

**MINUTES OF THE HOLDENVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WHEN IT MET ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE
HOLDENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 209 E. 9TH ST., HOLDENVILLE, OKLAHOMA**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Lori Babb	Present	Shawn Smith- City Clerk	Present
Tony Wulf	Absent	Don Merriman-Vice-Mayor	Present
Mike Dockrey	Present	Renee Foster-Deputy Clerk	Present
Ron Thetford Mayor	Present	Larry Mitchell -City Manager	Present
		Matt Peters-City Attorney	Present

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Ron Thetford. Roll was called and a quorum was declared present.

Flag salute and invocation was led by Mayor Thetford.

These items are placed on the Consent Agenda so that members of the Holdenville Public Works Authority, by unanimous consent, can designate routine items to be approved by one motion. If any item proposed on the Consent Agenda does not meet with approval of all members, the item will be removed and heard in regular order.

Motion was made by Councilmember Babb and seconded by Councilmember Merriman to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

Approval of the minutes of the Holdenville City Council meeting held on October 17, 2023 and approval of payment of claims for the month of October, 2023.

AYES: Councilmembers Thetford, Merriman, Babb, and Dockrey.

NAYS: None.

UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED

A Motion was made by Councilmember Lori Babb and seconded by Councilmember Don Merriman to approve and award the list of successful bidders for the City's demolition of property.

311 South Hinckley- Triple J \$3,875.00
423 North Walnut- Triple J \$1200.00
426 North Pine- David Morgan \$4700.00

AYES: Councilmembers Thetford, Merriman, Babb, and Dockrey.

NAYS: None.

UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED

Junior Class President of Holdenville High School request to plant a tree at Stroup Park in memory of Tom Janes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mike Dockery and seconded by Councilmember Lori Babb.

AYES: Councilmember Thetford, Merriman, Babb and Dockery.

NAYS: None.

UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by Councilmember Lori Babb to approve the American Legion naming the WPA overflow watercourse that runs through Stroup Park 'Veteran's Creek'.

AYES: Councilmembers Thetford, Merriman, Babb, and Dockrey.
NAYS: None.

UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made by Councilmember Babb and seconded by Councilmember Merriman to approve List of City Holidays for 2024.

AYES: Councilmembers Thetford, Merriman, Babb, and Dockrey.
NAYS: None.

UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED

A Motion was made from Councilmember Dockery and seconded by Councilmember Babb to Approve the City Council dates for 2024.

AYES: Councilmembers Thetford, Merriman, Babb and Dockery.
NAYS: None.

UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED

City Manager, Larry Mitchell, addressed the Councilmembers reminding there needs to establish a Planning & Zoning Commission

Under communications: Chamber of Commerce Director Roberta Davis requested to plant a tree at the Depot commemorating Holdenville's 125th year. The Council said proceed.

Kyle Lening addressed the Council thanking them for allowing him the opportunity to serve as Holdenville Chief Police. Lening also introduced Aaron Hacker as interim Chief and ask Council to support him as well.

Mayor Ron Thetford asked the Councilmembers to consider creating a city ordinances for Homeless and Vagrants.

Fire Chief Brian Jay shared his appreciation for ESA for Christmas Decorations.

There being no further business to come before the City Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Ron Thetford, Mayor

Shawn Smith, City Clerk