

## MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2019 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Monday evening, May 6, 2019. Commissioners Mike Meerpohl, Tim Morris and Dan Brenner were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Marilyn Watkins was chosen at the last meeting to fill the unexpired term of Twila White. City Clerk Teresa Riley swore in Commissioner Marilyn Watkins to Position #5.

Minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Gordon Lamme spoke to the commission on behalf of the committee in charge of hospitality for the Biking Across Kansas group that will stop in Holton on June 14, 2019. They would like to have a beer garden during the evening the bikers are here. They originally asked the county to use the courtyard but were turned down. They would like to hold the beer garden in the street in the 400 block of New York, but understand the commission would need to change the city's alcohol ordinance to allow it. Tim Morris had some questions about the event and whether the committee had contacted the business owners along the 400 block of New York. He also asked who would be benefitting from the event. Joni White, member of the committee said they were not sure who would be the recipient of the proceeds as they had not discussed that yet. Tim Morris said he would like to know some of these answers before he made a decision. Commissioners agreed they would be willing to look at changing the ordinance at the next meeting.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:** Claims against the City of Holton between April 16, 2019 and May 6, 2019 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2233. Mike Meerpohl moved and Tim Morris seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**RESOLUTION #19-R004:** Resolution #19-R004 was brought before the commission for approval. This resolution shows the finding of the public hearing at the last meeting concerning the property at 619 Ohio. Commissioners agreed allow the property owner 90 days to abate the dangerous conditions. Tim Morris made a motion to approve Resolution 19-R004. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**SEWER JETTER:** City Manager, Kerwin McKee, asked the commissioners for permission to seek bids on a new sewer jetting machine. Our current machine is a 1996 trailer mounted model and we have had to have the main pump rebuilt multiple times and it has had to be sent to Wichita for repairs in recent years. Also, being trailer mounted it is difficult to maneuver in some alleys and along the creek when we need to get to lines. We would like to bid a truck mounted sewer jetter for easier access to areas where sewers are located. This is a critical piece of machinery that is used at least weekly to keep sewers clean and open main lines when plugged. The sewer department has transferred money to equipment reserve for the last two years to have the money to replace this piece of equipment. McKee also noted that they have a looked at a demonstrator machine that could be available for purchase. Commissioners agreed to go out for bids for a truck mounted sewer jetter including demonstrator models. Dan Brenner made the motion, Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** As required in his contract, City Manager Kerwin McKee requested permission to attend the International City Management Association annual conference in Nashville, TN this year, along with other statewide conferences that come up each year. Tim Morris made the motion to approve attendance at the conferences. Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

City Manager Kerwin McKee also reported that two city vehicles, along with two police seizure vehicles, are going to be auctioned at Purple Wave. The city will also advertise to the public that they will be available at Purple Wave. McKee also noted that the annual sewer cleaning will take place beginning May 20th. Customers in the areas to be cleaned will receive a door hanger with instructions on what they should do to protect their property. He also noted that the 8th grade class recently toured the sewer plant and the Public Wholesale Water Supply District #18 water plant.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley  
City Clerk