

MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2014 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 19, 2014. Commissioners Tim Morris, Twila White, Dan Brenner and Erich Campbell were present. Mayor Bob Dieckmann called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Several citizens spoke in favor of the city altering or eliminating their ban on “pit bull” breeds of dogs. The ordinance has been on the books since 1985 and many felt that the city should not ban specific breeds, but was in favor of a change for vicious dogs. The citizens were informed that the city does have a vicious dog section in our animal ordinance. Five local residents had been informed by animal control on May 8, 2014, that they were in violation of the “pit bull” ordinance and gave them two weeks to remove the dogs from the city. Erich Campbell asked those in attendance how many had pit bulls. Approximately 10 citizens raised their hands. Campbell then asked how many had current vaccinations on their dogs prior to May 8. Only two people raised their hands. Campbell suggested the responsible pet owners be allowed an extension on their two week removal time in order for the commission to further discuss any possible changes. Pet owners who were not current on their vaccinations were not to get an extension as they did not prove to him that they are responsible pet owners. Commissioners agreed to discuss possible changes to the ordinance at the next meeting.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Claims against the City of Holton between May 6, 2014 and May 19, 2014, were presented to the Commission for their approval. After careful consideration, said claims were approved and given the title Appropriation Ordinance #2110. Tim Morris moved and Dan Brenner seconded the motion for their approval. Vote thereon: all, yes.

PERSONAL FIREWORKS AT PRAIRIE LAKE: Tim Morris has had several requests from campers at Prairie Lake that the city allow personal fireworks during the 4th of July. Mike Reichle, Parks and Recreation Director, and Kevin Ingels, Fire Chief, were present and both said they did not have a problem with fireworks as long as things like weather conditions are taken into consideration. The commissioners agreed to allow fireworks between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on the 4th day of July only. A new ordinance will be drafted for the next meeting.

RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – JERMONE’S LIQUOR STORE: Dan Brenner made a motion to approve the annual retail liquor license for Jerome’s Liquor Store. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

PURPLE HEART CITY SIGNS: Bret Bauer, City Manager, informed the commission that Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) needs a letter requesting the signs and the city must go through the sign permit process. Eric Campbell moved to draft a letter requesting the signage. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

NEW POLICE OFFICER: Police Chief Gale Gakle introduced his newest police officer, Nathan Osborn, to the commissioners. Osborn recently moved here from Missouri.

POOL POLICY: Drew Porter, Pool Manager, presented the commission with an updated pool policy manual for their approval. Porter was asking the commission to add a few new categories of entry fees to those currently in use. New fees included:

City Resident:	Family w/Babysitter	\$95.00
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	Home Daycare Provider	\$110.00
	Senior Individual (65+)	\$35.00
Non-Resident:	Family w/Babysitter	\$110.00
	Home Daycare Provider	\$125.00
	Senior Individual (65+)	\$45.00

Erich Campbell moved to approve the Holton Municipal Pool Policy including new rates. Twila White seconded the motion. Vote thereon: all; yes.

Erich Campbell would like to take his Cub Scout troop out to Prairie Lake for a camping trip and asked if they could do something for the lake in exchange for camping fees. It was agreed that they would do a clean-up day and would be given free camping in exchange. Campbell would also like to look at a full-time animal control/code enforcement officer.

Meeting adjourned.

Teresa Riley
City Clerk