Interim Horton mayor appointed

(KNZA)--The Horton City Commission has filled the vacancy created by the recent resignation of longtime Mayor Tim Lentz.

During a special meeting Thursday evening, the Commission appointed Bryan Stirton to fill the remainder of Lentz' term, which expires in January 2020. The position is up for election in November of next year.

Stirton, who currently serves as police commissioner, was among three who submitted letters expressing an interest in filling the vacancy. The other two candidates were Bobby Bacon and Jack Hare.

With his appointment as interim mayor, Stirton will have to step down as police commissioner. The Commission is to act on his resignation from that position during their regular meeting Monday evening and will set a special meeting for appointing someone to fill the vacancy.

The Commission also directed City Attorney Kevin Hill to draft an ordinance for their consideration Monday revising the duties of mayor, which will be limited to presiding over meetings. Lentz had handled a number of additional duties----including oversight of the current pool project. Just how that will be handled will be discussed at Monday's meeting.

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