

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2017 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Monday evening, October 2, 2017. Commissioners Twila White, Tim Morris and Dan Brenner were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present. Commissioner Mike Meerpohl was absent from the beginning of the meeting.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between September 19, 2017 and October 2, 2017 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2193. Tim Morris made the motion and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: Lynn Cordell has expressed interest to city staff in filling the seat on the Planning Commission that was created when Blair Wagoner resigned his seat. Dan Brenner made a motion to appoint Lynn Cordell to the Planning Commission. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Commissioner Mike Meerpohl came into the meeting.

ADOPT-A-SPOT SERVICE PROJECT: Members of the Holton High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) and their advisor, Jason Larison, made a presentation to the commissioners about their Adopt-a-Spot program they would like to implement. Bridget Kucan, Sentinel, explained that they created goals for this year. Josh Clark, President, told the commissioners that for their first goal they would like to renovate ten different sites by conducting three collection times throughout the year. Their second goal is to have 60 youth volunteers also work with them in this project. For example, the Holton High School Stuco could clean up around the school yard while the FFA cleaned up Linscott Park. Their third goal is for the Ag Welding class to construct 10 picnic tables for the parks. Kaycee VanDonge, Treasurer, explained that they have picked out spots for different groups to adopt. Tim Morris asked the group how they plan to recognize the volunteers. It was explained that they plan on making plaques to put on the picnic tables for the first 10 groups that complete their three pickups. They are also considering a sign listing all the groups that volunteered and putting it at one location. The group has received a grant for \$3000 to help with costs associated with the project. Mike Meerpohl asked how they came up with the idea. Larison told them he had seen this before and the group had been discussing it for a couple of years. The idea is along the same lines as the adopt-a-highway project where you schedule times to clean up the area. FFA member Chris Roush said he felt it was a good project because it would get the FFA name out as a group that not only cares about cows and pigs, but that they care about the town too. FFA member Tracer Fox also explained that this project would beautify the town and leave a better impression on visitors of how clean our town is. Commissioners agreed to allow the FFA to utilize the City of Holton parks for their project.

NO PARKING SIGNAGE: City staff has made a recommendation that the north side of 6th Street from Illinois to Minnesota Avenue be approved as no parking. Dan Brenner made a

motion to approve no parking on the north side of 6th Street from Illinois to Minnesota. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Kerwin McKee, City Manager, updated the commission on a few subjects. The surplus property auction on Purple Wave will be closing on October 3 at 10:-00 a.m. He was informed by Carrie Saia that the Rotary Club will finish painting the fire hydrants. The last Americorp group had started this project but had to leave before all the hydrants were painted. He also informed the commissioners that hydrant flushing had taken place the previous week.

Tim Morris made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to confidential matters of a corporation under K.S.A. 75-1419(b)(4). Twila White seconded the motion. The open meeting will resume in the city chamber at 7:40 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk