

**CITY OF HOLLAND**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Kuhlmann Center – 107 West Travis  
Monday, March 21, 2005

**Minutes\***

I. The regular monthly Council Meeting of the City Council, held on Monday, March 21, 2005 was called to order by Mayor Curt Murray @ 7:05 PM in the Kuhlmann Center in the City of Holland, Texas. All Council members were in attendance.

II. Citizens' Comments. Dean Brisbin spoke on behalf of the Study Club and thanked the City for a really nice job of repairing the parking area behind the Kuhlman Center.

III. Review and Act on approval of previous Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve made by Terri Crum, seconded by Mae Smith, all were in favor and motion carried.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Consider/Act Amending 2004-2005 Budget- Alton Thiele – presented revised budget. Thiele and staff had revised and added certain expenses and income to other areas. Noted was that water revenues were below projections – weather related. Thiele expects to begin work on 2006 budget in June. Smith commended Thiele on the work he continues to perform. Terri Crum motioned to accept revised budget, seconded by Sharon Simmons

B. Consider/Act/Discuss **Home Grant TDHCA # 1000113**. Letter has been sent to the State requesting an contract extension of eighteen months, and a reduction in match. Mae Smith informed the Council and Mayor regarding the donations toward Match Funds for this Grant of over \$20,000 cash, and services (value, yet to be determined). There was discussion regarding the cost for consultant and other unknown costs to the city if there was no reduction in match. A decision was tabled to proceed/Decline Home Grant Funds. Mae Smith made a motion that once the letter is received from TDHCA amending the contract date and providing an extension, that an ad for Bids for New Grant Consultant in Temple or Austin paper for two weeks and the Consultant contract would be in two phases. A cost for First Phase of Consultant, would be to evaluate the financial impact on the city and give the council a status report- this evaluation should take about two weeks and reported to a called council meeting. The council reserves the right to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase. A cost for Second Phase and for the Consultant to complete the administration and closeout of the Grant, if the council decides to go forward with the Grant and not return the funds. City Secretary will contact TDHCA to see if this can be done this way. There was discussion about where any extra money would come from for the Phase One part of the contractor. City Secretary noted that there has been a lot of interest since write-ups in the Bartlett and Temple newspaper and since Mae has been marketing for and asking for donations for this project. Smith and City Secretary have spoken with many who want to help with all aspects of the Grant. Those who want to administrate the Grant have been advised that they will have to bid the project as required by TDHCA. The motion, which was made by Smith, was seconded by Sharon Simmons. All were in favor and motion passed.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Consider/Act on Corn Fest authorize street closure, associated activities – Stanley Koonsen – discussed events to include tractor pull and car show. Chief discussed traffic issues. Koonsen will hire another off due Bell County Deputy and proposed same street closures. Although the city has not received insurance certificate from the Chamber, upon receipt of document, Terri Crum motioned to authorize street closures and notify state. This motion was seconded by Sharon Simmons, All were in favor and motion passed. Stanley did add that he wanted to get a committee together to study/discuss/plan for

developing the ball park area and involve other organizations in the city. Terri Crum and Sharon Simons endorsed the concept to develop the park as did others.

**B. Consider/Act on Authorize Contract Renewal with City Inspector, Steve Rinehart. This was omitted by mistake and will be added to next agenda.**

**VI. Committee Reports:**

A. Planning and Zoning Committee – Renay Johnson discussed that car had been removed on Lexington with Jeff’s help, Guthrie mobile home had been moved. Next P&Z Meeting coming up to discuss other issues, alleyway on Josephine, gun business, and other topics.

B. Beautification Committee - none

**VII. Council and Staff Reports:**

A. Mayor’s Report - none

B. Council Members’ Reports: 1) Central Texas Water Supply Report – Mae Smith who reported about her trip TRWA convention.

C. Utility Director Monthly Report was presented. It was noted that there still is no rotation of call. Discussion about licenses needed by those working in the department. Richard reported that Fire Department had donated loads of road base. Motion to accept report by Terri Crum, seconded by Sharon Simmons, all were in favor and motion passed.

D. Consider/Act on Police Chief Monthly Report –discussed cost of uniforms for reserve officer and effort to get another one. Motion to approve monthly report by Terri Crum, seconded by Teddy Gaines, all were in favor and motion carried.

E. Consider/Act on Court Clerk - Municipal Court Monthly Report – Mae motioned to approve, seconded by Terri Crum, all were in favor and motion passed.

F. Consider/Act on City Secretary- Report. Peggy Tracy noted that April bill would show increase in sewer and garbage rates. All bank accounts had been closed in the Holland Bank and now at Vintage. City cell phone situation was evaluated and changed to include 4 phones, (1 for Chief), 1 for Utility Director, 1 for “Call”, 1 for City Secretary for a lower rate than the two previous phones used and now will include more employees and not use their personal cell phones. Motion to accept report by Terri Crum, seconded by Teddy Gaines, all were in favor and motion carried.

Motion was made for adjournment by Terri Crum, seconded by Teddy Gaines, all were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

I certify that these are the minutes of the agenda for March 21, 2005.

  
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Peggy Tracy, City Secretary