

February 21, 2023
5:15 P.M.
City Hall

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

Commissioner Nigh called the meeting to order, and the opening prayer was led by Pastor Ron Cobb from Horton First Christian Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner West to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023, regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3750 (Payroll) for \$39,567.70. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3751 (Disbursements) for \$85,683.15. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Public Comments

No comments.

Mayor Stirton arrived at 5:19 p.m. and conducted the meeting.

Approve 2023 Camping Rules & Regs

The Commission reviewed the revisions since the last meeting. Motion by Commissioner Lovelady to approve the 2023 Camping Rules and Regulations. Seconded by Commissioner Nigh. All aye. Nigh said she still don't agree with #8 of the Campground Agreement saying utility usage must exceed the minimum monthly charge 4 out of the 8 months of the camping season. Nigh said that some people don't use electricity when they camp. Calhoon stated that it was put in place to get people to utilize their camping spots.

Calhoon said that Mission Lake Camper signups will take place at City Hall this year on March 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Appoint Director 1 and alternate to KMEA Board of Directors

Motion by Commissioner Nigh to appoint Carmela Boller as Director -1, and Rex West as an alternate to Kansas Municipal Energy Agency Board of Directors. Seconded by Commissioners Lovelady. All aye.

Public Works Updates

Public Works Superintendent Randy Mayfield was present to provide updates to the Commission on the water, sewer, and street departments. Detailed reports showing the summary of work orders created, and the status of work orders by department were provided. Mayfield said that AHRS Construction still needs to complete work at the wastewater treatment plant.

Police Department Updates

Not present.

City Administrator

The local stakeholders who agreed to serve on an informal housing advisory board will meet for the first time on 02/22/2023 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. Kelsee Hirsch, John Scott, Colton Oswald, Janice Crider, and Richard Lovelady were appointed to the housing advisory board per Department of Commerce guidelines at the last Commission meeting.

Tara Speer will return as the pool manager this year. Lifeguard applications are now being accepted for the 2023 pool season through Friday, March 3rd. Applicants must be 15 years or older. Applications are available at City Hall. Speer has certification courses scheduled for the lifeguards. Calhoon said that the city will likely raise fees for snack items at the pool this year.

Calhoon said that he will begin hiring seasonal employees soon. He also voiced concern over custodial work and Blue Building duties not being done to the level that the city needs. Calhoon will consider hiring a limited part-time employee who will serve as a backup to the Court Clerk and perform Blue Building/janitorial duties as needed. Nigh and Mayor Stirton inquired about Mike Cline performing cleaning duties during the fall and winter months as proposed. Calhoon said he would remember this for next year.

Mayor Stirton

Mayor Stirton asked if additional rock will be ordered for around Mission Lake. Calhoon said that it will be ordered and invoiced out of the parks budget.

Commissioner Lovelady

Commissioner Lovelady said that one of the swings at Railroad Park is in need of an S hook to repair.

Commissioner West

No report.

Commissioner Boller

Not present.

Commissioner Nigh

Commissioner Nigh asked what the city could do about the overabundance of stray/feral cats in town. Options discussed were to address with Chief Boller, and Calhoon will contact his listserv to see how other cities handle them.

Nigh asked for the name of the demolition company that will tear down the hospital. Calhoon said Madget Demolition Inc., which is a reputable company who will follow all the proper procedures for asbestos removal, etc. prior to demolition.

Nigh also had some questions regarding the water tower maintenance contracts that were presented at the last meeting. The discussion will be revisited again on March 6th when all Commissioners are in attendance.

Motion by Commissioner West to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Nigh. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor