

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2016 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 P.M. in City Hall on Monday evening, November 7, 2016. Commissioners Mike Meerpohl, Twila White, Tim Morris and Dan Brenner were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting was approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between November 8, 2016 and November 21, 2016, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2171. Mike Meerpohl moved and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

AMERICORP: The third Americorps team to help out in the community stopped by to introduce themselves. Ashley White, Team Leader, introduced her team of volunteers. Not everyone was able to make the meeting, but her team included Rebecca Huffman, Suzie DeLora, Nicole Rockwell, Jahan Shephardson, Emma Hodgson, Dre Gadson, Sam Rutz, Lukas Kelly and Brynn Furnace

SITZLER FUND: With the coming holiday season, Commissioners were reminded about the Sitzler Fund. The interest of this fund is used each year to help those struggling with paying their utility bills. Any suggestions for recipients should be directed to City Clerk, Teresa Riley.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: Planning Commissioner Pam Heckerson recently resigned her appointment to the Planning Board. City Manager, Kerwin McKee, has received a letter of interest from Rex Cameron to fill this position. Twila White made a motion to appoint Rex Cameron to the Planning Commission. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

City Manager Kerwin McKee informed the commission of a blue-green algae outbreak at Elkhorn Lake. The water pumping station has been shut down as the water can be harmful to animals if used to water livestock. The lake has also been posted to keep animals out. We have had a Wildlife and Parks officer come to look at the lake. They said this is naturally occurring, the fish are safe to eat. We will keep a watch and open it back up when safe.

McKee also addressed an odor that had been occurring around the city. He said Banner Creek LLC said they have an air scrubber that removes odor before it releases it that they had been working to get back balanced after the sudden temperature change over the weekend. Tim Morris asked if this was a new problem or something that was going to be ongoing. McKee said it was something that the weather had affected and shouldn't be an ongoing problem.

McKee also told the commission that he would like to do something like a sweatshirt for the employees for Christmas. All agreed that would be OK.

Twila White asked about the wind power presentation. Kerwin McKee said Neal Daney from KMEA would probably be at the next meeting to talk about firm power (generation).

Tim Morris asked about asked about the burned house at 4th & Idaho. McKee told him Brahma Excavating had contacted the city and was running behind schedule but was planning to have it down in the first week of December when his equipment is back in the area.

Dan Brenner made note of the new sidewalk at 5th and New York.

Meeting adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk