

MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 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, May 5, 2014. Commissioners Tim Morris, Twila White, Dan Brenner and Erich Campbell were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Erich Campbell publically thanked all involved in the Purple Heart City proclamation. Mary Dexter also commented that she was very pleased to see the city beginning their meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between April 22, 2014 and May 5, 2014, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2109. Tim Morris moved and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

PRAIRIE LAKE SKIING: Loretta Fitzgerald requested permission from the commission to hold another ski clinic for handicapped children and possibly for wounded warriors on June 21, 2014 at Prairie Lake. Dan Brenner moved to approve the request. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

PROCLAMATION – POPPY MONTH & DAY: The American Legion Auxiliary would like the city to proclaim May as Poppy Month and May 28, 2014 as Poppy Day. Tatum Vaughn, this year's Poppy Girl, presented the commissioners with the representative poppy. Mary Dexter, along with Paula Keating, Auxiliary President, and Rebecca Vaughn, Vice President, were also in attendance. Mayor Bob Dieckmann read the proclamation for those in attendance.

DRIVEWAY EASEMENT: The commission was presented with an easement request from Medicalodges, Inc. and James and Carol Hunt for a driveway easement through a corner of Medicalodges, Inc. property where there is an existing driveway. Both parties are in agreement to allow the encroachment on Medicalodges, Inc. property; however a lease agreement with the City of Holton due to the city's Taxable Health Care Refunding Bond requires the City to also sign off on the easement. Erich Campbell moved to allow the easement. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

BID AWARD – GRASSHOPPER MOWER: Park and Recreation is requesting replacement of their 2007 Grasshopper mower that is used to mow the city parks and city facilities. This mower has gotten increasingly expensive to keep running and needs replaced. Two bids were received as follows:

Holton Tire & Service	930D Grasshopper Mower	\$11969.25
KanEquip	930D Grasshopper Mower	\$11500.00

Both dealers were offering \$4000.00 trade-in for the 2007 mower and that price reflects that trade-in. Tim Morris made a motion to go with the local bid of \$11969.25 from Holton Tire & Service. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Twila White brought up the topic of missing children and that May 25 was a National Day to talk to your kids about safety. She would like to see some kind of program established to have a day for citizens to get their children fingerprinted. Bret Bauer, City Manager, explained that we

currently do offer this service several times a year at different events, including the Fire Department's open house held in the fall. Erich Campbell also commented that even better than fingerprinting anymore is DNA kits. Bauer said he would check into DNA kits with the police chief.

Tim Morris wanted to give everyone a pat on the back for their efforts to reduce the city's debt. When he came on board 5 years ago, the debt was over 13 million and is now under 7 million. He also requested the Fire Chief and Park and Recreation Director be at the next meeting to discuss the possibility of shooting fireworks at Prairie Lake for a 12 hour or 24 hour period during the 4th of July celebrations.

Dan Brenner made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes for land acquisition. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. After 10 minutes Tim Morris moved to return to regular session. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

After returning to regular session there was discussion concerning where the city puts their economic development dollars. It was decided to think on the topic and discuss it more during budget season.

Meeting adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk