

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2021 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall on Monday evening, October 18, 2021. Commissioners Mike Meerpohl, Tim Morris, Marilyn Watkins, and Eric Bjelland were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann was also present.

Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of October 4, 2021 meeting were approved with corrections.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between October 5, 2021 and October 18, 2021 were presented to the commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance 2294. Tim Morris moved and Mike Meerpohl seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all; yes.

MEET & GREET: The Police Department has hired a new officer. Rachel Jones has been hired for a patrol officer. Jones is from West Virginia and is relocating to the area. Commissioners welcomed Jones to the city.

PATRIOT BANNERS: David Powls spoke to the commissioners about a program to honor local veterans. The program will be called Holton Remembers and it will allow veterans or their family members to buy a banner that would be put up on light poles in main thoroughfares in the city. The city would need to be a co-sponsor of the program; however, their part would be putting up and taking down the banners only. Powls said that when a family purchases a banner it would include the mounting brackets. He said he has contacted Marketing Concepts to see if they can make the banners and they said they could. That would also help keep the project local. Mike Meerpohl made the motion for the city to co-sponsor the Holton Remembers program. Marilyn Watkins seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

POWER PLANT BREAKERS: Ira Harrison, Power Plant Superintendent, has requested bids for two GE/Powell vacuum circuit breakers for the power plant from Harold K. Scholz Company. The bids were \$27,000.00 for two new breakers or \$16,000.00 for two used breakers. Harrison said he would recommend the used breakers as they only have approximately 1 year of service on them and the savings would be substantial. These would give us spares on the shelf for most of our engines. It also would give us a breaker for an additional transformer when we are able to add one. Tim Morris made a motion to approve the purchase of two used breakers from Harold K. Scholz for \$16,000.00. Eric Bjelland seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Kerwin McKee handed out information from the Banner Oaks Subdivision website that tells who to contact for more information about the lots.

Commissioners questioned again about the “speed bumps” along Banner Road. Kerwin McKee explained that they were not ideal, but they were serving the purpose of sealing off the cracks so

water could not get in and further degrade the street. He said in the spring they will do more to improve the street.

Meeting Adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk