

MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 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, May 18, 2015. Commissioners Tim Morris, Twila White and Dan Brenner were present. Commissioner Erich Campbell was absent. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Guy Cameron spoke about a concern he had for a property behind where he lives. The people that own the empty lot have been allowing their children to use the lot as a 4-wheeler track and run bikes, 4-wheelers and vehicles around on the land. He said it is noisy and creates a lot of dust, so much that they cannot open the windows in their house. He asked if someone could look into the issue and see if something could be done about it. Police Chief Gale Gakle was present and told the commission that he had been to the property and visited with the property owner. He addressed the issue of noise and dust and was informed the children would be out of state for the summer. He was told the vehicles do have required mufflers. Gakle recommended to the parents to look outside the city for a better place to do this.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between May 5, 2015 and May 18, 2015, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2135. Tim Morris moved and Twila White seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT: Bret Bauer explained to the commission that the development agreement was between Wal-Mart and the city and lays out everything we are responsible for and everything Wal-Mart is responsible for with the development of the property they are building on. Construction inspections required by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the extension of Banner Road will be provided by Wal-Mart under this agreement. Dan Brenner moved to approve the Development Agreement between the City of Holton and Wal-Mart. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

POLICE CAR CAMERAS: City staff has completed the demonstration process for in car cameras for the police department. City Manager Bret Bauer explained that we would utilize the Police Department Seizure Fund in the amount of \$5,266.98, a monetary gift to the Police Department from the Mildred Tangeman Estate in the amount of \$17,421.28 and \$12,451.74 from equipment reserve to purchase seven in car cameras. Bob Dieckmann asked what the difference was between car cameras and body cameras. Police Chief Gale Gakle explained that the body camera only shows what is in front of the officer. The in car camera get anything in front of the car, plus audio and what is going on the back seat of the car to cover prisoners. The system that he would like to purchase is by far the best and most compatible. Dan Brenner asked about who would administer the system. Gakle explained there would be a limited number of people with access and the video cannot be edited by the officer. Twila White asked if it live streamed. Gakle told her that it did not. He said there was an option for wireless but it was \$10,000 more and he didn't feel it was necessary. Twila White also asked how long we would keep video. Gakle said they would maintain video until a case was closed, but we would need to purge unnecessary video every so often. Tim Morris said he didn't have a problem with the purchase. Twila White also felt that having the video would also keep the officer on their best

behavior. Twila White moved to accept the bid for purchase of the Watch Guard video systems not to exceed \$35,140.00. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Gakle also displayed the new tactical vests recently received by the police department. Tim Morris asked about what kind of notice the police department received about a recent protest. Gakle said he received three days notice, however he was out of town at training when the notice came in. He said they did have an issue with them not being in the negotiated area, however they were escorted to that area. The protest only lasted approximately 15 minutes and then they left. Bob Dieckmann asked about how they were covering an open position. Gakle explained they have an overlap position that can cover and that is what they have been doing.

LIFT WATER WATCH: With the recent rains, Banner Reservoir is approximately between 12” below pool and full. We activate a water watch when the reservoir is 36” below normal pool. With more rain forecast for the next week, it seems that it would be safe to lift the water watch. Tim Morris made a motion to approve Resolution No. 15-R005 declaring an end to the water watch. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

ZONING CHANGE: The Planning Commission recently recommended approval of a zoning change for 700 New Jersey from I-1 Light Industrial to R-2 Two Family Dwelling District. Developmental Services of Jackson County is the owner and wish to build a duplex on the empty lots north of the existing house at 700 New Jersey. Dan Brenner moved to approve Ordinance 15-009 changing zoning on lots 86, 88 and 90, New Jersey Avenue, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Bret Bauer informed the commission that the swimming pool has developed a leak. If they find that it is under the concrete it will be a very big problem. The water department feels that one of the valves is part of the problem but not sure if it is the entire problem. A side effect of losing water is added chemical cost to keep treating the new water they have to add. Current loss rate has been figured at 4 gallons per minute.

Erich Campbell arrived to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk