

## MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2017 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Monday evening, May 1, 2017. Commissioners Tim Morris, Twila White 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 April 17, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:** Claims against the City of Holton between April 18, 2017 and

May 1, 2017 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2183. Twila White moved and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**2017 JULY JUBILEE:** The Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is looking for additional sponsors for the July Jubilee to be held at Banner Creek Reservoir on July 1. Twila White asked how much the city already gives to the Chamber. Kerwin McKee, City Manager, explained that the City of Holton currently appropriates \$7500 per year to the Chamber. Twila White felt that a Red Sponsor would be good with what we already give them. Dan Brenner made a motion to pay \$200 to be a Red Sponsor at July Jubilee. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**HOLTON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT:** With a vacancy created by the resignation of Beth Mitchell, the Holton Housing Authority has suggested the name of Rita Ent for a new board member. Tim Morris made a motion to appoint Rita Ent to the Holton Housing Authority Board. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**LONGEVITY PAY:** At the request of the commissioners, a new Longevity Pay Policy was brought up for discussion. Bob Dieckmann commented that he had studied all four proposals and was not sure which was best. Tim Morris said that he felt that option 1, the original plan, was best but he could go for either option 1 or 2. Bob Dieckmann said any one was good as long as we did employee evaluations. Kerwin McKee stated that we had already begun the process of doing evaluations and making sure each employee got one by June 1. Twila White said she was for either option 3 or 4. Dan Brenner supported option 1. Tim Morris felt he could support option 1 and would like to throw out option 3. Bob Dieckmann said he would go with option 2. With the absence of Mike Meerpohl, commissioners felt his input was necessary for this topic and decided to table the matter to the next meeting.

**SEWER LINING:** The engineer we hired for our sewer project, EBH, has identified both priority and alternate areas that are good candidates for sewer cured in place repairs. Kerwin McKee asked the commission for permission to seek bids for both the priority areas alone and both the priority areas and the alternate areas. He commented that the engineer's estimate for each project individually was more than we would want to do, but it could reduce the price enough with both projects to make it feasible. Engineering for the project would be \$8000 either way, so it wouldn't hurt to get the bids and see where they were at. We would not be obligated to accept the bid for both or either if we don't like the price. Commissioners agreed. Dan Brenner made a motion to prepare the bid documents for both projects and solicit bids. Twila

Kerwin McKee, City Manager, asked permission to use Purple Wave to sell surplus property. Commissioners wanted to know if you can do reserve bids before deciding.

Twila White asked if we could have the state look into adding a turning only light at Highway 16 & 75. With the other light creating batches of traffic, it was difficult sometimes to get turned with the green light. McKee said he would check into it.

Dan Brenner commented that he thinks that more monitoring of the traffic on Highway 75 has improved the speeds and thanked the police department.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley  
City Clerk