

MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2019 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Monday evening, July 1, 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 June 17, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between June 18, 2019 and July 1, 2019 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2237. Tim Morris moved and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

BID AWARD: Dennis Ashcraft, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, was present to answer any questions the commissioners had about the bid received for a truck mounted sewer jetter. Five bids were received by three vendors. Bids were received as follows:

Mayer Equipment	Bid #1-New 2019 Truck and Jetter	\$149,275.00
Mayer Equipment	Bid #2-Demo 2016 Truck and 2017 Jetter	\$117,790.00
Key Equipment	Bid #1-New 2019 Gas and Diesel	\$161,250.00
Key Equipment	Bid #2-New 2019 Gas and Gas	\$144,500.00
Red Municipal	Bid #1 Gas & Diesel	\$155,000.00

Ashcraft told the commission he was happy to get all the bids. His preference was actually the 2016 demonstrator model. He has seen the equipment operate as they have demoed it here before. He said the demo also comes with quite a bit of equipment you would not have with the other bids, so he would not have the expense to outfit the truck also. He was also happy to save the city some money as the demonstrator model is the lowest bid. Dan Brenner made a motion to accept the low bid from Mayer Equipment of \$117,790.00 for a truck mounted sewer jetter. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION: Scott Fredrickson, Electric Distribution Superintendent, explained that his budget was pretty much maintenance only. He would like to look at getting a skid steer with tracks and a grapple hook so that he can get into places and pick up brush. His department has been doing a lot a tree trimming out of the electric lines. This would be used to clear out the cut brush. Tim Morris asked what size he was looking at. Fredrickson said it would be a 90 HP and would be around \$63,000.00. That was based on the state bid with grapple and forks. He also would like to replace the dump truck they use. This truck is currently a 1974 model. These items would be in his capital outlay fund for 2020.

ELECTRIC PRODUCTION: Craig Figge, Electric Production Foreman, presented the department budget. Figge explained that there were no big changes to their budget. He said they would have to have Unit 10 catalyst retested. He said they also needed to bid to shield units 11, 12, and 13. They figure those will cost from \$3,000-\$5,000 for each unit. The rest of the budget is normal maintenance.

WATER/SEWER: Dennis Ashcraft, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, presented his budget next. He explained it was a maintenance only budget. He is looking to replace a service

truck with his capital outlay budget. He gave each commissioner a binder with projects that will have to be addressed as some time but cannot be covered with his department budget. Included in those items was the Prairie Lake spillway. In 2014, it was reported that the spillway was having issues and some failures. EBH Engineers contacted a company that could repair the damage. At the time they estimated \$25,000-\$30,000 to repair it. Today, the damage has increased to the point it needs to be addressed, but we don't know what it is going to cost. Ashcraft explained that the gentleman we had a price from before had retired and sold his business. We are in the process of seeing if the new company can come give us a price to repair the damage we have now. Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to present their budgets.

City Manager Kerwin McKee updated the commission on some of the cities projects. The street department is working on replacing the curbing on the south side of the courthouse square so the county can put in new sidewalk. They had about half the block either poured or framed up. Work is underway on the water treatment plant upgrade, but it can't be finished until parts come in.

Marilyn Watkins passed on to McKee that the street light by the hospital on the south side was on 24/7. McKee said he would let distribution know about it.

Bob Dieckmann commented that we really need to be watching Highway 75 and Banner Road for speeding and jake breaking.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk