over these programs. Mr. Henry and Commissioner Davies will meet and will have a report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies was not able to be present but had left a report that the Senior class had helped clean up the trees, brush and limbs at the soccer field, parks and around the Little Lake and they had assisted several elderly citizens with cleaning up their yards.

Commissioner Luscombe

Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to go into executive session at 10:10 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission and the City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

Mayor Tim Lentz

No report.

Motion by Commissioner Luscombe to adjourn at 10:16 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor