

May 18, 2009
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The regularly scheduled meeting for the Horton Commissioners was held on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and Dawn Succi, water plant operator offered the prayer.

Present: Mayor Lentz, Commissioners Krug, Edwards, and Davies. Commissioner Forkenbrock entered the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2009 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3028 (Payroll) \$33,120.05. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3029 (Disbursements) \$190,834.50. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Resolution to Authorize Sale of Temporary Notes

David Arteberry, financial advisor, was present to inform the Commission that the temporary notes issued in July of 2008 would be coming due July 15. The notes are in the amount of \$500,000. He recommended that the City issue \$3,005,000 to complete the authorized \$4 million dollars for the project because of the upcoming expenses for the dredging project in the near future. If the City issues temporary notes instead of bonds that will make them eligible for the Rural Development loan/grant that has been applied for. The Commission agreed to the recommendation.

Motion by Commissioner Krug to adopt Resolution 2009-006, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION RENEWAL AND IMPROVEMENT NOTES, SERIES 2009-2, OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Approval of Water Department Request for Equipment Replacement

Dawn Succi, water plant operator, reported that the City is experiencing several high clear well alarms. The actuator is 30 years old and is not working properly. A new actuator will cost \$4,625.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the purchase of a new actuator at a cost of \$4,625. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Ordinance Establishing Interconnect Standards and Regulations on Consumer-owned Electric Generation Systems.

An ordinance was presented that deals with the connection by consumers of wind or solar energy devices to generate electricity. The Commission requested that the height requirement be changed to a maximum of 60' to match the zoning ordinances.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt Ordinance 1096, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS, PROCEDURES, AGREEMENTS, CHARGES AND FEES FOR CUSTOMER OWNED GENERATION, AND ZONING REQUIREMENTS FOR WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS, FOR THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS, as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Swimming Pool Proposed 2009 Season Operations

A list of suggested changes to the operation of the swimming pool for the upcoming season were made by the Park and Recreation Board. It was noted that the capital outlay monies would have to be used to supplement the budgeted amount for salaries.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to raise the rates from \$1 to \$2 per person. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Commissioner Davies mentioned that someone told him the pool should be able to pay for itself. He would like to discuss this on the next agenda. The history shows that the pool does not make money but is a service that is provided for the citizens.

Commissioner Forkenbrock entered the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Appointment of Library Board member—Mary Brown

Motion by Commissioner Davies to appoint Mary Brown to the Library Board to replace Wanda Stoltenberg. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Participation in Indian Health Services Study

The Indian Health Services approached the City to explore options to provide an emergency back-up water supply for the Kickapoo Reservation. This would entail an evaluation of the condition of an existing inactive line from Horton to the Reservation. During the discussion it was discovered that there may be grant monies available for the City to make improvements to the water treatment facility or some other project that could raise the health standards for the Native American population. The IHS would pay for the engineering to see if the City is a viable source of water.

The consensus of the Commission was to have the City Administrator pursue the opportunity.

Arlan Whitebird, Chief of the Kickapoo Tribe, was present and gave the Commission copies of an emergency response map of the reservation for use by the police and fire departments. These maps will be updated quarterly.

Approval of Added Blue Building Project Costs for Concrete Pump Trucks

Rex West informed the Commission that it would require a concrete pump truck to do the cement work on the blue building project. The cost would be \$100 per hour and it would probably cost

about \$1500 for the complete pour. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to authorize the use of a pump truck for a cost not to exceed \$1,500. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Approval of Added Blue Building Project Costs for Crane Rental for Steel Erecting

There is a need to use a crane to put up the steel structure of the Blue Building in order to keep the equipment off of the floor so it has longer to cure. Mr. West had not received all of the cost quotes from those he contacted so this was tabled to the next meeting.

Direction of Central Avenue Follow-up

Mr. Whisenant presented a written report on some of the complaints and concerns that had been received on the Central Avenue Project. The Commission tabled this discussion until they had time to review the report.

Requests for Fair Parade

Veda Knudson contacted the City Clerk to ask the Commission for approval to close the streets for the fair parade on July 14th and to be able to use the police to clear the streets and lead the parade. They also requested permission for outdoor loud sound amplification for the speakers during the parade and the entertainment at the fair grounds.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the requests of the parade committee. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Request by Horton National Bank for Outdoor Sound Amplification on June 5th

The Horton National Bank will be having their customer appreciation event at Hickory Point on June 5th and requested permission to have outdoor sound amplification for a band.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the request of the bank. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Commissioner Davies presented a written complaint by a local organization on law enforcement to Commissioner Forkenbrock.

Commissioner Forkenbrock and Chief of Police Luzier will review the complaint and report back to the next meeting.

Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

Motion by Commissioner Davies to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel to include the Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator and Water Maintenance Operator Terry Jacobs. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. Upon reconvening, a motion was made by Commissioner Forkenbrock to go back into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel to include the same people. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye. No action was taken in executive session.

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

Staff Report

Rex West reported that cement would be poured the next day at the blue building, crews are reading meters and working on the damage to streets and alleys from the hard rains. Mowing crews are working on the cemetery for Memorial Day weekend; the electricians are trimming trees and installing lights at the baseball field.

There was discussion as to the depth of the cement floor on the blue building. The plans are drawn for a 4" floor and some people in the community think it should be thicker. The plans were drawn by an engineer and the inspector from KRWA assured the City that 4" would be thick enough.

City Administrator's Agenda

Mr. Whisenant reported there is a group that will be using the electric plant to hold training on the ALCO generator.

Candidates for the vacant water maintenance operator position will be interviewed and a decision will be made after Memorial Day.

Mr. Whisenant has worked with the Kansas Water Office to apply for additional funds for the Mission Lake Project from the state revolving fund monies from the federal government's economic stimulus initiative.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug asked where the City was on setting up a meeting for the electric rate study. The staff is working with Scott Shreve to accommodate this item.

Commissioner Krug advised he had been approached by Jeremy Forkenbrock as a citizen with concerns about his sidewalk that was put in by the City crews. Mr. Forkenbrock expressed some dissatisfaction with the quality of work done on the sidewalk. Mr. West will look at the area and make corrections as needed.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock stated that he has asked the Brown County Sheriff what the 911 funds were used for and Commissioner Forkenbrock feels that the City of Horton should receive some of these funds. Mayor Lentz said he would schedule Commissioner Forkenbrock to attend the Brown County Commission meeting to discuss this with them.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies advised that there are some repairs that need to be made to the girl's restroom at the baseball field.

The school district will work with the Fair Board to provide a space for the fair if the Blue Building is not completed by then.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards inquired about when the National Guard cleanup day would be scheduled. He was advised that the City is still working on the project with the National Guard.

Commissioner Edwards had received comments from 3 people that they felt like calling City Hall was like calling a “black hole”. They felt the City should call them back and keep them informed on what was being done about their complaints.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz thanked Dr. Davies and the senior class for all their work on the community projects. He also thanked Larry Pottroff’s class for putting out flowers in the downtown area and for seeding Central Avenue.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Krug. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor