

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 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, December 1, 2014. Commissioners Twila White, Tim Morris, Erich Campbell and Dan Brenner and Mayor Bob Dieckmann were present.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the November 17, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between November 18, 2014 and December 1, 2014, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2123. Tim Morris made the motion and Twila White seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

EASEMENT: City Attorney Dennis White has been working with Clint Dodds, property owner of land south of where the new Banner Road will be, to get a construction easement. White negotiated a price of \$4750.00 for .89 acres of land. Tim Morris moved to approve the easement. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

DECEMBER 26, 2014: City Manager Bret Bauer asked the commission to consider giving city employees Friday, December 26, 2014 as a holiday. By granting this day off, it would allow employees to spend time either traveling for the holidays or spending time with family members. Erich Campbell moved to approve December 26, 2014 as a holiday for city employees. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

JANUARY 2, 2015: City Manager Bret Bauer also asked the commission to consider giving city employees Friday, January 2, 2015 as a holiday. Dan Brenner moved to approve January 2, 2015 as a holiday for city employees. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING: With the end of the budget year coming up, a public hearing needs to be held in order to amend the budget authority of two funds, Special Park and Equipment Reserve. Dan Brenner moved to hold a public hearing for budget amendments on December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – HAROLD KENNEDY: Harold Kennedy spoke the commission about a recent house fire in town. He said the residents were in need of just about everything and would like to see the city set up some kind of destitute fund for people. Tim Morris commented that he didn't think the city was the proper place to take monetary donations for that type of thing, but he was sure any of the local banks would do something like that if they were asked. City Clerk Teresa Riley also informed Kennedy that we did have the Chevis Fund that is used for fire victims and they would be receiving a benefit from that fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT – SHAWN WILCOTT: Shawn Wilcott spoke to the commission about his desire to open a microbrewery near downtown. Current zoning laws do not allow this to take place in a commercial zone. The building he is looking to purchase is a commercially zoned building. He would like the commission to consider amending the zoning laws to include a microbrewery as a use in commercial zoning. Kerwin McKee, Assistant City Manager, said current zoning laws classify what Mr. Wilcott would be doing as a bottling works. He would not

be allowed to do that type of operation in a commercially zoned property. Commissioners thanked Mr. Wilcott for his information.

Dan Brenner and Twila White both complimented the city employees involved in the square holiday lighting. They both thought that it looked great.

Dan Brenner asked the city manager to inform the trash company that they were leaving trash cans loose again and to please set them back on property instead of in street.

Bob Dieckmann commented that he noticed that the Pool House is in bad shape. He asked city staff to check into grants available.

Erich Campbell asked about the bicycles that the police department has recovered and what we do with them. He noticed there was a large number in storage at the police department building. Bret Bauer told him they are auctioned off to the highest bidder whenever we have a city auction.

Meeting adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk