

June 6, 2011
5:15 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for regular meeting on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Room.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and the prayer was given by City Clerk Candy Schmitt.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2011 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve appropriation ordinance #3138 (Payroll) in the amount of \$33,879.10. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve appropriation ordinance #3139 (Payroll) in the amount of \$37,997.99. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to approve appropriation ordinance #3140 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$52,904.54. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye.

Public Comments

Representative Randy Garber attended the meeting to introduce himself and to hear what is going on in Horton. Mayor Lentz gave the Representative an overview of all of the current projects. There was discussion of the need for a bill to be introduced to convey title to the Armory to the City. Representative Garber will work with the City Attorney to get information necessary to submit a bill for this purpose.

Brian Hagen was present from KNZA radio. He also introduced himself to the Commission and advised them he would be attending the future meetings.

Public Hearing on Condemnation of Structures

Mayor Lentz opened the public hearing at 5:25 p.m. on condemnation of structures at 325 E. 12th Street and 929 4th Ave. West. The owner, David Smith, of 929 4th Ave. West purchased a demolition permit and has until August 10, 2011 to remove the structure. The city did not hear from the owner, Ron Gantt, of 325 E. 12th Street. The public hearing was closed at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to proceed with the demolition of 325 E. 12th Street and to wait until August 10 on 929 4th Ave. West. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Report on Enterprise Facilitation

Teresa Wilson-McAnerney reported to the Commission on the activities of the Enterprise Facilitation program. The Food Center (Community Kitchen) is remodeling and will open this

month. They also will house a business center for those who need office space. Ms. McAnerney requested that the City provide funds for 2012 to assist the program to continue.

Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to give \$3,200 to the Enterprise Facilitation program in 2012. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

User Agreements for the Armory and Baseball Fields

Proposed user agreements were presented to the Commission for approval. One was an agreement for use of the Armory and the other was an amended user agreement for the baseball fields. The amendment included an inspection and a deposit fee. There were some grammatical errors that needed to be corrected.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve both user agreements with the errors corrected and contingent on the approval of the Parks and Recreation Board. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Discussion of Parking on West 18th Street and Euclid Ave.

James Stuart presented the Commission with a drawing and pictures of the intersection at Euclid Ave. and West 18th Street. Commissioner Forkenbrock felt there was not enough room for vehicles to be parking along 18th Street in this area and wondered if there was an ordinance preventing parking within a certain distance of an intersection. There is a state statute, 8-1571, that deals with this situation. Commissioner Edwards would like to look at all T-intersections in the City for this same problem.

Discussion of Police Officers Ranges and Wages

Commissioner Forkenbrock presented his recommendations for salary increases for the police department. The recommendation was to move those currently classified as Officer I to Officer II range and give them an increase according to the number of years of police officer experience. The Chief and Assistant Chief would not receive an increase this year. Then a recommendation of increasing everyone in the police department one step (3%) in 2012. Commissioner Edwards stated he wasn't for making salary changes like this in the middle of a budget year. The increase would cost \$2,928 for the balance of 2011.

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Forkenbrock to give the recommended increases for the 2011 year and discuss the 2012 recommendation at budget time. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye. City Clerk Schmitt asked when the raises would be effective and was advised June 12 because it was the beginning of a new pay period.

Resolution and Memorandum Agreement Between the City of Horton and Horton Community Hospital.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt Resolution 2011-007, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HORTON APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF HORTON AND HORTON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ON BEHALF OF HORTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FOR INSTALLATION OF RADIO ANTENNA AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AT THE CITY HALL BUILDING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF CITY SUBJECT TO FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. Seconded by Commissioner Davies.

Aye – Mayor Lentz and Commissioners Krug, Edwards and Davies. Abstain – Commissioner Forkenbrock.

Staff Reports

Mr. West reported the televising of the sewer lines was started and will be about a 2 month process. The chip and seal will take place in July so the crews will be patching in preparation. The mowing is an ongoing project. The water line on West 11th Street between 1st Avenue West and 2nd Avenue West will be replaced.

Interim City Administrator's Agenda

Horton National Bank will have their annual community appreciation night on June 10th at Hickory Point.

The Commission was given a copy of the notice that will be provided to the citizens concerning the televising of the sewer lines. This describes the process and gives action to be taken to prevent any damages.

Documents were provided to the Commission showing the delinquent utility bill amounts, the calendar for the speed radar sign placement and the monthly police department report.

Motion by Commissioner Davies to move the storm siren from City Hall to the lake campground area. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Krug

Commissioner Krug asked that the speed radar sign be placed on Wilson Drive as there has been a few speeding cars on that road headed north towards the lake.

Commissioner Krug would like to be able to have a hangar at the airport. He asked that the Commission consider a lease for that purpose. City Attorney Hill will look into the matter.

Commissioner Forkenbrock

No report.

Commissioner Edwards

Commissioner Edwards asked about the signs for the Blue Building. Mayor Lentz advised he has the signs.

Commissioner Edwards inquired about the reason for building permit fees when the city does not do inspections during the construction. He requested a copy of the ordinance.

Commissioner Edwards, Mayor Lentz and City Clerk Schmitt met with Eric Smith concerning his electric rates. Mr. Smith was shown the ordinances and still did not agree that he should be charged more than those inside the city limits.

Commissioner Davies

Commissioner Davies advised that the cleanup for Better Beef Days will be completed this week.

An Eagle Scout will be repairing the Girl Scout Shelter house. A new pole is needed.

Mayor Lentz

Mayor Lentz asked if the city crews could be allowed to wear shorts to work in the manholes because of the heat. Motion by Commissioner Forkenbrock to amend the dress code to allow the crews working outdoors to wear shorts. Seconded by Commissioner Davies. All aye.

Mayor Lentz spoke with KDWP about the cost of putting in fishing piers. They will look at giving more money on the grant for the piers.

Mayor Lentz will be out of town for the next 3 days.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Forkenbrock. All aye

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Tim Lentz, Mayor