

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 2015. Commissioners Twila White, Tim Morris, and Erich Campbell were present. Commissioner Dan Brenner was absent. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between September 9, 2015 and September 21, 2015, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2143. Twila White moved and Tim Morris seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

DEBT REFINANCING: Dustin Avey, Piper Jaffray, made a presentation to the commission on refinancing the 2004A GO Bond. His company can refinance the 2004A bonds with no change in length of payoff time, with a projected savings to the city of \$84,809.17, present value savings. The timeline for the project would be to begin October 5, 2015 with an authorizing resolution to proceed. Tim Morris comments that this is the direction we have been headed, to pay down debt. Erich would like to make the same payments we currently make and take the monetary savings at the end. Bob Dieckmann agreed with Erich. A resolution to proceed will be drafted for the next meeting.

BID AWARD: Gale Gakle, Police Chief, presented bid to the commission for a new police vehicle. He is recommending the Ford Explorer because of its all wheel drive capability and the space it provides for equipment in a controlled environment. There is also more space behind the driver seat and rear seat. Bids received were are follows:

Foster Ford	Ford Interceptor (Explorer)	\$27,100.00
Foster Ford	Ford Taurus	\$24,640.00
Clark Chevrolet	Chevy Impala	\$21,685.00
Partners Program	Ford Interceptor (Explorer)	\$27,560.88
Partners Program	Ford Taurus	\$23,662.28

Erich Campbell made a motion to accept the bid from Foster Ford for the Ford Interceptor (Explorer) at a price not to exceed \$27,100.00. Tim Morris asked to speak. He said he was opposed because he felt the Impala at a lower cost filled the need for a police car. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: Campbell, White, Bob Dieckmann, yes; Morris, no. Motion carried.

BID AWARD: Bids were received on the rebid of the Banner Road Extension Project. Bret Bauer, City Manager, informed the commission that five bids were received this time. Bid were as follows:

King's Construction, Inc.	\$1,150,422.17
Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	\$1,272,581.53
Amino Brothers Co., Inc.	\$1,452,475.84
Bettis Asphalt & Constr. Inc.	\$1,573,706.80
Kansas Heavy Construction, LLC	\$1,879,692.40

Bauer explained the low bidder was King's Construction. Staff could not find any problems with this bidder. They have worked for the city before at the sewer plant. Tim Morris moved to accept the low bid of \$1,150,422.17 from King's Construction Inc. Twila White seconded the bid. Vote thereon: all; yes. Bauer said he would forward the bid information to the Kansas Department of Transportation for their approval.

Tim Morris asked if we had come up with any dates yet for a workshop. Bret Bauer asked him if he was wanting a town hall type meeting or a workshop. He said he would like a workshop where the public can speak on where they would like to see us go and get opinions. Erich Campbell said he felt public education is important. As a good example, he said debt service is something most people don't understand how things work. Tim would like everyone to be there, so he suggested October 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Everyone was good with that and they can check with Dan at the next meeting and make sure that works for him.

Erich Campbell asked how the Industrial Park is going. Bret Bauer told him that there was a progress meeting scheduled for the next morning. He also asked about the pool. Bauer said it is currently being drained to replace the valves in the deep end.

Bauer also informed the commission that the spillway expert had been to look at Prairie Lake spillway. The expert said he can fix it, but it will require involving an engineer. We do not have a cost estimate on that at this time. He also told the commission that the sewer point repairs are out for bid currently. Those bids will open on October 1, 2015. Hopefully that bid award will be on the next agenda. On the vacant lots for sale at the Industrial park, Bauer has contacted Kellerman Real Estate on what the best way to promote them is. He has not heard back from them yet.

Bauer also notified the commissioners of an estate donation the city will be receiving. It is specifically for the construction of a dog park. He is currently looking for a location. Twila White asked what would be involved. Bauer said beside the land, we would need to have fences, two sides for big and small dogs and water for starters. Staff are researching what we will need.

Erich Campbell made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non elected personnel. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

After 5 minutes, Tim Morris made a motion to return to regular session. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk