

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2022 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Monday evening, February 7, 2022. Commissioners Mike Meerpohl, Tim Morris and Marilyn Watkins were present. Eric Bjelland was absent. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between January 19, 2022 and February 7, 2022 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2302. Tim Morris moved and Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

PROCLAMATION: Lorna Smith, Chapter President, and Amy Oldehoeft, Sponsor, from Holton High School's chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders Association (FCCLA) came before the commission to ask they approve a proclamation declaring the week of February 14-18, 2022, as National FCCLA Week, with the theme Make It Count. Mayor Bob Dieckmann signed the proclamation declaring February 14-18 as National FCCLA Week.

SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS: Andrew Brunner from EBH Engineers to discuss the point repair project. J and K Contracting, LC, completed the project with one change order. We have a one-year warranty on their work. The change order was on the old interceptor line that required an additional 75' had to be replaced. Marilyn Watkins made a motion for approval of the certificate of completion including the change order. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. Kerwin McKee, City Manager, commented that we will need to start the CIPP project now that the point repairs are done. He is hoping to look at a little bigger project with sales tax money and maybe the addition of some ARPA money. Brunner is waiting on the final yes that we can use the ARPA money this way.

RURAL WATER VOTING DELEGATES: The city of Holton has a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate that represents the city of the business of the Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA). The voting delegates would be Kerwin McKee for the voting delegate and Dennis Ashcraft as the alternate voting delegate. Tim made a motion to approve Kerwin McKee and Dennis Ashcraft as the voting and alternate voting delegates for KRWA. Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Kerwin McKee, City Manager, handed out an infographic on the importance of cities to their counties. He also asked for permission to go out for bids for two new mowers for the Parks Department. They are planning to trade in three mowers if they can. Commissioners agreed to go ahead and seek bids. He also reported that the Water/Sewer department had purchased a smaller Hustler mower that was under his purchase limit.

Mike Meerpohl commented that Banner Road is just getting worse. McKee said that Greg Tanking, Street Superintendent, is aware. They are looking at a possible grant option for infrastructure but it has not been released yet. Hopefully that will help us be able to do a mill and overlay on the street.

Tim Morris commented that he had a nice time at the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame banquet. He said they had added a few more awards.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk