

Nursing home's future could be secured Monday

(KAIR)--A decision, regarding the future of Horton's lone nursing home, could possibly be finalized Monday evening.

That's when the Horton City Commission will hold it's regular meeting, planned for 5:15 at the Horton Blue Building.

The session follows recent special meetings focused on the issue after it was revealed in April that the Mission Village Living Center's Board of Directors planned to close the facility by June 8.

During an April 25 Commission meeting, possible management companies to oversee the nursing home were considered, with the Commissioners narrowing the choice to two following the review of proposals. The minutes of the meeting state that "the Commission would be inclined to be in favor of the contract from Mid-America Hospital Management Company. Representatives of that firm were present at the special meeting of April 29.

It was during that meeting that it was revealed that additional "positive developments" regarding the facility's fate had occurred. According to the minutes, that includes an in-the-works plan that "would provide for the City having say in the Mission Village Living Center" under "a newly constituted board." Once that is implemented, the living center would remain open under new management.

Horton City Attorney Kevin Hill is cited in the minutes as being "fairly optimistic that by Monday the City will be in the position to announce some firm commitments and will be ready to proceed the way he thinks [the community] wants the City to proceed."

As of April 29, the attorney for the living center was in the process of updating the paperwork necessary to finalize the plan prior to Monday's City Commission meeting, when approval could be granted.

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