

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2019 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Monday evening, September 16, 2019. Commissioners Mike Meerpohl, Tim Morris, Dan Brenner and Marilyn Watkins were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the Public Hearing for an unsafe structure at 709 Pennsylvania to order. Jeff Draper, Code Enforcement Officer, outlined the violations at the house, garage and yard at 709 Pennsylvania Avenue. Casey Husky, property owner, spoke next that he did not disagree with Draper's findings. He is planning to demolish the structures as soon as he has everything out that he wants. Commissioners agreed to allow 60 days to complete everything, including cleaning up the lot. Dan Brenner moved to accept Resolution 19-R010 setting 60 days to clean up the property. Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. The public hearing was closed.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting were approved with corrections.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:** Claims against the City of Holton between September 17, 2019 and October 7, 2019 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2243. Tim Morris moved and Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**FIREWORKS:** Commissioners had been asked to consider changing the days that fireworks could be shot off in Holton. Diane Gruver and Anna Wilhelm spoke in favor of shortening the days. Leland Bailey, Mike Wilson, Norman Johnson and Willy Wilson spoke to keep the days the same. Police Chief Gale Gakle also spoke, reminding commissioners that the city used to have shortened days and it did not work. People still shot off fireworks outside of allowed days and it was next to impossible to catch people doing it. After hearing the discussion on the topic, commissioners agreed to leave the days as they are currently.

**PROCLAMATION:** Kelsey Lavin, a Washburn University BSN Nursing Student asked the commission to proclaim October 7-13 as Mental Health Illness Awareness Week. Dan Brenner moved to approve the proclamation. Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT ROOF:** City Manager Kerwin McKee presented bids to replace the roof at the Holton Police Department. The roof has been repaired many times over the last few years and is in need of replacement. Bids received were as follows:

Midwest Coating, Inc.	\$16,865.17
Meridian Roofing Solutions	\$14,095.00
ADS Distributing	\$15,687.00

Dan Brenner made a motion to accept the low bid from Meridian Roofing Solutions in the amount of \$14,095.00. Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Kerwin McKee reported that the distribution crew was rebuilding a 2-1/2 mile line from Spring Road to the highway. He also reported that the pool is being repainted. McKee also reminded

the commission that he would not be at the next meeting due to the International City Managers conference.

Marilyn Watkins commented that she has a ringside seat to the new construction at the hospital and it has begun.

Tim Morris encouraged all the commissioners to go see the rehab project at the old water plant.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley  
City Clerk