

July 5, 2022
5:15 P.M.
City Hall

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Stirton called the meeting to order, and the opening prayer was led by Dan Burns of Everest Christian. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Bryan Stirton, Commissioner Richard Lovelady, Carmela Boller, Rex West, and Tina Nigh. City Administrator John Calhoon and City Attorney Kevin Hill were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Nigh to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Nigh to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2022, regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Nigh to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3719 (Payroll) for \$43,423.94. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Nigh to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3720 (Disbursements) for \$92,182.12. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Public Comments

No comments.

Public Works Updates

Public Works Superintendent Randy Mayfield was present to provide updates to the Commission on the water, sewer, and street departments. Mayfield handed out a detailed report showing past and present projects broken down by department. Mayfield said that the demolition is finished at the new wastewater treatment facility, and the final grade will be tomorrow.

Police Department Updates

Chief Boller presented the Commission with June 2022 Dispatch Call by Service Type. Chief Boller said there were 381 total calls for service. Boller also said that there were no major issues at the lake on the 4th of July.

Duke Koerperich – Town and Country EMS

Duke Koerperich, Service Director at Town and Country EMS was present at the Commissioners request to discuss the ambulance being stored at the Armory. The Commission is weighing options to cover expenses at the Armory and the city has already imposed an increase for NEK-CAP effective August 1st. NEK-KAP asks that it be fair as others are utilizing the building at no cost. The Commission stated to Koerperich that no decision has been made to relocate the ambulance, they are just trying to make it fair to those who are paying to use the building. Koerperich said that if asked to relocate the ambulance he would find a place here in town. He said that the ambulance is always plugged in to keep equipment charged, and the ambulance needs to maintain a 50-degree temperature in the winter. Koerperich said that he would review alternatives to keep the ambulance and said that he isn't totally against paying a monthly fee to continue to house it at the Armory.

Further Discussion on Armory Rental Fees

Calhoon said that he will present a revised Facility Use Agreement with NEK-CAP at the next Commission meeting. He said that they will utilize the same contract with the revised utility reimbursement payment amount which will go into effect on August 1st.

Consider Appointment of Trustee for the Horton Library Board

Motion by Commissioner Nigh to appoint Cheyenne Brown as Trustee to the Board of the Horton Public Library. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Consider Notice to County Clerk of Intent to Exceed RNR

Motion by Commissioner Lovelady for Clerk Knudson to send the Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Intent to the County Clerk saying that we intend to exceed the RNR, and our proposed mill levy rate is 72.940. Seconded by Commissioner Nigh. All aye. The date of our hearing will be held at City Hall on August 15th at 5:15 p.m.

Review Copier Proposal

Calhoon shared a copier proposal from 360 Document Solutions. Calhoon said that there is no problem with the copiers that the city currently has, but 360 Document Solutions would upgrade all the copiers with more enhanced ones and provide the toner and maintenance. They will also pay off the current lease amount that the city has with Canon. Kevin Hill stated that since the copier lease is for more than one year, they will need to add his suggested provision to prevent it from potentially violating the cash basis law.

Motion by Commissioner Nigh to proceed with the copier upgrades from 360 Document Solutions with amended cash basis law language. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

City Administrator

Calhoon said that Jeremy Lee Deshazo has done some tree, brush, and stump removals for the city earlier this year. Deshazo provided him an estimate to remove the tree in front of city hall and grind the stump for \$250.00 and remove several dead trees around the lakes and grind the stumps for additional cost. Calhoon said that he wanted to ask the Commissioners ahead of time before approving the work. Nigh asked if he lives here and pays taxes here and said that we have people in town that should be given the first opportunity. Calhoon said he would reach out to Oswald Lawn Services to see if they have the equipment to perform the jobs and if there is an interest. West said that the city has the personnel and the equipment to perform the work. Calhoon said that the city crews couldn't do the removals for less than what Deshazo is going to charge.

Mayor Stirton

No report.

Commissioner Lovelady

No report.

Commissioner West

No report.

Commissioner Boller

Commissioner Boller requested that Calhoon get in touch with Amberwell and see what their intentions are for the hospital. She said it has been sitting there vacant and is deteriorating. Calhoon said he would reach out to Jeff Perry and see if he can attend the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Nigh

Commissioner Nigh asked for an update on the school zone lights. Calhoon said that 2 of the 3 have been fixed and Andrew Jones is waiting for a control module. Nigh wants to be proactive so they are all functioning when school starts back up.

Nigh revisited the possibility of signs being installed downtown to encourage use of the crosswalks. She also proposed that a yield or stop sign be placed at Mission Lake going out to the road by the boat ramp.

Nigh told Calhoon that someone would be coming to visit with him regarding scooters being driven in town without a flag so people can see them. Calhoon said that would be an issue to be discussed with the Chief of Police. Chief Boller said that he didn't think that the city has anything in place currently to enforce it.

Motion by Commissioner Nigh to adjourn at 6:37p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

2023 Budget Workshop

The Commissioners went in depth with the individual department wish lists for the 2023 budget. The Commission will revisit budget discussions at the next meeting on July 18th.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor