

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 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, October 5, 2015. Commissioners Twila White, Tim Morris, and Dan Brenner were present. Commissioner Erich Campbell was absent. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 21, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tom Bishop, Homestead Affordable Housing, presented the commission with the \$25,000 origination fee check for the bond issue earlier this year to finance the new senior housing complex off Pennsylvania Avenue. He updated the commission on the progress of construction and informed the commissioners that they had already approved leases for approximately 20-25 tenants. The unit is a 32 unit complex. He also let the commissioners know that he had successfully applied for a grant to host an AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) team for approximately two months at the end of October. They will be available for service projects in the community such as helping seniors move into the new housing complex and building wheelchair ramps. He also told the commission that the project on 1<sup>st</sup> Street was not working out as they had planned as Rural Development had tightened their lending requirements to the point that people cannot get approved with them. They are working to make people aware of the lots available so interested families can work with Homestead to build new homes.

Lee Doyle also spoke to the commission about his farm ground east of town. There is an old abandoned sewer line easement through the property and a part of the line has collapsed and is backing up causing wet areas in his field. Commissioners asked to have Dennis Ashcraft, Water and Sewer Superintendant, and Dennis White, City Attorney, present at the next meeting to discuss what happened when the line was abandoned.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:** Claims against the City of Holton between September 22, 2015 and October 5, 2015, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2144. Tim Morris moved and Twila White seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

**RESOLUTION 15-R008:** At the last meeting Dustin Avey, Piper Jaffray, made a presentation to the commission on refinancing the 2004A GO Bond. In order to proceed with this refinance, we must pass a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015. Twila White moved to approve Resolution 15-R008. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all, yes.

Bret Bauer, City Manager, reminded commissioners of the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference in Topeka October 10-12 and asked if anyone wanted to go so he could get them signed up. Commissioners were to let him know.

Dan Brenner commented that he had stopped some kids from riding their bikes on the tennis courts. He told them that there was a sign there to keep bikes off the court.

Twila White asked if anyone knew what had caused the two outages on a Friday evening and Saturday morning by the Sheriff's office. Kerwin McKee, Assistant City Manager, said that they

weren't exactly sure what caused it. The Distribution crew ran the line and found two lighting arrestors that appeared to be a little burned. They changed those out and hadn't had trouble again, but were not positive that was the cause.

Tim Morris said we need to check on the rat problem that was brought to everyone's attention prior to the meeting. Everyone agreed that it needed to be researched and appropriate actions taken.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley  
City Clerk