

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 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 19, 2019. Commissioners Mike Meerpohl, Tim Morris, Dan Brenner and Marilyn Watkins were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Dieckmann announced that the public hearing for issuance of healthcare facilities revenue bonds had been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Bob Dieckmann called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the August 5, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between August 6, 2019 and August 19, 2019 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2240. Tim Morris moved and Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

ORDINANCE 19-008: City Manager, Kerwin McKee, received a petition containing signatures of 40 people that would like to see work-site utility vehicles (UTV) allowed on city streets. This ordinance sets rules for UTV's to be approved including an annual registration fee. Marilyn Watkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 19-008. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

PROCLAMATION: Jackie Halls, Program Director for Senior Life Solutions at Holton Hospital requested the city approve a proclamation that would proclaim September as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in Holton. Dan Brenner made a motion to approve the proclamation. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

RESOLUTION 19-R007: Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Draper, has identified the property at 709 Pennsylvania as a dangerous structure. Resolution 19-R007 sets a public hearing for October 7, 2019 to determine what will happen with the property. Tim Morris made a motion to approve Resolution 19-R007. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

CITY MANAGER CONTRACT: City Manger Kerwin McKee's contract was up July 31, 2019. The proposed contract is the same as the previous contract, with changes for current wage reflected. It would be the three years, August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2022. Tim Morris made a motion to approve the contract for Kerwin McKee as City Manager. Dan Brenner seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

CITY COMMISSION MEETING : Since the next meeting falls on Labor Day, it is necessary to move the meeting to Tuesday, September 4. Dan Brenner made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday, September 4. Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Kerwin McKee had a request for a block party at 408 Emerald Drive for September 14 from 4-7 p.m. Dan Brenner made a motion to approve the block party for 408 Emerald Drive. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. McKee also requested permission to buy a load of power poles which is above his spending authority. Tim Morris made a motion to approve the purchase of \$11732.10. Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. McKee also informed the commission that he had purchased a tube for 6th Street, Indiana to Illinois that had collapsed. The road is currently closed. He also reported that Unit 11 at the

power plant was down, but the crew replaced the piston and compression rings and now it is working fine.

Mike Meerpohl asked about how the water plant rehab was going. McKee said we have water in the clarifier and they are working to get it started up.

Marilyn Watkins asked if we could get the fireworks issue back on an agenda. McKee said he would look at September or October agendas to give time to let people know. She also complimented Jeff Draper for doing a good job.

Bob Dieckmann said he had a person approach him about a couple of lots on New Jersey that they wondered if the city would be interested in. He said he would find out more.

Dan Brenner said he had been approached by a retired employee that would like to have free camping like current employees have. Commissioners were interested in possibly setting limits for all employee camping benefits and possibly allowing retirees. They asked Kerwin McKee to find out what other cities do for their retired employees.

Bob Dieckmann also complimented the electrical department guys did a good job getting lights back on during the last storm.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk