

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2019 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Monday evening, June 3, 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 20, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Diane Gruver spoke to the commissioners about possibly changing the laws concerning setting off fireworks for July 4. Gruver would like to commission to restrict fireworks to 3 or 4 days instead of what is currently done. She cited the fears that animals have when fireworks explode and also consideration for the local vets with PTSD. Kerwin McKee, City Manager, explained that the current city ordinance follows state laws on fireworks. Dan Brenner asked if anyone else had requested the change. Tim Morris commented that the VFW and American Legion has requested to be notified if this comes up for discussion as they would like to have a say also. He said if we were to consider this change, we should hear from a broad view of people to find out what everyone wants. Dan Brenner also commented he was in favor of open dialogue with anyone interested in this topic. Commissioners agreed it was too late this year to make a change but would consider discussing it more in late summer or early fall.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between May 20, 2019 and June 3, 2019 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2235. Tim Morris moved and Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

MEET AND GREET: Bryan Straus was introduced to the commissioners. He was recently hired as a lineman for the city. Straus told the commission he was originally from Wisconsin. He graduated high school and lineman's school in Wisconsin and went to work for a firm that did contract work. He was looking for a job with less travel when he saw the ad from Holton. Commissioners welcomed Straus to the city.

RESOLUTION #19-R006: Resolution #19-R006 would set a public hearing for a property at 514 Nebraska that has been identified as a dangerous structure by Jeff Draper, Code Enforcement Officer. Mike Meerpohl made a motion to approve Resolution 19-R006 and set the hearing for July 15. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

2019 JULY JUBILEE: The Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will be holding the annual July Jubilee on June 29, 2019, and are looking for sponsors. Dan Brenner made a motion to approve the city to be a Red Sponsor with a \$200 donation. Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

City Manager Kerwin McKee also reported Bike Across Kansas will be here June 14 and would like the Mayor to say a few words of welcome. He also said there was a ribbon cutting at the new KANZA office at 422 W. 5th on June 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Bob Dieckmann asked about the sirens. McKee said they would check again to make sure all areas were covered.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk
