

October 17, 2022
5:15 P.M.
City Hall

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022,

Mayor Stirton called the meeting to order, and the opening prayer was led by Father Dan Gardner from St. Leo's Catholic Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Boller to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022, regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Boller to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3733 (Payroll) for \$37,929.95. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Boller to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3734 (Disbursements) for \$83,570.64. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Request to be Placed on Agenda

Karen Linck was present to say that she has somebody working on the home she owns at 333 West 14th Street. Kevin Hill stated that per Resolution No. 2022-003 a hearing will be held on November 7, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. at city hall at which time the owners, their agents, any lienholders of record, any occupant and/or other persons who have charge, care, control or responsibility for maintenance of the following described structures located on the following described real estate in Horton, Kansas may appear and show cause why such structure or structures should not be condemned as being an unsafe or dangerous structure, or being a structure in a dangerous condition with conditions that are injurious to the health, safety or general welfare of the community or detrimental to adjoining properties, the neighborhood or the City, and ordered repaired, demolished, rehabilitated, or removed, or said conditions made safe. Linck will schedule a time to meet with Chief Boller to view photographs of the property and share with Linck what needs to be repaired prior to the November 7th hearing.

Designate Official Trick or Treat Nights

Motion by Commissioner Boller to designate October 29th and 30th as trick or treat nights in Horton. Seconded by Commissioner Nigh. All aye.

Curb Cost Share Updates

Per discussion at the last Commission meeting Calhoon said that J & B Contractors will take care of the curb at 16th and Wilson Drive, they just don't know how soon. There will be additional cost for concrete. J & B Contractors didn't install the curb back far enough at 16th & Wilson Drive when they replaced it, and trailers are still going to jump the curb and destroy it over time. West said that the curb is already taking a beating.

Review and Discussion of MOU with USD 430 on Potential Recreation Coordinator

Calhoon stated that changes have been made to the MOU by Kevin Hill since the last discussion with the Commission and he would like to send it back to the school board for approval. Hill's recommended changes including the proposed amount of the monthly sum that will be paid by the City with increases to be agreed by the parties, what the person's status with the city will be, (he recommended that we set out that the person will be an independent contractor of the City in the MOU), add more detail of what "help with maintenance and services" entails (will the cost and responsibility of mowing and trimming be borne solely by USD 430?) On the termination provision, Hill recommended taking out the words "shall" and "ensure" and replace it with "If the MOU is terminated by either party, the parties will endeavor to take steps to prevent said termination from affecting a project or activity already in progress." Lastly, Hill recommend taking the confidentiality section out entirely as the Kansas Open Records Act would require disclosure of the memorandum and its terms. Nigh had several questions cleared up regarding the MOU including if the Commission will have a say on who is hired. Calhoon said that he and Jason Cline would likely decide on the candidate based on their athletic background, connections, and experience. C. Boller agreed that Cline and Calhoon should make that decision since the Commission doesn't hire employees. The consensus was to allow Hill to make any final changes to the MOA before Calhoon submits it to the school board. Once the school board approves, the MOA will come before the Commission for final approval and will optimistically be implemented on January 1, 2023.

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 informed the Commission that due to issues with a panel at the wastewater treatment facility, the facility is currently being ran manually and watched until someone can come out and repair the panel that is under warranty.

Police Department Updates

Chief Boller said that there is a probability that the circuit boards in all the school zone lights will need to be replaced and costs could reach \$11,700 if all are replaced. Andrew Jones has reached out to KDOT to see if they can offer any assistance to the city.

Chief Boller said that he requested interest rates from the three local banks for a loan to purchase a 2022 fully equipped Dodge Durango from Superior Emergency Response Vehicles in Andover, KS. He received an interest rate of 4.95% for 48 months from First Option Bank, and 4.19% from GNBANK. Kevin Hill reminded Chief Boller that due to city cash basis laws that vehicle would need to be purchased with a Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement because we can't obligate the city past the current budget year.

Motion by Commissioner Nigh to accept the bank with the best interest and approve the purchase of the vehicle subject to satisfactory language in the agreement that would comply with the cash basis law. Seconded by Commissioner West. Aye—Mayor Stirton, Commissioners West, Nigh, and Lovelady. Abstain—Commissioner Boller. Motion carried.

City Administrator

Kansas Municipal Utilities is offering a power plant operator workshop on November 8th and 9th in Wamego. Calhoon would like Brent Shaffer and new hire, Troy Myers to attend the class.

Fall cleanup started on October 15th and will run through October 23rd. The dumpsters are placed on the south side of city hall for Horton resident to utilize.

Weather permitting, exterior painting at the new wastewater treatment facility should wrap up by the end of this week.

Calhoon said that Blue Cross Blue Shield (through KMIT) will increase employee health insurance premiums by 9.9% in 2023. Calhoon said that Blue Cross Blue Shield is implementing several new beneficial programs for 2023.

The Commission discussed leaving the dumpsters at Mission Lake for another week or taking the city dump truck out to accommodate the trash accumulated for the flea market on November 4 – 6. Calhoon also proposed a minimal \$2.50 electric rate increase for the flea market vendors, which would take effect for the spring 2023 flea market. Don Groshong also requested installation of a new amp box at the first shelter house. Calhoon said it would depend on the workload of the city crews.

Calhoon demonstrated the new work order process to the Commission on the big screen. Andrew Jones set up the Spiceworks Help Desk application which is a more efficient way for city of Horton employees to manage and track work orders generated.

Mayor Stirton

Mayor Stirton and Randy Mayfield said that the demolition derby raised \$15,000, which wasn't as much as last year due to the cold temperatures.

Mayor Stirton asked the Commission to consider doing a price match for the bunker sets needed by the fire department. Mayfield said that the bunker sets are \$2,504 per set. Calhoon said that the city could also apply for another grant.

Mayor Stirton thanked the city staff and all who are involved in the work on the new ballfields. He also said that the entrance at the little lake looks nice.

Commissioner Lovelady

No report.

Commissioner West

No report.

Commissioner Boller

After attending the League of Municipalities Annual Conference, Commissioner Boller shared a PowerPoint presentation on The Kansas PRIDE Program. The Kansas PRIDE Program is a partnership of K-State Research and Extension, the Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Masons and Kansas PRIDE, Inc. The Kansas PRIDE program is a volunteer, grassroots effort to improve the quality of life in local communities. Each Kansas community is unique and shares a common bond: a rich heritage based on self-reliance and community pride. The Kansas PRIDE program has assisted and encouraged communities to prepare for the future by building on their past and forming a vision of the future. The goal of PRIDE is to help maximize community and economic development efforts by encouraging all groups to coordinate and work collaboratively for community betterment. Boller said that they would be willing to come to a Commission meeting to provide more information regarding the PRIDE program. Boller challenged Calhoon to start spearheading the process.

C. Boller and Calhoon have organized a meeting at city hall (tentatively depending on attendance) on the 28th of October at 9:00 a.m. with any community healthcare services that we have in the area that we can enhance or fill our healthcare gaps in the community. C. Boller said this will open conversation about what the community of Horton needs and what our healthcare holes are and how we can meet those needs.

Commissioner Nigh

Nigh inquired about the free water station at the lake on behalf of someone who farms out of town. The Commission said that it is intended for in town residents only, but it has been used by people out of town.

On behalf of David Pottroff Nigh tasked the Commission with brainstorming project ideas for the high school students to work on during their community service day.

10-Minute Executive Session to Discuss Attorney Client Privilege

Motion by Commissioner Nigh to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss attorney client privilege to include the Commission, John Calhoon, Kim Knudson, John Boller, Randy Mayfield, and Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye. After executive session no action taken, information only.

Motion by Commissioner West to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Boller. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor