

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 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, December 7, 2015. Commissioners Twila White, Tim Morris, Erich Campbell and Dan Brenner were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Bishop from Homestead Affordable Housing spoke to the commissioners about the crew that has been here from Americorps. He told the commission that this group will leave December 18, but he has received a grant for another group. They will arrive in January 2016 and stay through April.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between November 17, 2015 and December 7, 2015, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2148. Tim Morris moved and Twila White seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

BID AWARD: Bids have been received for the Sewer line Improvements 2015 Point Repair. Three bids were received as follows:

Haug Construction	\$160,471.80
Havens Construction	\$138,544.00
Carlson Utility LLC	\$185,160.00

Bret Bauer, City Manager, recommended the low bidder, Havens Construction. He explained to the commission that city staff has worked with this contractor and they have done good work and work well with the city. Tim Morris questioned where Haven Construction was from. Dennis Ashcraft, Water/Sewer Superintendent, told him they were from the Kansas City area. Erich Campbell told the commission that the taxpayers gave the commission the sales tax money to use and they must be good stewards of the money. He said it pains him to not go with a local contractor, but the difference is too large to ignore. Twila White also said she unfortunately felt they should go with the low bid. Ashcraft explained that this will be an ongoing process and each phase will be bid as we go so the locals will have the opportunity to bid again and possibly be awarded a contract. Dan Brenner made a motion to accept the low bid from Havens Construction for \$138,544.00 that includes option A. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

OAK BROOK SUBDIVISION #4: The November 23 Planning Commission meeting considered a zoning change in a part of Oak Brook Subdivision #4 from R-1 to R-2. They recommended approval of the change to the city commission. Tom Bishop, Homestead Affordable Housing, explained that he has had tremendous response to the senior housing program that is under construction, but some of the seniors that have applied make too much money to qualify. He would like to have the option of building similar duplexes along the First Street side of the subdivision for those people. The original plan for that area was for low income single family homes, but he has been unable to find qualified people to build those homes. These lots are outside of the non-taxed area that the city recently did a bond issue for. These would not be income based but there would be a Home Owners Association (HOA) to take care of maintenance for the property owners. It would be owner occupied homes. Erich

Campbell made a motion to approve Ordinance 15-011 changing zoning in Oak Brook Subdivision #4 lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block A, from R-1 to R-2. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

ORDINANCE 15-012 STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE: Each year the legislature makes changes to current laws, requiring us to adopt a new ordinance accepting the new Standard Traffic Ordinance. Erich Campbell made a motion to approve Ordinance 15-012 adopting the new Standard Traffic Ordinance. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

ORDINANCE 15-013 UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE: Each year the legislature makes changes to current laws, requiring us to adopt a new ordinance accepting the new Uniform Public Offense Code. Twila White made a motion to approve Ordinance 15-013 adopting the new Uniform Public Offense Code. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

SITZLER FUND: Each year at Christmas time, interest earned from the Sitzler Fund is distributed to those in need of utility assistance in the community. Commissioners are asked to forward names of those in need they are aware of to Teresa Riley, City Clerk. Interest rates are not earning as much this year, as it was reported that the amount for distribution this year is just over \$1400.00.

Dan Brenner said he noticed that there are no speed limit signs up yet at the Industrial Park. He also commented that the police need to watch parking on the square. He also commented that we need to get a copy of the traffic study to Dick Lake so he can draft the joint letter to KDOT with the hospital.

Twila White asked if we had a FEMA exit meeting. Bret Bauer told her we don't know anything on our end as to whether it is done or not.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk