

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Monday evening, September 18, 2017. Commissioners Twila White, Tim Morris and Dan Brenner were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present. Commissioner Mike Meerpohl was absent.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between September 6, 2017 and September 18, 2017 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2192. Dan Brenner made the motion and Tim Morris seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

TEMPORARY ALCOHOL PERMIT: The Holton Community Theater is putting on a dinner theater on October 14 and October 21 and would like a special event liquor license to serve alcohol at the event. Dan Brenner made a motion to approve the special event liquor license for Holton Community Theater for October 14 and October 21. Commissioners also agreed to waive the fees for the second night and only charge \$50 for the two licenses.

ZONING CHANGE: The property owners at 626 Nebraska have applied for a change in zoning from R-1 Residential to N-O Neighborhood Office. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the change. Tim Morris questioned why the change when the building has always been an office building. Kerwin McKee, City Manager, explained that when the zoning map was done in 1991 there was not a N-O district and those offices in residential areas were zoned R-1. The Neighborhood Office District was created to zone these offices within residential neighborhoods. Tim Morris made a motion to approve the zoning change at 626 Nebraska from R-1 to N-O. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

LUCKY STARS 4-H CLUB: Amy Cyphers, representing the Lucky Stars 4-H Club, spoke to the commissioners about the possibility of allowing the club to place two bee hives at Prairie Lake. It was noted that we currently have a pollinator area at the lake. Cyphers explained that Lucky Stars was going to apply for a grant from the Kansas Honey Producers Association that would supply two bee hives, bees, safety equipment, instruction and membership to the Kansas Honey Producers. They needed to secure a location before they apply. There was discussion about the need to fence that area to keep others away from the hives. Tim Morris made a motion to allow the Lucky Stars 4-H Club to put bee hives at Prairie Lake if the grant is approved. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Tim Morris made a motion to go into executive session until 7:40 p.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. Commissioners returned to regular session at 7:30.

Dan Brenner said that he felt that the guard rail at Elkhorn Lake needs to be extended. Bob Dieckmann said he agreed. Brenner also said that he felt we needed to put up a sign in our shelter houses that there should not be any standing on the picnic tables. McKee said he would check into it.

McKee also explained to the commissioners about an outage on Sunday September 17. He said that part of the central circuit went down when a squirrel got into the main.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk