

MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2011 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Holton met at 7:00 P.M. in City Hall on Monday evening, May 16, 2011. Commissioners Tim Morris, Hal Cochren, Bob Dieckmann and Janet Zwonitzer were present. Mayor Rich Mulroy called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 2, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT - BOB CARLSON, MAINSTREET: Bob Carlson, Mainstreet Director, presented the commission with an overview of the past year with Mainstreet.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between May 3, 2011 and May 16, 2011, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2035. Tim Morris moved and Janet Zwonitzer seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

KANSAS HOUSING RESOURCE CORPORATION: With the approval of Trish McAllister of Homestead Affordable Housing as grant writer and administrator of a possible grant for the city, an investment amount needed to be agreed on for matching funds. Janet Zwonitzer made the motion to invest up to \$10,000.00 in the HOME Investment Partnership Program utilizing infrastructure investment as matching funds. Hal Cochren seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

USD 336 TOWER AGREEMENT: Bob Dieckmann moved the commission approve a new 10-year lease agreement with USD 336 to allow a radio antenna to be placed on the City's water tower. Janet Zwonitzer seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

In other business:

1. Bret Bauer, City Manager, informed the commission that Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin a mill and overlay project on 4th Street in late May or early June.
2. Bauer also informed the commission a law already exists in the Standard Traffic Ordinance for compression release engine braking. He will check into whether KDOT has signs they can post on the highways outside of the city limits.
3. Commissioners were also informed of the G.R.E.A.T. graduation ceremony for Central Elementary School on May 18 at 2.p.m., and of a blood drive competition between the Fire Department and Jackson County EMS that will be held June 3 from 3-7 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Bob Dieckmann commented that he would like to see a change in the process the City utilizes for dealing with unsafe structures. Currently citizens must petition for a structure to be declared unsafe. He would like to see that handled through the code enforcement department by a complaint system instead of pitting neighbors against each other to take care of the situation. He also questioned if we had the authority to change the timers on the stop light at 4th & New York. He feels the light should have a shorter duration of green for the north/south traffic, creating less of a traffic jam for east/west.

Janet Zwonitzer moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for legal matters. Bob Dieckmann seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. After 10 minutes, Janet Zwonitzer moved to return to regular session. Hal Cochren seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk