

August 4, 2008
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 5:15 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 adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2008 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2985 (payroll) \$37,845.22. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #2986 (Disbursements) \$107,387.45. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Public Hearing on Application to USDA/Rd for Storm Sirens and Fire Truck

Mayor Lentz opened the public hearing at 5:20 p.m. for an application to USDA/RD to purchase 2 storm sirens and a fire truck. The cost for the sirens is \$41,000 and the fire truck is \$100,000. USDA/RD will determine whether this will be a grant, loan or a combination of both. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Lentz closed the public hearing at 5:26 p.m.

Public Hearing on 2009 Budget

Mayor Lentz opened the public hearing on the 2009 budget at 5:27 p.m. The mil levy will be 63.009 and an ordinance will be required as the amount levied will exceed the limits. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Lentz closed the public hearing at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt Ordinance 1088, AN ORDINANCE ATTESTING TO AN INCREASE IN TAX REVENUES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2009 FOR THE CITY OF HORTON. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adopt the 2009 budget at presented. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Fire Agreements with BIA, Powhattan Fire Department and Whiting Fire Department

Motion by Commissioner Krug to approve the Automatic Aid agreement with Powhattan Fire Department and the Mutual Aid agreement with the Whiting Fire Department. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

The agreement with BIA requires written standards for training and fitness. Fire Chief Behrnes will work with the City Clerk to develop some standards and bring back to the next meeting.

There was some discussion about the procedures for storm spotting. A list of storm spotters will be put together and a class for storm spotters will be scheduled to be held in Horton. Police Chief Luzier, Fire Chief Behrnes and Commissioner Forkenbrock will meet to set up the policies and procedures for storm

spotting and setting off the storm sirens. They will hold a meeting within the next 2 weeks and develop a written policy.

Approval of Documents for Economic Development Grant (Sweet Pro Feeds)

An economic development grant was approved by the Department of Commerce for expansion of Sweet Pro Feeds. The City Attorney has reviewed some of the documents but would like more time to make corrections to the agreement. Motion by Commissioner Davies to authorize the Mayor to execute the grant agreement subject to review by the City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the RDA agreement for administration services on the grant. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve all the documents pertinent to the grant. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Review of Bucket Truck Specifications for bidding process

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the bid specifications documents. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Discussion of Options for Health Insurance for Employees

Bids from three companies were received on health insurance. Mr. Evans recommended United Health Care, which would save the City approximately \$2,000 per month. Motion by Commissioner Krug to accept the proposal from United Health Care. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Ordinance Adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adopt Ordinance 1086, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2008 PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1074. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Ordinance Adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to adopt Ordinance 1087, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Approval of Cereal Malt Beverage License for Chris & Sunshine Dupuis, dba Wagon Wheel Bar and Grill

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve a cereal malt beverage license for the Wagon Wheel Bar and Grill. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Discussion of Lease Purchase of New Vehicle for Police Department

Chief Luzier got estimates on a new truck for the police department. The cost would be between \$24,000-\$25,000 for an extended cab truck. The estimated lease payment would be \$4,400-\$4,500 a year. The Commission requested that Chief Luzier prepare a specification sheet for the next meeting.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Evans reported on the Blue Building project that the engineer met with the representative from Uretek and Terracon and decided the product would work but he feels there is an air lift problem. He thinks that piers could be installed and tied to the existing piers to prevent any problems in the future.

Layne Western reported that it would take \$15,000 to acidize and clean the old wells. This should be looked at in the fall if there are funds available.

Mayor Lentz presented a certificate from Kansas Emergency Management Association to James Stuart.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug thanked Representative Luckert and Senator Pyle for their assistance at the meeting in Topeka for the Mission Lake project. Black and Veatch sent a document for Jurisdictional Determination for the Commission's approval. A meeting with the state agencies and Mayor Lentz, Commissioner Krug and the City Attorney, Kevin Hill has been set for August 19 at 10:00 am.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the Jurisdictional Determination request to be presented to the Corps of Engineers. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock directed that the ordinance on trash receptacles be enforced.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies reported a residence where the TV antenna is broken and laying in the yard in such a way as to be dangerous. He directed that something be done.

There was some discussion about possibly purchasing the old gas station at 1st Ave. East and E. 15th Street. This would save money for the City by being able to purchase fuel in bulk. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The swimming pool will close August 12. The process of hiring personnel for next summer will start immediately to avoid problems with getting trained people in time for the opening of the pool.

Commissioner Luscombe

Commissioner Luscombe was not present.

Mayor Tim Lentz

Rex West asked if the contractor putting in the sidewalks on Central could also do the sidewalk on West 11th, the wheelchair ramps and the approaches to the 4 houses that did not originally have them. Motion by Commissioner Davies to have the contractor do the sidewalk on W. 11th, the wheelchair ramps and the approach to the residence that had stepping stones originally. And that the other residences be approached to pay for the sidewalks if they want them. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

The Commission took a 5 minute recess.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to include the Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator and City Clerk. Seconded by

Commissioner Krug. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor Lentz stated the executive session was for information only.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor