

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2015 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 20, 2015. Commissioners Tim Morris, Twila White, Erich Campbell and Dan Brenner were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Commissioner Tim Morris was sworn into office by City Clerk Teresa Riley after winning election to his third term.

Tim Morris made a motion to appoint Bob Dieckmann for Mayor for the next year. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Three members of Boy Scout Troop 64 were present to achieve their Citizenship in Community Badge. Attending the meeting were Lee Wellman, Caden Huskey and Garrett Klahr. Mayor Bob Dieckmann welcomed the boys.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between April 7, 2015 and April 20, 2015, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2133. Twila White moved and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

ELECTRIC PERMIT FEE: The fee schedule for electric connection permits have not been updated since 1991. The proposed increases in permit fees and new line extension fees have been updated to cover current material and labor costs. Scott Fredrickson, Electric Distribution Superintendent, explained that these fees only really affect a small number of people and is only covering our cost for material and labor. Dan Brenner made a motion to approve ordinance 15-006 pertaining to electric connection permit fees. These fees will go into effect June 1, 2015. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

WATER PERMIT FEE: The fee schedule for water connection permits has not been updated since 1998. The proposed increases in permit fees have been updated to cover current material and labor costs. Dennis Ashcraft, Water/Sewer Distribution Superintendent, told the commission these fees only apply to new water taps. These fees will go into effect June 1, 2015. Twila White made a motion to approve ordinance 15-007 pertaining to water connection permit fees. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

SEWER PERMIT FEE: The fee schedule for water connection permits has not been updated since 1991. The proposed increases in permit fees have been updated to cover current material and labor costs. Dennis Ashcraft, Water/Sewer Distribution Superintendent, told the commission these fees only apply to new water taps. These fees will go into effect June 1, 2015. Erich Campbell made a motion to approve ordinance 15-008 pertaining to sewer connection permit fees. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ: City staff has received a request to block the street in the 800 block of Iowa on April 25, 2015 for a neighborhood barbeque from 4-9 p.m. Dan Brenner moved to approve the request. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

POOL POLICY MANUAL: Emily Montgomery, Pool Manager, was introduced to the commission. Montgomery updated the commissioners on activity currently going on for the pool. She recently held lifeguard interviews, however she and her assistant managers are still determining the candidates. 15 guards will be hired for the season. She presented the

commission with an updated pool policy for their approval. There were a couple of minor changes dealing with cell phone usage and body piercings. Opening day will be May 23, 2015. Tim Morris made a motion to approve the pool policy manual with corrections. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Dan Brenner asked about the house that burned last fall in the 700 block of New Jersey. Kerwin McKee, Assistant City Manager, explained that he is working with Dennis White, City Attorney, and the property owner on this issue. He was informed that the house is going to be torn down. Brenner also asked whether the city has a false alarm policy for the police department. Bret Bauer, City Manager, told him he did not believe we did, but he would check with Police Chief Gale Gakle to verify this.

Twila White asked about the water detention pond property at 3rd and Nebraska and who was responsible for maintenance of the area and did we treat for mosquitoes. Bauer informed her that is the city's responsibility for maintenance and we did treat it for mosquitoes last year.

Tim Morris commented that he was glad to see that we were working on nuisance properties and that we need to be sure to keep up on those properties with issues.

Bob Dieckmann commented that he saw we had issued tickets for harboring a pit bull dog against city ordinance. He asked what the procedure was for these tickets. Bauer informed him that the ticket would have a court date and the court would be addressing what would happen to the defendants that received these tickets.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk