

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 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, June 15, 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 June 1, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between June 2, 2015 and June 15, 2015, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2137. Tim Morris moved and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS: With budget season upon us, superintendents from Electric, Water, Sewer and Street Departments met with the commissioners to go over proposed budgets for their respective departments.

Dennis Ashcraft, Water/Sewer Superintendent, met with the commissioners first. He explained that his budget was essentially the same as in previous years. He did point out that we had moved some personnel over to the water side to even out personnel between water and sewer. Erich Campbell asked how the sewers were doing with the big rains we had recently. Ashcraft explained there was one sewer collapse that the department responded to between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. on June 4. They did not clear from the area until around 4:30 p.m. the next day.

Scott Fredrickson, Electric Distribution Superintendent, met with the commission next. He explained that not much had changed on his budget. His biggest change was to contractual expenses, which cover vehicle maintenance for the big trucks, his ongoing tree trimming plan being some of the bigger expenses.

Ira Harrison, Light Plant Superintendent, was up next to explain his budget. He explained that the Kansas Department of Labor inspection required an Arc Flash Study. As a result of that, he has some new expenses for protective clothing and equipment. Other items have just been adjusted to reflect current costs of maintenance items.

Rex Cameron, Street Superintendent, explained to the commissioners that he actually has two budgets he prepares, one that is a part of the General Fund, and the other that is proceeds from the city's 1/4 cent sales tax for streets. He explained that the majority of his personnel expenses and overhead come from the General Fund budget, while most of materials expense is charged to the Special Street Fund. He is proposing three loads of oil for street repairs next year, along with replacing a 2 ton truck that is having issues. He is also proposing to do one block of brick replacement next year.

Commissioners thanked all of the superintendents for coming in.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY: The 100 block of Karen Drive has requested approval to block the streets for a neighborhood party on July 4 from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight. Erich Campbell moved to approve the block party in the 100 block of Karen Drive. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Twila White wanted to extend a thank you to Pat Korte, Jackson County Emergency Preparedness Director, and Vern from NEK Homeland Security for their help getting 800 Mhz radios for the city. Gale Gakle, Police Chief, had put in the request over a year ago, and with their help they were able to locate and procure the radios for our use. She also reminded Bret Bauer, City Manager, of a meeting with FEMA at the county on June 24.

Erich Campbell asked about how tornado sirens were in the city. Bret Bauer explained that we have sirens that are tested monthly. We have discussed the sirens with Pat Korte and she continues to watch, but there are no grant funds available for sirens.

Dan Brenner moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes for non elected personnel. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. After 30 minutes Dan Brenner moved to return to regular session. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Dan Brenner made a motion to extend a three-year contract to City Manager Bret Bauer. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Meeting was adjourned.