

MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 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 4, 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 April 20, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brian Sanders asked commissioners and staff if there was a timetable for the WalMart building and if the city has thought about buying the building and renovating it as a community building. Bret Bauer, City Manager, explained there was not a timetable currently and the city and has not been approached about purchasing the property.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between April 21, 2015 and May 4, 2015, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2134. Tim Morris moved and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

INDUSTRIAL PARK UPDATE: Rex Cameron, Street Superintendent, updated the commissioners on the Industrial Park Street Project. The engineer's cost estimate for the entire road is \$994,991.00. Cameron commented that the price was for doing the whole project at once. He said phasing the project will make the price go up. Bauer told the commission the next step in the process is to approve the plans and go out for bids. Bruce Rinkes, King Engineering, had a meeting with the current occupants in the Industrial Park recently to get their input on the project. Bauer said he and Cameron attended the meeting and by far the biggest request by the property owners was a turning lane on US Highway 75. He said that Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has been asked to look at this entrance again. Twila White asked about a bump at the turn in to the park. Cameron stated that is in the KDOT right-of-way and we cannot fix that. Tim Morris asked the commission to make sure that we consider this project and make decisions cautiously. Dan Brenner asked about connecting the low water crossing from the hospital to the new road. Erich Campbell said he was not in favor of seeing that left open. Cameron said that in order to do that right we would need to put in a tube and do a lot of work and it would essentially become a city street that leads to private property, which is not a good idea. The timeframe for the project start to finish should be approximately 3 months. Erich Campbell commented that we need to get out and sell those final lots as soon as the road is done. Bauer asked the commission if they were in favor of proceeding with the project as the engineer has designed it, doing the entire road at once. Erich Campbell replied absolutely. Bob Dieckmann said that we need to do it and get the lots sold as soon as possible to get some of our money back. Dan Brenner commented and we need to fulfill the promises made to the property owners when they bought their lots. Twila White also agreed that we need to fulfill our promises and we need to get some new businesses in there also. Tim Morris said he was in favor of economic development, he was in favor of proceeding just to be cautious. He was in favor of doing half now and half later, but since everyone else wants to do it all now he would agree to that. Bauer reminded the commission that they had been fiscally responsible in order to save for this project. Commissioners agreed to proceed.

NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ: City staff has received a request to block the street in the 400 block of Ohio on June 6, 2015 for a neighborhood barbeque from 4-9 p.m. Erich Campbell moved to approve the request. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Dan Brenner asked for an update on the lake levels at the next meeting. He also asked to pass along his compliment to the parks department on keeping the parks looking good. He noticed the tennis courts were being redone and thought they looked good also.

Twila White asked if the citywide cleanup was a success. Kerwin McKee, Assistant City Manager, said he did not have to total weight, but it was a record setter in terms of the number of loads dropped off.

Bob Dieckmann moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non elected personnel. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. After 10 minutes Erich Campbell moved to return to regular session. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk