

## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 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, January 5, 2015. Commissioners Tim Morris, Twila White, Erich Campbell and Dan Brenner were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the December 31, 2014 meetings were approved as written.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:** Claims against the City of Holton between January 1, 2015 and January 5, 2015, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2126. Twila White moved and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

**NEW EMPLOYEES MEET & GREET:** Four new employees were introduced to the commission by their supervisors. Police Chief Gale Gakle introduced new dispatcher Justin Brennan. Light Plant Superintendent Ira Harrison introduced his new operator, Ferdie Beecham. Street Superintendent Rex Cameron introduced Nathan Doyle who was recently hired as an equipment operator, and City Clerk Teresa Riley introduced Amber Baxter, utility billing clerk. All were welcomed by the commissioners.

**FINALISTS FOR SEWER SYSTEM RFQ:** City staff narrowed down the field of engineers who replied to our request for qualifications (RFQ). The top two firms were invited to make a presentation to the commissioners for consideration. Jim Kohmen, EBH & Associates, Great Bend, KS, explained to the commission how they would go about planning for repairing/replacing sewer lines in the city. Bruce Boettcher and Sam Johnson then presented for their firm, BG Consultants, Manhattan, Kansas. Commissioners thanked them for their presentations. Selection of an engineering firm will be set for the next meeting.

**HOLTON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL:** Todd Van Deventer from Piper Jaffray & Company, and Carrie Saia from Holton Community Hospital, came before the commission to ask the City of Holton to be the issuer for bonds to refinance their current debt and to do new construction of a clinic in Hoyt, Kansas, and remodel at their main hospital in Holton. Van Deventer explained to the commissioners that the hospital benefits from the city issuing the bonds in the form of a reduced interest rate. He explained that the city is in no way liable to for bond payments or anything. The City would just be a conduit for issuance of the bonds. By passing the Resolution of Intent, it will allow the hospital to go ahead with the bonds. The City will also need to hold a public meeting at the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, and the ordinance to issue the bonds will be passed at the February 3, 2015 meeting. Dan Brenner moved to approve Resolution 15-R001, a resolution of intent to issue healthcare facilities revenue bonds. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**TEMPORARY ALCOHOL PERMIT:** The Holton Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is requested a temporary alcohol permit for a jazz event being held on January 10, 2015 from 7-10 p.m. Tim Morris made a motion to approve the temporary alcohol permit. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Carolyn McKee, Chamber Director, asked the commission to consider adding \$10,000 to the chamber donation. The Chamber has taken over many of the Mainstreet activities since Mainstreet has disbanded, and asks that the \$10,000 we used to give to Mainstreet be given to them. Tim Morris said he would like to see some additional funding given to the commission, possibly \$5000. Erich Campbell reminded the commission that the

Historical Society had also requested a donation from the same monies. Commissioners agreed to table the topic to another meeting.

**MEETING DATE CHANGE:** With the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on January 19, 2015, Bret Bauer, City Manager, reminded commissioners that the next meeting date would move to Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at Holton City Hall.

In other business:

Bret Bauer announced the winners of the Christmas Lighting Contest. First place and a \$100.00 utility credit went to Terry Shockey. Second Place and a \$50.00 utility credit went to Dean Tuley, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a \$25.00 utility credit went to Angela Childs.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The annual notice of depositories - Holton National Bank, Denison State Bank and Farmers State Bank, and the official newspaper – Holton Recorder, were passed in the consent agenda. Dan Brenner moved to pass the consent agenda. Erich Campbell seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Twila White passed on the Bauer and the commissioners and invitation by Pat Korte, Jackson County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, to the LEPC meeting. It is held quarterly at her office in the courthouse.

Dan Brenner moved 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 moved to return to regular session. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley  
City Clerk