

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Tuesday evening, September 5, 2017. Commissioners Twila White, Mike Meerpohl, 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 August 21, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Barbara Brockman spoke in public comment about her concerns with the Holton Police Department. Dennis White, City Attorney, will investigate her concerns and get back with her.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between August 22, 2017 and September 5, 2017 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2191. Mike Meerpohl made the motion and Tim Morris seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

RESOLUTION 17-R003: Kerwin McKee, City Manager, presented a resolution to set a public hearing for a dangerous structure at 1003 Kansas. The hearing would be November 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. McKee explained that the property owner had removed the unsafe structure that was originally there, but then built a lumber storage structure without a permit. This structure was constructed in an unsafe manner. It also has other zoning issues including storage use not allowed in R-1, structure does not meet side setback requirements, structure promotes rodent/wild animal harborage, structure is not connected to city utilities, and numerous complaints have been received from neighbors about the fire hazard they feel it creates. In addition, the property contains overgrowth, debris, lumber, concrete pieces and other various materials which creates a general blighting effect and makes it difficult to mow and maintain. Dan Brenner made a motion to approve Resolution 17-R003. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY: There are two small brick buildings at the Waste Water Treatment Facility, the bar screen building and the pump station building, that have failing roofs. City staff has received two bids to replace these roofs. Bids were received as follows:

Midwest Coating, Inc., Topeka, KS	\$11,505.36
Meridian Roofing Solutions, Topeka, KS	\$13,365.00

After some discussions about what the roof deck materials consisted of, Tim Morris moved to accept the low bid of \$11505.36 from Midwest Coating Inc. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY FUNDING: After Don Heller presented options for rehabilitation of the existing water treatment facility, Kerwin McKee, City Manager, and Teresa Riley, City Clerk, were directed to look at funding for the project. Upon review of the existing

Capital Improvement Fund and 2013 Sales Tax Fund, McKee and Riley felt that the city will, by the time the project begins, have sufficient funds in reserve to pay for the project without having to general obligation bonds. Tim Morris said he was comfortable pursuing the project without borrowing money. Bob Dieckmann agreed, saying he thought it was wonderful that we have reserve funds available and thinks we should go ahead with the project. Mike Meerpohl asked if the project could be done in the winter months. Dennis Ashcraft, Water/Waste Water Superintendent, said that it could since most of the work is indoors. Twila White made a motion to go ahead with design of the water treatment facility rehab. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ: The residents on Emerald Drive have requested to have a neighborhood bbq on September 9 from 4-7 p.m. Dan Brenner made a motion to approve the neighborhood bbq. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ: The residents in the 800 block of Iowa have requested to have a neighborhood bbq on September 24 from 4-9 p.m. Twila White made a motion to approve the neighborhood bbq. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Mike Meerpohl commented that the Elkhorn Lake Spillway Project looked very good. He also noticed city crews out trimming trees on the streets. Kerwin McKee said that they were trimming out on bus routes for the buses.

Bob Dieckmann said he had been approached by a resident about the alley between Idaho and Montana, 4th to 5th Street. He asked if the residents went together and paid to have the alley chip sealed, would the city take over maintenance from then on and keep up the chip seal. Kerwin McKee said he would check with Greg Tanking, Street Superintendent. He knew that it was not something we had done before and it would create more expense for the city to maintain a chip seal road.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk