

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2016 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 P.M. in City Hall on Monday evening, April 18, 2016. Commissioners Tim Morris, Mike Meerpohl and Dan Brenner were present. Twila White was absent. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the meeting to order.

Commissioners Dan Brenner and Mike Meerpohl were sworn in following their recent elections.

Nominations were then taken for Mayor for the next year. Tim Morris nominated Bob Dieckmann to be Mayor. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Minutes of the April 4, 2016 meeting was approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between April 5, 2016 and April 18, 2016, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2157. Dan Brenner moved and Tim Morris seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

ORDINANCE 16-004: Fire Chief Kevin Ingels presented information concerning Ordinance 16-004 addressing the city's open burning policy. Ingels said that by adopting this ordinance, the city will bring their code in line with the Jackson County Burning Resolution making rules and requirements uniform. Mike Meerpohl asked if fire pits need to have tops under this ordinance. Ingels said that they do need a top, but it could be something as simple as a screen with 1" or smaller holes. Tim Morris asked what the changes were compared to the old ordinance. Ingels replied that a burning permit will be required of city residents, no burning of trash, manufactured wood or building materials. Tim Morris made a motion to approve Ordinance 16-004. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

INDUSTRIAL PARK LOTS 10 & 11: Bret Bauer, City Manager, explained that the perspective buyers have not yet returned the sheet showing at least 65% of Industrial Park occupants approve of their business. City Attorney Dennis White suggested that the commission table the item until that requirement is fulfilled. Item tabled to a later date.

2007 FRONTAGE ROAD: The Planning Commission recommended approval of an addition to the I-P Industrial Park regulations allowing for a Medical Clinic use with 65% of current occupants approval. The city has received that approval sheet. Dan Brenner moved to approve Ordinance 16-006 adding medical clinic to approved use in I-P. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

WESTERN AREA POWER ASSOCIATION: In February of 2015, the commission approved a resolution allowing Kansas Municipal Energy Association (KMEA) to act as the assignee for the City of Holton in dealings with the Western Area Power Association (WAPA). KMEA has been working on a contract extension with WAPA since that time, and that contract extension is now ready for approval. It will extend our contract for hydropower until 2054. Tim Morris asked why we would want this long of a contract. Ira Harrison, Power Plant Superintendent, explained that hydropower is a good deal, it is affordable, and very reliable. He said it is also a renewable energy and is a good mix for what we currently have. Mike Meerpohl made a motion to approve the contract extension with WAPA. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

BID AWARD: The city has requested and received bids for the removal of the garage structure at 604 New York. Previously, the city approved a resolution that gave the property owner 30 days to remove it or the city would have it done. The property owner did not take any action on their own, so after 30 days Kerwin McKee, Assistant City Manager, requested bids for its removal. Bids were received as follows:

Brahma Excavating, Holton, KS	\$1460.00 with removal within 30 days
Haug Construction, Holton, KS	\$6500.00 with removal within 90 days

Dan Brenner made a motion to accept the bid from Brahma Excavating. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE: Jerome's Retail Liquor has their license up for renewal. We have received their renewal fee and state license. Tim Morris moved to approve the retail liquor license renewal for Jerome's Retail Liquor. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Since cereal malt beverage licenses do not transfer to new locations, Walmart has submitted a new license request for their new store location. License fees have been received. Dan Brenner moved to approve the cereal malt beverage license for Walmart. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Mike Meerpohl commented that he had been by the John Zibell house and noticed that they have been removing siding so they are actively working on the removal of that house. He also asked if there was anything that could be done about the vultures roosting on the south side of town. It was agreed that anything they would do would probably just move them to another area of town, so they would just wait until they moved on.

Dan Brenner said that he noticed in the reports that the Holton Police Department had been very busy and he liked seeing that. He also commented that he had been contacted by the Uncorked group. They have reached out to him and are wanting to get legislation passed to allow alcohol sales in grocery stores.

Dan Brenner made a motion to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes for non elected personnel. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. After 10 minutes, Dan Brenner made a motion to return to regular session. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Tim Morris made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from City Manager Bret Bauer effective June 16, 2016. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk