

August 17, 2020
5:15 P.M.
City Hall

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2020 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3622(Payroll) for the amount of \$40,384.23. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3623 (Disbursements) for the amount of \$202,212.98. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Public Comments

Horton Library Director Jessica Buhrman was present to revisit the request for an additional \$4,800 for the library from the city. At the last Commission meeting on 08/03, motion was made by Commissioner Edwards to table the request from the library for an additional \$4,800 pending information regarding grant money that they may or may not receive, and reconsider request at a later date. Buhrman stated that \$5,590.50 has been received in grants over the past couple of months.

Mayor Stirton said that the city will look for additional funds if need be depending on grants that are applied for and received by the library. Buhrman will provide updates and reports to the City Clerk and she will pass on to the Commission.

Buhrman said that the library Board meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (unless posted otherwise), and it is posted on their website.

Barbara Kibby and Debbie Chaney were present to show their support for the library and how much they appreciate it.

Pastor John Kress from the First Baptist Church was present to say that in the months of August and September the ministry is reaching out to the city and Reinvent Horton for ideas on what is needed in our community. John Calhoon suggested anything related to mental health, and temporary placement for youth that are removed from their families on a temporary or emergency basis.

Edwards asked if there is there is financial counseling, specifically towards utility payments. He feels like this would be proactive and relieve pressure on the city and churches, since when residents get disconnected for nonpayment, they run to the churches for help financially.

Pastor Cress asked the Commission to let him know if they think of anything else.

Randy Mayfield stated that the volunteer fire department would like to hold a demolition derby for a fundraiser. West recommended that the city get a meter reading before the derby so the fire department can cover the cost of utilities during the event. The Commission also said the sponsor would be responsible for liability insurance during the event, with the city's insurance carrier, KCAMP, listed as an additional insurer.

2021 Budget Hearing

Mayor Stirton announced the Public Hearing. There were no public comments regarding the proposed 2021 budget.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve the 2021 budget with a mill levy of 67.787, and note that this levy has not increased since 2019 when it was increased since that time by 0.021 mills.

Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Bryan asked if funds were budgeted for the grant that was applied for to receive a new fire truck. Kim Knudson informed Mayor Stirton that the previous fire truck grant was budgeted out of the GO Bond and Interest Fund, not the Fire Department, and money was not budgeted for 2021. After discussion it was determined that if the grant is awarded the funds could possibly be taken out of the capital improvement fund until the 2022 budget is prepared.

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.

Mayfield mentioned that the new meters for the wells have arrived and are being installed. Also, when generators at the plant were being tested this week, Josh Haverkamp realized that generator #4 was not generating power. Josh will contact vendors to assess the issue.

Consider Approval of 2020 Standard Traffic Ordinance No.1189, and Uniform Public Offense Code No.1188

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Ordinance No. 1188, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner West to approve Ordinance No. 1189, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2020 PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1182. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

Consider Approval of Resolution 2020-003 Authorizing Early Redemption on Outstanding Temporary Notes

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to approve Resolution No. 2020-003 authorizing early redemption on outstanding temporary notes for Phase III Sewer Project. Seconded by Commissioner Lovelady. All aye.

City Administrator/Chief of Police Calhoon

Calhoon said that the flashing lights for the school zones will be turned on tomorrow to give a few days to get used to before school starts.

Madget Demolition, Inc. filled holes in the brick on the existing wall, mudded the northwest corner, and saw cut the southwest corner of the demolished buildings downtown.

Calhoon presented a Resolution to the Commission that will be presented to the county tomorrow for (SPARK) Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas fund. Calhoon will present approved items to the Commission that he feels are COVID-19 related.

Bruce Gaskell will install the new door and frame at the Armory by September 1st as required by the Fire Marshall. Calhoon reached out to other locals for installation of the door as well.

Assistant Chief Boller asked the other police officers to get on board with code enforcement in the community. Calhoon said that if we enforce, we will get complaints, and they need support from the Commission if they want code enforcement done.

Calhoon met with West and Edwards to discuss snow routes in town. New signs have been ordered and will be placed accordingly. The current snow route Ordinance will be amended to remove street cleaning route and reflect other suggested changes.

Mayor Stirton

Mayor Stirton has received a complaint that the Mission Lake Christian Camp has not been mowed, and they are worried that dormant grass could be a fire hazard. Calhoon will try to reach out to Theola Carter for a contact.

There was further discussion on painting of the generation plant floor. West asked what the hold up is? Calhoon said that Robert Senn is willing to paint it if the city purchases the paint, but there has been delays due to COVID-19. The Commission requested that Calhoon nail down a time with Senn.

Commissioner Lovelady

No report.

Commissioner West

No report.

Commissioner Edwards

Edwards would like to see the city crews mark parking and handicapped spots and crosswalks next spring in an effort to spruce up downtown. Edwards asked Calhoon to put it on his list. West recommended that the lines for parking spots downtown be painted at an angle so it will be easier for people to get up and down the streets.

Commissioner Krug

Not present.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 6:21p.m. Seconded by Commissioner West. All aye.

Kim Knudson, City Clerk

Bryan Stirton, Mayor