

MINUTES OF THE JULY 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, July 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 July 6, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between July 7, 2015 and July 20, 2015, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2139. Dan Brenner moved and Twila White seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

BUDGET PRESENTATION: Mike Peroo from MDP, CPA, gave the commissioners a power point presentation on the financial state of the city. Peroo is the city's auditor and helps with preparation of the annual budget. Peroo started off by telling the commissioners that they have a great staff to work with. Working with the proposed expenditures the department heads had presented over the past two meetings, the budget he presented had a very small mill levy increase of 0.154. With the decrease to the city's overall property valuation, this increase represented no increase to the amount of money that was being requested of City of Holton property owners. Erich Campbell said he would rather see a cut to the expenditures to keep the mill levy the same. Dan Brenner and Bob Dieckmann concurred with Campbell. Tim Morris commented that we have worked on paying down the debt but kept the budget the same. Since we have paid down some of the debt we should have more capital to pay for expenditures. In order to maintain a stable environment we have to keep things level. Peroo also commented that financially the city was doing well and doing a great job of paying down debt and building days in cash. Bob Dieckmann thanked him for a great presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2016 BUDGET: Erich Campbell made a motion to set the public hearing for the 2016 budget on August 3, 2015 and 7:00 p.m. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

BID AWARD: King Engineering has completed the bid process for the Industrial Park road. Both King Engineering and city staff have checked out the low bidder and found them to be a very stable firm. Tim Morris asked if Bruce Rinkes, King Engineering, was comfortable with the bidders. Rinkes said all the bidders were reputable firms. Erich Campbell asked if local contractors would be used. Rinkes said that would be up to the prime contractor to decide. We can't control who they use. The job was put out for bid and it was by civil engineering specs. He did submit names of local trucking, excavating and fuel companies to the primes for their information. Bids were received as follows:

Kansas Heavy Construction	\$910,810.20
Kolde Construction	\$933,420.77
Bettis Asphalt & Construction	\$923,151.16

Tim Morris made a motion to accept the low bid from Kansas Heavy Construction for \$910,810.20. Twila White asked if Rex Cameron, Street Superintendent, was comfortable with the bids. He said he was very comfortable with the bids. Travis Amon, Brahma Excavating, asked to comment. He said they put in a price for dirt work with all three primes. Kansas Heavy

Construction said they did not get his bid and asked for it again so he resubmitted it. He did not hear back from them. He emailed the company and finally got the answer that they were going to do their own dirt work. He felt they were bid shopping and that it wasn't right. Rinkes spoke that bid shopping goes on all the time, that primes will shop to see if a local can do work cheaper than they can, and if not they do it themselves. Erich Campbell seconded the motion made by Morris. Vote thereon: all; yes. Tim Morris left the meeting after the vote was taken.

Bret Bauer, City Manager, updated the commissioners on the reports of water running on the west side of town. We have been draining the standpipe for maintenance work inside the standpipe. We did use the water down as far as we could before the water pressure got too low to allow us to use it in the system. At that point it was drained. He also commented on a donation we received for body cameras for the police department. Since the State of Kansas had this as a topic in the last legislative session, we are going to wait to see if they are going to set for guidelines on what we need to use before we purchase.

Bruce Rinkes also commented that the property owners at the Industrial Park had been great to work with. He also gave the commission information a dredge machine he can get use of if they are interested in doing something at Prairie Lake.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk