

MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 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 15, 2017. Commissioners Tim Morris, Twila White, Mike Meerpohl and Dan Brenner were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present. Commissioner

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 1, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between May 2, 2017 and May 15, 2017 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2184. Twila White moved and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY: St. Dominic Catholic Church has requested permission to block the 400 block of Ohio in front of the church for a party on June 10 from 5-8 p.m. Twila White moved to approve the block party. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY: The residents on Karen Drive have requested permission to block Karen Drive on two different dates. They are requesting June 10 from 5-12 p.m. and July 1 from 5-12 p.m. Mike Meerpohl moved to approve the block parties. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

LONGEVITY PAY: After tabling the item at the last meeting, a new Longevity Pay Policy was brought up for discussion. Twila White said that she was in favor of Option 4. Bob Dieckmann commented that he liked Option 2. Dan Brenner explained that he was in favor of Option 1. Tim Morris said that he felt that Option 1 or 4 were good for him. Mike Meerpohl felt that he liked Option 1. Dan Brenner made a motion to adopt Longevity Plan Option 1. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

ELKHORN LAKE SPILLWAY PROJECT: Dan Neufeld from EHB Engineers presented the commission with the bids received for the Elkhorn Lake Spillway Project. All bids received were considerably higher than engineer's estimate for the project. Bids were as follows:

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| Marberry Concrete, Original Bid | \$148,780.00 | Alt. Bid | No Bid |
| Bettis Asphalt, Original Bid | \$185,250.00 | Alt. Bid | \$199,880.00 |
| Klaver Construction | No Bid | Alt. Bid | \$142,984.15 |
| Reece Construction | No Bid | Alt. Bid | \$117,500.00 |

Tim Morris asked why the estimate was so low compared to the bids. Neufeld explained that the contractors did not bid as EBH had designed it. The contractors felt it would be better to do it differently and asked for an addendum. EBH allowed this in the bid process. Based on the bids, Neufeld felt that they had all bid the completely replace the box rather than repair as was designed. In the design, the contractor would not have to take out the original spillway box or the street. Dan Brenner asked if it would be beneficial to go through a rebid. Neufeld felt that there just weren't that many contractors that were going to bid this job and we may end up with the same or worse prices. He did say the commission could accept the low bid contingent upon allowing EBH to renegotiate with Reece Construction, the low bidder, on some of the points in the design and see if there was any way to save the city money. Dan Brenner made a motion to

approve the low bid of \$117,500.00 from Reece Construction contingent upon review of the bid by EBH and Reece Construction. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

DOGWOOD PARK RULES: As construction completes at Dogwood Bark Park, the dog park committee has researched rules and regulations for the park. They have come up with a list of rules and would like commissioners to look them over and make any changes as they may see necessary. Commissioners agreed the rules as presented were fine. Dan Brenner made a motion to approve the rules as presented. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

POLICE IMPOUND LOT: Recently, impound fees for police seizure vehicles have increased dramatically. At the rate we are currently paying, many of the seizure vehicles will not bring in what it is costing to store them. Police Chief Gale Gakle, with the help of Water/Sewer Superintendent Dennis Ashcraft, has come up with an area at the city's sewer plant that would work for an impound lot. Gakle explained to the commission that he felt his vehicles were in good enough shape at this time to forgo purchasing a new one this year and instead use that capital outlay money to build this lot. City staff would lay the base and rock it; we would hire a fence company for put a secure fence around it. Total cost would be approximately \$10,000.00. The commissioners agreed this was a good idea and Gakle should proceed with the construction.

Kerwin McKee, City Manager, reported that KDOT had been contacted about a turning lane on Highway 75 and Highway 16. KDOT said they have current data from this location and would not need to do a new traffic study. They said their engineers would look it over and let us know.

McKee also informed the commission that Purple Wave does not do reserve bids. Tim Morris said it would be OK to go ahead with using them to get rid of surplus property, but we need to monitor the prices we are getting and make sure we are getting a good price.

Mayor Specialties has been cleaning and using a remote camera to look at sewer lines in town. They have discovered an area between 4th and 5th Street between Ohio and New Jersey that has no pipe left. McKee reported that this is an emergency situation that we will go ahead and have fixed immediately.

Dan Brenner commented that we have rules about walking on or sitting on top of picnic tables and we need to put up a sign.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk