

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2019 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Monday evening, August 5, 2019. Commissioners Mike Meerpohl, Tim Morris, Dan Brenner and Marilyn Watkins were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was absent.

Tim Morris opened the public hearing for FY20 budget. Hearing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Tim Morris called the meeting to order.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between July 16, 2019 and August 5, 2019 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2239. Dan Brenner moved and Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

FY20 BUDGET: City Manager, Kerwin McKee, presented the FY20 budget to the commission for approval. The proposed budget holds the mill levy at FY19 level. Mike Meerpohl made a motion to approve FY20 budget. Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

ORDINANCE 19-007: The Kansas Legislature passed a law this session that allows cities to choose anytime between the 1st of December and the second Monday in January to swear in elected officials after a November election. This ordinance allows the city to swear in newly elected officials on the first Monday in December after the election is verified. Marilyn Watkins moved to approve Ordinance 19-007 setting the first Monday in December for swearing in elected officials. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE: A new drinking establishment license application has been received from El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant III LLC. City staff has received a copy of their state license and the city license fee. Dan Brenner made a motion to approve the Drinking Establishment License for El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant III LLC. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Mike Meerpohl asked about a barrel on 5th Street. He was informed it was blocking a sinkhole. Marilyn Watkins had been asked about pool hours. Policy is to close the pool when there are less than 10 patrons. Dan asked about UTVs. Kerwin McKee, City Manager, explained that he had received a petition asking the city to allow UTVs, or side by sides, on city streets. He is working on an ordinance and will present it at a future meeting.

Kerwin McKee informed the commissioners that the chip and seal program was underway and the first load of oil had been done. The street department is hoping to do 5 or 6 loads this year. McKee also reminded commissioners that Friday, August 9, was Cruise Night. He also let the commission know that the no parking signs for the school were in process and should be up before school started.

Tim Morris commented that he liked what Jeff Draper was doing and it shows he is interacting with the public and getting things cleaned up.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk