

**CITY OF HOLLAND**  
**Regular CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Kuhlmann Center – 107 West Travis  
Monday January 17, 2005  
7:00 PM

**Minutes**

Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Monday, January 17, 2005 @ 7 PM in the Kuhlmann Civic Center in the City of Holland, Texas by Mayor Curt Murray. All members were present.

Citizen's Comments – Dean Brisbin spoke on behalf of the Women's Study Club and requested that pot holes be filled in and area graded and gravel filled in at back of the Kuhlmann Center. Richard suggested that it would take approx. \$200 worth of gravel.

Terri Crum motioned, seconded by Sharon Simmons to approve previous minutes. All were in favor and motion carried.

**Old Business**

Report on Home Grant – James Conquest stated that the request for release of funds had been approved last week. He added that it looked as if the new homes built would probably be about 1000 SF and that homeowners would be contacted to see if they would prefer a new home or one that would be remodeled due to possible change orders due to unforeseen repairs that may be needed which might exceed their grant amount. Cost is still to be determined for lead base paint disposal before project setup can be done. Next person who was on the original list will be contacted since one of the eight original recipients dropped out of program by selling her home. Mr. Conquest added that an extension may have to be requested from the State to complete the Grant Program due to the lead paint delays. He noted that a set of plans costs \$600 for the 1000 SF house. The council advised Mr. Conquest that they want to see the ad in the paper for bids ASAP, which will be done in the Bartlett paper pending the items mentioned above. They also advised that they expected that the new houses and remodeling would be done as quickly as possible due to concern regarding end of contract – August 5, 2005.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ten year plaque was presented to Perry Butzlaff by the mayor, in appreciation of his ten years of service the City of Holland. (Reception was held previous to meeting)

2004 Audit was presented by Lisa McKinnon of Brockway, Gersbach, McKinnon & Neimeyer. She noted that the report showed the City to be insolvent at end of year and not enough revenue was coming in to cover expenses for a budget that was never amended. She added that the corrections to Quickbooks, use of purchase orders, and that overview and amending the current budget are critical to the city finances. The staff noted that there are ongoing changes to update – 2004 audit figures, payroll, separating finances into two areas, switching banks, taxes and still needed training by Mr. Thiele. Mae Smith motioned to

approve the Audit for 2004, seconded by Sharon Simmons, all were in favor and motion carried.

There was discussion by the council on health insurance renewal and due by 2/15/05. The council was informed that Scott White was willing to offer several different proposals for health insurance, that TML also wanted to offer several health insurance proposals since they insure other areas of the city, i.e., vehicles, etc. No action was taken until 2/14/05.

**Committee Reports:**

A. Planning and Zoning Committee – Renay Johnson reported that next meeting would be 2/7/05. Mobile home at end of El Paso gone. Mobile on Sumner is gone, but lot needs to be cleaned. Claude Jackson has re-opened the Smokehouse again and wants the lot behind him cleaned and cleared. There is water standing on the property that is stagnant and presents a health hazard. She noted that dogs are still at large within the city.

B. Beautification Committee - none

**7. Council and Staff Reports:**

A. Mayor's Report - none

B. Council Members' Reports:

1) Central Texas Water Supply Meeting – Mae Smith

C. Utility Director Monthly Report was given. Terri Crum motioned to accept report, seconded by Teddy Gaines, all were in favor and motion carried.

D. Police Department was given. Mae Smith motion to accept report, seconded by Terri Crum, all were in favor and motion carried.

E. Municipal Court Monthly Report was given. Terri Crum motion to accept report, seconded by Mae Smith, all were in favor and motion carried.

F. Monthly Financial Report was given. Alton Thiele reported that Peggy and Paula and he would be reviewing and revising the budget in late February. Terri Crum motioned to accept report, seconded by Terry Gaines, all were in favor and motion carried. Motion to adjourn was made by Terri Crum, seconded by Mae Smith. All were in favor and motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM

I certify that these are the minutes of the Regular council meeting held at the Kuhlmann Center in Holland, Texas, on January 14, 2005.

  
Peggy Tracy, City Secretary