

**CITY OF HOLLAND**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Kuhlmann Center – 107 West Travis  
Monday, February 14, 2005  
7:00 PM

**Minutes**

The regular monthly Council Meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, February 14, 2005 and called to order by Mayor Curt Murray @ 7 PM in the Kuhlmann Civic Center in the City of Holland, Texas.

I There were no Citizens' Comments.

II The previous minutes were reviewed and motion for approval was made by Mae Smith, seconded by Teddy Gaines. All were in favor and motion carried.

**III OLD BUSINESS**

A. Report/update on Home Grant – James Conquest There was discussion about the fact that Vintage Bank was requesting an extension of the contract and official notice of this extension, from TDHCA, before authorizing line of credit. The city secretary requested that James provide letter and he said it must come from the City of Holland letterhead, but he will provide a format for the letter requesting an extension. Mae said that this would need council approval and that we should not be having to ask for an extension if things would move along. Terri Crum stated that it was getting late in the game since construction had not even started. James said he had talked to Vintage himself and was confident that we could get extension with the letter and get the line credit. James was asked what the grant status was. He responded that each item must be completed before going on the next step and that we must have the line of credit set up. Mae Smith asked if we needed the 8<sup>th</sup> house since one dropped out of program and Conquest said no, but that Holland would probably not want that money to go back to State, but that we needed the next qualified citizen on list. Mayor Murray thought that we did not have a qualified at the time and that was why had we not gone forward with getting that set up. Conquest said that at this time that lead paint contractor was required to contact the health department to see what the requirement would be to dump for the lead paint abatement as it relates to state and federal laws. Mae asked for a date that this would be completed and also a date that bids would be out for the contractor and dates for other scheduled items and getting on with the project. The Mayor asked for an update by the 21<sup>st</sup> and wants them weekly and what needs to be done to push the project forward. There was discussion about the project schedule and why some of the other things are not being done. There was discussion about the citizens living in the houses while under construction. Mr. Conquest said this was allowed under the guidelines. There was still questions, and the Mayor told Mr. Conquest to get clarification on this by next Monday (21) and report along with his update to the Mayor on other progress. Dates regarding construction schedule were discussed. Mr. Conquest failed to commit to a schedule, other than to estimate how long each schedule item might take. A citizen, Debbie McKeon, from the newspaper, chastised Mr. Conquest - that he should extend to the Council the common courtesy of listening to what they are saying to him. Terri Crum