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## **HOLDEN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Hallar Building (City Hall) 101 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Holden, MO 64040

Mayor Briscoe called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Mayor asked the body to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation; with the invocation being led by the Mayor.

Mayor Briscoe asked for a roll call of the council immediately following invocation. As follows:

McDaniel	Present	Pemberton	Present
Miller	Present	Getz	Present
Mensch	Absent	<i>Vacant</i>	
Fields	Present	Mallory	Present

Also in attendance was Police Chief Mayhew, Assistant Police Chief Wiess, and Street Superintendent Robb.

Mayor Briscoe brought the council's attention to the minutes of the February 15, 2024, City Council Meeting. He called for a motion to approve. There were no edits, corrections, or additional information. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fields and seconded by Councilwoman Getz, the minutes were approved.

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Mayor Briscoe brought the council's attention to the minutes of the February 29, 2024, Special City Council Meeting. He called for a motion to approve. There were no edits, corrections, or additional information. Upon a motion by Councilman McDaniel and seconded by Councilwoman Mallory, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Briscoe asked for a motion to approve the appropriations/expenditures presented at the Finance & Budget Committee Meeting. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Mallory and a second by Councilwoman Getz, the appropriations/expenditures were approved.

Next the Mayor called upon the public speakers who requested time for comment.

Citizen Naomi Chastain (1607 S. Main St) expressed concerns of reports that the Mayor was going to remove Mr. Dave Chastain from the Park Board and listed a series of accomplishments that Dave had done at the City Parks. Mayor Briscoe corrected Mrs. Chastain's report that he had not removed Mr. Chastain from the Park Board. He further explained his rationale that would be discussed with City Council later in the agenda related to problems with the landscaping contract.

Citizen Sherry Rymer (214 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St) expressed concerns and asked for an update of status regarding the house at 904 S. Clay Street. Chief Mayhew provided a brief update and offered more detail could be made available after council, should Ms. Rymer need more information.

Citizen Jack Leary (607 St. Charles Street) spoke of his concerns and a request for help with maintenance in the undeveloped easement behind his house. The Mayor referred investigation of

his request to the Street Superintendent. Mr. Leary then addressed the Council with feedback from the Chamber of Commerce's St Patrick's Day Parade of March 9<sup>th</sup>, providing a review of the number of entries and public turnout for the event. He then solicited volunteers to help him with the effort for next year. Mayor Briscoe thanked Mr. Leary for his efforts to continue the St. Patrick's Day Parade tradition.

Mayor Briscoe thanked the City Staff, City Council, and Mayor Pro Tem for their efforts to address any issues while he was away from Holden since the last Council Meeting. This included conducting a Special Council Meeting to address the Police Department Renovation. He further mentioned the upcoming election on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, emphasizing the need to vote. Also briefly highlighted the importance of supporting the Public Safety General Obligation Bond question.

Police Chief Mayhew provided a written report as well as delivered his report in the meeting. Chief Mayhew reported: Incident reports – 23; Misdemeanors – 3; Felonies – 6; Warrant arrest – 3; Domestic – 1; Miscellaneous reports – 4; Agency assist – 0; MVC – 1; Juvenile – 0; Fire assist – 0; Traffic Summons – 44; Traffic Warning – 28. For Codes/Animal Control: Codes cases – 49; Animal At Large/ License – 8; Vicious Animal – 1; Nuisance – 2; Business – 0.

Fire Chief Wakeman provided a written report as well as delivered his report in the meeting. Engine 211 will need to have three pump gauges replaced and will need an oil change, scheduled for March. Engine 212 needs an oil change as well, scheduled for March. Hose testing will occur in March.

Street Superintendent Joe Robb provided a written report as well as delivered his report in the meeting. Weekly maintenance and pothole patching were completed this month. Equipment for sale at Purple Wave Auction are the mini excavator, Ford f250, and a snowplow.

The Board of Public Works provided the written minutes from the BPW meeting. Their minutes reflect that there will be a new chlorinator purchased. AOC updates are ready to begin, and the stormwater project is still in progress.

Councilman McDaniel reported for Budget, Finance & Administration Committee. Mr. McDaniel stated that there is still a long list of items on their upcoming agenda. Business License and Peddler License ordinance chapters and fees were under review.

Councilman Miller reported for Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Miller stated that they will be in contact with Evergy to determine if they will help pay for the street repairs on Elm Street, where their substation is located.

Councilman Mensch was not present to report for Community Development Committee.

Councilman McDaniel reported for Public Safety Committee. Mr. McDaniel stated that there was nothing to report and thanked the Police Chief for keeping the committee updated on progress to the police building.

Councilwoman Getz reported for Public Parks and Recreation Committee. Ms. Getz stated that the Park Board is looking to install a digital park sign.

Councilwoman Mallory reported for Economic and Industrial Development Committee. Ms. Mallory stated that the Land Use Map for the comprehensive plan has been completed.

Mayor Briscoe then brought the body's attention to Resolution No. R24-07 Appoint Jessie Corbin to Police Officer and called for a motion. The Mayor stated that Jessie would work part time in codes

enforcement and field training until he graduated from the police academy in the coming months. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilman Pemberton, the motion passed.

Mayor Briscoe then brought the body’s attention to Resolution No. R24-08 Lease Renewal for Johnson County Coonhunters Association and called for a motion. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Getz and a second by Councilwoman Fields, the motion passed.

Mayor Briscoe then moved to Bill No. 03-01-24 Approval of Five Star Lawn and Landscape contract for park mowing season, did the first reading and called for a motion to table. Mayor Briscoe explained that the proposal submitted in the Council Package was not in compliance with the Bid Package and did not meet criteria needed to protect the city and citizens of Holden. The Mayor reported it was discussed with current Park Board chair and Mr. Andrew Wakeman that the approval of the “contract” on 3/13/24 was not appropriate and the Mayor would recommend tabling contract discussion until a contract of proper form could be negotiated. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilman Miller, the motion passed.

Mayor Briscoe then advised Council that if there was not an objection by Council, he would be appointing Mr. Andrew Wakeman as Acting Parks and Recreation Board Chairman. No objections were raised by Council members. At this point Mrs. Chastain interjected with an announcement to Council, that she has quit, in reference to her position has hired by the Park Board providing cleaning, trash pickup, and limited maintenance tasks.

The Mayor then turned to grant information for the police department. The police chief has obtained a grant, matching up to \$20,000 of the city’s funds, to replace expiring body armor and to install in-car cameras.

Mayor Briscoe then called for a motion to enter closed session. Upon a motion by Councilman McDaniel and a second by Councilwoman Fields, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

McDaniel	Yes	Pemberton	Yes
Miller	Yes	Getz	Yes
Mensch	Absent	Vacant	
Fields	Yes	Mallory	Yes

Entering closed session for real estate, legal actions, specifications for competitive bidding, and sealed bids and related documents passed.

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion by Councilwoman Getz and a second by Councilwoman Fields, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.

Council Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ray Briscoe, Mayor

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Sarah Yager, City Clerk