

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 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, April 7, 2014. Commissioners Tim Morris, Hal Cochren, Dan Brenner and Erich Campbell were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the meeting to order.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Twila White asked the commission to consider opening the meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Commissioners said they would take up the discussion at the April 21, 2014 meeting.

Sheryl Swenson, Marilyn Watkins, Beth Mitchell and Deb Snyder were present from the Holton Housing Authority. Swenson spoke for the group. She came to inform the commissioners of a new public housing law that was passed in January with the Appropriations Act. The new law requires all housing authorities to set their rates at 80% of fair market value (FMV). This will hurt the smaller housing authorities that fall under a larger cities metropolitan statistical area (MSA). Previously, each housing authority was able to set their own caps based on what FMV was for their city. Holton falls under the Topeka MSA, so Holton Housing Authority is required to use Topeka's FMV to set rates. This will result in an increase in rates for 21 of their tenants. They are requesting a letter of support from the city to help them get this new law changed. Bret Bauer, City Manager, will write a letter.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between March 18, 2014 and April 7, 2014, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2107. Hal Cochren moved and Tim Morris seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

ORDINANCE 14-001 – WATER CONSERVATION PLAN: City staff has been reviewing the city's current water plan and with the help of Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) and the Kansas Water Office (KWO) have updated the plan. It was reviewed by both KRWA and KWO and found to be sound. Erich Campbell asked if during a water emergency was there a limit to the amount you can increase water rates. Bret Bauer told him there was no limit set by statute. Hal Cochren moved to approve Ordinance 14-001 adopting the City of Holton Water Conservation Plan. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

NEIGHBORHOOD BARBEQUE: A request has been received to block the street in the 800 block of Iowa for a neighborhood barbeque. Erich Campbell moved to approve the temporary street closure for the barbeque. Hal Cochren seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

KANSAS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES VOTING DELEGATE: Dan Brenner made a motion to appoint Bret Bauer as the voting delegate for the Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) annual conference. Hal Cochren seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

KANSAS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE: Erich Campbell made a motion to appoint Scott Fredrickson as the alternate voting delegate for the Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) annual conference. Hal Cochren seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE – BOOMERS: City staff has received a renewal application for a Drinking Establishment License from Boomers' Grill and Sports Bar. Tim

Morris moved to approval the renewal of the Drinking Establishment License for Boomers' Grill and Sports Bar. Hal Cochren seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE – 5TH STREET SANDWICH

SHOPPE: City staff have received an application for an Alcoholic Beverage Special Event License from the 5th Street Sandwich Shoppe pending approval of their state license. Erich Campbell moved to approve the Alcoholic Beverage Special Event License for the 5th Street Sandwich Shoppe pending approval of their state license. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

In other business:

Bret Bauer, City Manager, requested the commission move the meeting time of the next meeting up so as to not interfere with the Purple Heart City event being held at 7:00 the same evening.

Commissioners agreed to move their meeting time to 6:00 on Monday, April 21, 2014.

Tim Morris moved to go into Executive Session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel. Hal Cochren seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. After 5 minutes Dan Brenner moved to return to regular session. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk