

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2012 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, October 1, 2012. Commissioners Tim Morris, Hal Cochren, Janet Zwonitzer and Bob Dieckmann were present. Mayor Rich Mulroy was also present.

Mayor Rich Mulroy called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 17, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between September 18, 2012 and October 1, 2012, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2069. Janet Zwonitzer moved and Tim Morris seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY: A request has been received for a block party in the 400 block of Emerald Drive that will require the street to be block from 4-8 p.m. on October 6. Hal Cochren moved to allow the streets to be blocked for a block party in the 400 block of Emerald Drive. Bob Dieckmann seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

In other business:

Bret Bauer, City Manager, informed the commission of a letter he received from the Department of Agriculture on the Dam Safety Inspection at Prairie Lake. Three objectives were listed that need to be done by December 1, 2012. The first, to cut vegetation, has already been done. The second may not need to be done as the dam may be reclassified. The third addresses the spillway and its state of deterioration. We are in the process of looking at this. Hal suggested putting tubes in place like most watershed dams and a grass emergency spillway. Whatever we do, Bauer noted, it will probably have to be engineered.

Bauer also reported on tree clearance in utility lines that has been a joint project between the Street Department and the Electric Distribution Department. To date, they cleared limbs from approximately 19.5 miles of line.

Tim Morris asked Bauer if he had found anything on possible grants available to improve Prairie Lake. Bauer has checked with Trish McAllister, a local grant writer, and she is not aware of any currently available, but will continue to look.

Janet Zwonitzer had a request from Debbie Harshaw of Jackson County Communities That Care Coalition (JCCTCC) to allow 3100 tulip bulbs to be planted somewhere in a city park. The number would signify the number of youth that start smoking each year and the number of lives that could be saved if they did not smoke.

Tim Morris moved the commission go into executive session for 20 minutes for personnel. Bob Dieckmann seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes. After 20 minutes Janet Zwonitzer moved to return to regular session. Tim Morris seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk