

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2013 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 P.M. in City Hall on Monday evening, October 7, 2013. Commissioners Hal Cochren, Erich Campbell, Dan Brenner, Tim Morris and Mayor Robert Dieckmann were present.

Mayor Robert Dieckmann opened the regular meeting.

Minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Willy Wilson spoke about the alley in the 800 and 900 block between New Jersey and Ohio. Mr. Wilson has requested the city not trim the trees down low, only trim up high where they get in the power lines. As this is not a gravel alley, the limbs help keep kids from mudding in the alley when it rains. Another resident requested the limbs be trimmed so he can use the alley to park. The city manager is going to check into whether this is an open alley or not and proceed from there.

Mike Ireland returned to discuss the proposed sign at Highway 16 and 75 promoting the school athletics. Mr. Ireland was advised that the city attorney was out of town so the subject was not on the agenda. Mr. Ireland stated that he would like to proceed with applying for the permit with the state, so if the city attorney did not have an issue with the sign he would like the commission's approval to go ahead. They advised that will be alright to proceed if it was approved by the city attorney.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:** Claims against the City of Holton between September 17, 2013 and October 7, 2013, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2094. Tim Morris moved and Hal Cochren seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

**PUBLIC WHOLESALE WATER SUPPLY #18:** Public Wholesale Water Supply District #18 (PWWDS #18) has notified its customers that they have enacted Stage 2 of their water conservation plan. The City's water sources do not leave us low enough to enter water restrictions. Prairie Lake and the city wells are currently at 100% of capacity. The Kansas Water Office is reviewing our current water conservation plan. When we receive an updated plan, the city manager will present it to the commission.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES:** The commission discussed a possible economic development incentive policy that was first introduced at the last meeting. Questions on how to implement the policy were brought up. Dan Brenner questioned how we determine that 30% of attendees will be outside the Topeka Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) for tourism. Tim Morris as if the numbers for job creation can be adjusted. Bret Bauer, City Manager, told him yes, we could, we can make the numbers anything we want. Erich Campbell questioned whether we can give the same incentive to existing business that we would give to a new business coming in that is in the same type of business. Bauer commented that existing business would already have them demographics, but we could offer to existing business that were possibly expanding. Commissioners will discuss again at another meeting.

In other business:

Bret Bauer, City Manager, reported that the sales tax question will be on the ballot for November 5. Commissioners have asked about having a town hall meeting prior to the next commission

meeting. That meeting will be October 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall to discuss and answer questions the public may have concerning this issue.

Dan Brenner requested that Chief of Police, Gale Gakle, come to a meeting to discuss speed issues on the highway and the streets leading to the high school.

Erich Campbell invited the commissioners to the Week Without Violence event at the county courthouse on October 15, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley  
City Clerk