

MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2014 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, July 21, 2014. Commissioners Erich Campbell, Twila White and Dan Brenner were present. Tim Morris was absent. Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the July 7, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between July 8, 2014 and July 21, 2014, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2114. Tim Morris moved and Twila White seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

BUDGET PRESENTATION – MIKE PEROO, MDP, CPA: The city's auditor, Mike Peroo, presented the proposed budget for 2015. His presentation also included information as to the state of the city's financial status. Peroo commended the city staff for doing such a good job at keeping financial records. He also commended the commission on the work they have done in paying down the city's debt. For the most part, Peroo said the utility funds are in good shape, however the water fund should be looked at as it is still struggling. The budget, with the numbers staff has presented to the commission at earlier meetings, can be accomplished with no change in the mill levy. He also cautioned the commission that continuing to not raise the mill levy will create an issue for department budgets eventually. Currently, the city's mill levy is 11% lower than if it were keeping up with inflation. Overall, he said the city is in good shape and has excess cash available to do the projects listed. He commented that in today's market, we are much better off the use the excess cash for the capital projects rather than borrow the money. He also commented that we would not want to have to borrow money to do maintenance. We should always plan so that we have available cash for maintenance projects.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY15 BUDGET: Dan Brenner moved to set the public hearing for the fiscal year 2015 budget for 7:00 p.m. on August 4, 2014. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Bret Bauer informed the commission of a meeting he was having with Lyle Peterson with the Kansas Department of Commerce on July 24. Mr. Peterson wanted to have a meeting with representatives of the city and Jackson County about economic development. Bob Dieckmann and Dan Brenner said they would attend.

Dan Brenner moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. After 10 minutes, Dan Brenner moved to return to regular session. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Meeting adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk