

MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 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 6, 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 15, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Willy Wilson asked the commissioners about the brewery that had asked for the change in the zoning ordinance to allow that use. He was informed that the change was made but that the city had not had any contact with them since the change was made.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between June 16, 2015 and July 6, 2015, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2138. Twila White moved and Tim Morris seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS: With budget season upon us, superintendents from Fire, Police, Park and Administration Departments met with the commissioners to go over proposed budgets for their respective departments.

Kevin Ingels, Fire Chief, presented his budget for 2016. He did not make many changes for this next year. Tim Morris asked if they were up to full staff. Ingels commented that they were up to 32 or 33. Full staff he thought was 50.

Gale Gakle, Police Chief, started off his presentation by introducing his newest police officer, Terry Clark. Gakle told the commissioners that Clark came from Tribal Police and is already a resident of the city. He said he is already a great fit for the department. The commissioners welcomed Clark to the City of Holton. Gakle said he budget is also about the same. He is planning to replace another car to keep the fleet up to date. Erich Campbell asked about where we keep dogs when they are picked up. Gakle explained that we do not keep the dogs at the station. The officer that picks up the dog will stop at the station, take a picture to be put on social media, and the transport the dog to Banner Creek Animal Hospital. We don't keep the animals at the station for any length of time. Campbell asked if a kennel would be helpful for when they animal has to be kept at the station before transport can be done. Tim Morris also stated he would like to see a temporary kennel to hold animals while waiting for transport. Erich Campbell also asked about the car cameras. Gakle stated that they are all installed and the department is currently utilizing them.

Mike Reichle, Park Director, was unable to attend so Bret Bauer, City Manager, gave his presentation. All of his numbers were remaining pretty much the same. Bauer told the commissioners that the pool losing water is still an issue even with the new valve. He also explained that the baby pool is also an issue, and since it was grandfathered under ADA rules, we cannot tear it apart to fix it and put it back the same. Options for it if we have to tear into the walls would be a zero entry pool, which we really don't have room for, or a splash park replacement.

Bret Bauer also gave presentations on the administration budgets including General Administration, Trash, Library, Bond & Interest, Industrial, Liability and Equipment Reserve.

Budgets are all still in line with 2015 numbers. Our debt numbers are down and there is one piece of debt that is eligible to be refinanced at a lower interest rate.

Commissioners thanked all of the superintendents for coming in.

BECK-BOOKMAN LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT: The Beck-Bookman Library Board has received the resignation of Fred Veyna. The board has recommended Mark Will as a replacement. Dan Brenner moved to appoint Mark Will to the Beck-Bookman Library Board. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

PROCLAMATION: The Mayor read a proclamation for the 42nd Annual All-Star Football Game on July 25, 2015. The City of Holton and Holton High School will be represented by Cooper Allen.

Dan Brenner commended Kerwin McKee on his duties. He also asked to do some research on 911 calls that are inadvertent. He doesn't want to see this as a growing problem in Holton.

Tim Morris wanted to put out a reminder to look at a new pay plan. City Clerk Teresa Riley told him she was researching it and had gotten information on it already.

Erich Campbell asked about Prairie Lake and the problem at the dam. He was told that we have talked to an engineer and he would like to wait until the water is not going over to look at it. It was also pointed out that the lake needs dredged and before we put a lot of money into fixing the spillway we need to see how badly the lake is filled in.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk