

June 15, 2020  
5:15 P.M.  
City Hall

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Stirton called the meeting to order and the opening prayer was led by Pastor John Kress from the First Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Wade Edwards, Rex West, Richard Lovelady, and Ken Krug. City Administrator John Calhoon and Attorney Kevin Hill were also present.

Motion by Commissioner West to adopt the agenda after adding a 15-minute executive session to discuss attorney client privilege. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2020 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3613(Payroll) for the amount of \$36,136.61. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3614 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$108,531.93. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

#### **Public Comments**

None.

#### **Public Works Updates**

Randy Mayfield was present to provide updates to the Commission on Public Works. Randy handed out a detailed report showing past and present projects broken down by department. Randy said that the circuit board(s) for the backup generator at the well is out. It may cost around \$2500 for the circuit board and reprogramming, and they may have to do all three circuit boards.

#### **Bid Opening for Chip Seal**

Calhoon stated that per discussion at the last meeting, the specs changed on the Notice for Street Bids. The Commission was asked to review and decide if they wanted to open bids tonight.

Calhoon opened the three sealed bids that were received and read them aloud.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to award the chip seal bid to Approved Paving LLC for the amount of \$75,700. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Other bids were received from Mid-America Road Builders for \$70,918.98, and Vance Brothers for \$110,541.81.

#### **Revisit Opening of Swimming Pool**

Due to county restrictions that have been lifted recently, the Commission has decided to open the city pool. Calhoon said that it would take 2-3 weeks before the pool is filled and up to temperature, and chemicals are regulated.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to open the city pool. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

West requested that the city keep the pool open at least through Labor Day on the weekends to make the opening worthwhile.

### **Set a Budget Workshop Date & Time**

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to have a special meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to review the Wastewater Treatment Facility Manual and hold a 2021 budget workshop. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

### **4th of July Festivities Update**

Festivities for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July will include:

Fireman's Breakfast Fundraiser from 6-11 a.m. (free will donation)

Youth Fishing Derby at Horton Little Lake from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Boat Parade at Mission Lake starting at 6:00 p.m.

John Harris Band playing at Hickory Point from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Fireworks show at dusk

Calhoon stated that the festivities are not necessarily sponsored by the city.

### **Discuss Sewer Rates**

Sam Johnson recommended that the city defer any sewer rate increases until KRWA performs a water rate analysis. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to defer the automatic sewer rate increase for the month of July, with potentially considering another increase in September. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

### **Consider Dock Approvals**

Motion by Commissioner Lovelady to approve all dock requests. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye. Aye – Commissioners Edwards, Lovelady, Krug, and West. Abstain – Mayor Stirton

The Parks & Recreation Board met on June 8<sup>th</sup> and approved dock installations for Bruce Whetstone, Terry Siebenmorgen, Jodi Leatherman/Bryan Stirton, Bob Harden/Trent Scholtz, Karl Gaskell, Ron and Jodi Hodge, and Josh White.

The Commission also discussed posting signs at the lake saying "Swim at Your Own Risk" or "Designated Swimming Area". Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve signage to be posted at Mission Lake saying "Swim at Your Own Risk" and "Designated Swimming Area" and request that the signage be adhered to by the public. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

### **Revisit City Hall Restrictions**

Calhoon said that beginning tomorrow, City Hall will open the doors back open to the public and try to go back to some normalcy. The city will encourage masks to be worn while in the building. City Court will also resume at City Hall on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The court will enforce stricter restrictions by requiring to wear a mask and encouraging not to bring extra visitors. Motion by Commissioner Edwards to reopen the functions at City Hall at the discretion of the City Administrator. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss attorney client privilege to include Mayor Stirton, Commissioners Edwards, Krug, West, and Lovelady, John Calhoon, and Kevin Hill. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye. After executive session no action taken.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards for Kevin Hill to draft a letter to Mission Village in regards to the letter and the check that was received saying the city can only accept the check and deposit the check with their agreement that the city not be required to convey this by warranty deed, that the city would convey by Quit Claim deed. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye. Aye – Commissioners Edwards, Lovelady, and West. Abstain – Commissioner Krug.

Edwards spoke to Joe Koechner from Kex Rx Pharmacy because he had heard rumors that they were not being paid by Mission Village. Edwards said he was only interested in facts and asked Koechner to share his position. Koechner said that he didn't really want it out on the street, but said if the rumor is out, it is already out on the street. At present time he is owed \$18,000 for drugs that he has sold to the nursing home. He does not do the pharmacy consult at Mission Village, and does not know who does. Koechner has reached a payment agreement with Mission Village and he is satisfied that they will fulfill their obligation. Commissioner Edwards also stated that there were only two payments received by Kex Rx throughout 2019, and he is concerned about Mission Village bringing down another local business in the process.

Kevin Hill said public documents, such as inspections for Mission Village can be found at the Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **City Administrator/Chief of Police Calhoon**

Calhoon received an e-mail from Everygy stating that they will be doing some line work south of town on Thursday. There shouldn't be any problems in town, but wanted to put the word out just in case.

On June 20th, 2020 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm there will be a "meet & greet" at the shelter house just east of the Horton Aquatic Park where Trey Dishon will sign autographs and take pictures with fans (bring your own camera). The event will be for a free will donation, that will go toward 2 signs that will be posted in town, honoring Trey and his numerous accomplishments. Any donations over the amount of the signs will go back to the Horton High School football program.

Garrett Nordstrom from Governmental Assistance Services will be present at City Hall on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> to answer any questions from businesses regarding the Community Development Block Grant – CV 2020. CDBG-CV Economic Development grants provide communities with funding to help local businesses retain jobs for low-to-moderate income people. Calhoon has put the word out to several businesses, but cannot promise that he will hit them all prior to Thursday.

There will be a pre-construction meeting on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Facility improvements.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to accept the Credit Card Policy that was drafted for the city employees. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye. The city auditors have requested that we have a Credit Card Policy in place.

#### **Mayor Stirton**

Mayor Stirton was contacted by the Fish and Game and asked if the city would allow the trap shoot to start back up.

#### **Commissioner Lovelady**

No report.

#### **Commissioner West**

No report.

#### **Commissioner Edwards**

Edwards said that Hiawatha posted a Public Notice in their newspaper giving property owners who are in violation of the city weed control law 10 days of publication notice to cut or destroy their weeds.

Sarah Stirton approached Edwards about damage to boats and campers at Mission Lake due to private people setting off fireworks. She has had damage to her boat seat previously and is concerned about people running around lighting fireworks. She wanted to know if the Commission wanted to take any action on it. Edwards said it is short notice for the Commission to take any action, but said that he would make the Commission aware.

Edwards was disturbed that the special meeting that was held last week on the 11th at the Blue Building turned into a town hall meeting rather than a City Commission meeting. He feels that the discussion should have been stopped at the very beginning and an announcement made that this is a City Commission meeting and not a town hall meeting.

**Commissioner Krug**

No report.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 7:10p.m. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

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Kim Knudson, City Clerk

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Bryan Stirton, Mayor