

## MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 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 20, 2019. Commissioners Mike Meerpohl, Tim Morris, Dan Brenner and Marilyn Watkins were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 6, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Gordon Lamme spoke to the commission again 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 have designated an area they would like to use for a beer garden on New York Avenue in the 400 block. They are planning to use barricades to designate the beer garden area, with the ability to wander up and down the block with their alcohol as long as they don't go into the courthouse yard. They are requesting the street be closed beginning at 4:00 p.m. for the duration of the event. They also want to partially block the circle drive on the courthouse property for bus tour pick up and drop off. Off the Square Grill will be in charge of the beer garden. Janet Carpenter said their first step in making this successful is properly identifying people of being of age to drink. They are trying to acquire the paper bracelets for people to wear to identify them as an eligible drinker. Tim Morris asked if they had gotten permission from the Courthouse to use the circle drive and the parking lot on the west side. Carpenter said they had. The bus tours will run about every 20 minutes to tour our historic areas of town. They are asking the bank to volunteer their employees to give the tours. The beneficiaries of the beer garden will be the Chamber of Commerce and Holton Hospital Building Fund. Marilyn Watkins asked how people will monitor alcohol consumption. Carpenter said that they will not serve anyone they feel has consumed too much. Kerwin McKee, City Manager, said he will have to change the Resolution he prepared since they changed the hours of the event since the last meeting. Teresa Riley, City Clerk, asked if the Chamber of Commerce was still the one requesting the special event permit. Carpenter said they were. Riley reminded them there was a \$50 fee for the city's special event permit. Tim Morris suggested the city waive the \$50 fee for the permit. Commissioners agreed to address that when they approve the Resolution.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:** Claims against the City of Holton between May 7, 2019 and May 20, 2019 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2234. Tim Morris moved and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**ORDINANCE #19-006:** Ordinance #19-006 was brought before the commission for approval. This ordinance repeals section 3-104 of the city code and would allow alcohol consumption on city streets with approval of a special event permit. Marilyn Watkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 19-006. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**RESOLUTION #19-R005:** Resolution #19-R005 would authorize a special event in the 400 block of New York Avenue on June 14, 2019 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. was brought before the commission for approval. Marilyn Watkins made the motion to approve Ordinance 19-006 and waive the \$50 fee for the event. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**APPOINTMENT:** City Manager, Kerwin McKee, explained to commissioners that we had been notified that it was time to reappoint Amy Haussler to the Special Education Coop board. Tim Morris made a motion to approve the appointment. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

City Manager Kerwin McKee also reported that KDHE has inspected the cap at the old city dump. He also informed the commissioners that work has begun on the water plant improvement

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley  
City Clerk

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