

January 18, 2010
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for regular meeting on Monday, January 18, 2010 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 and Commissioners Krug, Forkenbrock, Edwards and Davies.

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

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2010 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3063 (Payroll) in the amount of \$3,407.24. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3064 (Payroll) in the amount of \$34,308.09. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to approve appropriation ordinance #3065 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$144,516.18. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Public Comments

Representative Lukert appeared before the Commission to give an update on the National Guard Armory. He met with the Governor and the Adjutant General and they were sympathetic to the situation. The decision of whether to close the Armory will be left to the Adjutant General. They would possibly delay the closing until the Guard members return from Egypt where they are currently deployed. Representative Lukert felt the Adjutant General was a compassionate man who agonized over the closings. Horton is the only one of the 18 closings to protest. The Adjutant General assured that he would review the matter. The last one to be closed came down between Horton and Holton. Horton was chosen because there are 2 armories in Brown County and only 1 in Jackson County. He has been ordered to cut \$1,000,000 from the budget.

Bill Sechler stated that it cost more to move the equipment and personnel than the amount being saved.

Colonel Silsby informed the Commission that all of the facilities except Horton were donated by the cities. Horton was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Green so it is owned by the State Military Board who will determine what to do with the building. There are several options but first they need to

know if the City wants to take possession of the building. They will need a decision by the end of February.

Quarterly Report on Tri-County Manor

Mary Brown, administrator of the Manor, reported they currently have 37 residents. They will be back later in the year to ask for streets to be closed for the Oktoberfest.

Commissioner Krug asked about an article that was published in the Hiawatha Daily World concerning the state inspections. It was reported that the Manor had several deficiencies. Ms. Brown reported that the article was incorrect. They did have 19 deficiencies but they were not related to patient care but more towards the paperwork. They were classified no harm or no mistreatment deficiencies. Their report should be that they are showing a trend towards better care. The Commission asked that Ms. Brown get the correct information out to the public.

Resolution to Adopt the Brown County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

A resolution was presented to adopt the countywide hazardous mitigation plan. The Commission requested that the staff make sure the cities plans match the county plan. Motion by Commissioner Davies to adopt Resolution 2010-003, resolving that the City of Horton adopts the Brown County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this Jurisdiction's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Discussion of Entryways at the Blue Building

Several items concerning the Blue Building were discussed. Larry Pottroff will have a letter in the Headlight pleading for volunteers to help complete the project. Mayor Lentz is working on getting a materials list to order what has not been delivered yet. Dirk Waser will train those who are present on Thursday night to do the plumbing in the restrooms. Commissioner Forkenbrock will check with the hospital on the power assist doors. Larry Pottroff does not want to be paid as a general contractor but he will assume the responsibility of organizing the work.

Water Rate Structure

Motion by Commissioner Krug to direct the City Attorney to develop an ordinance setting the water rates at a base of \$15.20 and \$4.96 per 1,000 gallons and setting the outside rates at 1 ½ times the inside rates. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Mr. Whisenant will have samples of utility bills to show the difference the new rate will make.

Opening of Sealed Bids on the Sale of the Used Bucket Truck

One bid was received for the purchase of the 1982 Ford Bucket Truck. Mike Monson bid \$7,500. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to accept the bid from Mike Monson for \$7,500. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

The Commission directed that the remaining items on the surplus property list be sold by sealed bid.

Staff Report

Mr. West reported that there are some problems with the pumps on the west lift station. These might be cold weather related. The crews are reading meters. The street crew is filling in for the water and sewer while they are reading meters and the street crew is also patching potholes.

Request for No Parking

KDOT requested that the City designate the 100 block of East 17th Street as “no parking”. They have problems getting their large snow plows and equipment out to Central Avenue because of the narrow streets. The Commission directed the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to designate that block as “no parking”.

The Commission requested that Mr. Whisenant ask KDOT to use 17th Street instead of going South on 1st Ave. East.

City Administrator’s Agenda

Mr. Whisenant reported that HIDC agreed to pay \$100 on the membership dues for the Kansas Downtown Tier I Program.

Mr. Whisenant gave a summary of the Mission Lake quarterly meeting. The project is 22-25% completed. The Parks and Recreation Board will work with KDWP on location of the piers and boat ramp. The timeline shows a possible completion date in July due to the ice on the lake—this is if they start back in March.

Commissioner’s Agenda

Commissioner Krug

No report.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

Commissioner Forkenbrock requested that the “No Parking” sign at 15th and 2nd Ave West on the east side of 2nd Ave West be moved north of the driveway. Mr. West will take care of this.

Commissioner Krug reported a car south of the elementary school on East 16th Street has been parked for a long time without being moved. He requested that the City Clerk advise the Chief of Police.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards asked Mr. Whisenant to explain the Commercial Kitchen and its purpose. Mr. Whisenant advised he would be meeting with Gary Satter from Glacial Hills this week for more information.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies thanked the city crews for the good job on snow removal.

Commissioner Davies is a member of the Northeast Kansas Rural Economic Development (NEKRED) group and they still want to work with Horton even though they lost funding from Brown County.

Boy Scout's of America will be celebrating Boy Scout Week February 7-14.

Commissioner Davies stated that for the schools to be an emergency shelter they would have to purchase a generator at a cost of approximately \$40,000. He is looking for a grant. Commissioner Krug advised that the BIA has a huge generator on wheels and the contact would be Wally Leander. Maybe it could be borrowed when needed.

The Parks and Recreation Board recommended that Susan Hisle be hired as the pool manager for the 2010 season. They also recommended that the fees for the pool and lake remain the same as last year.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz recommended that the City purchase some aerial photos of the Mission Lake Project from Commissioner Krug's son-in-law and put them in the hallway and commission room. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to purchase a set of photos for the hallway and Commission Room up to \$250. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. Aye—Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Forkenbrock, Edwards and Davies. Abstain—Commissioner Krug.

The lease of the farm ground by the CDF site will be discussed at the next meeting. Commissioner Krug will check with FSA to determine the amount of acreage and then it can be put out for bids.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor