



# City of Holden

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## HOLDEN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 16, 2025, 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.

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

Andes	Present	Pemberton	Present
Miller	Present	Barwick	Absent
Mensch	Present	Goodfellow	Present
Fields	Present	Mallory	Present

Also in attendance was Police Chief Mayhew, and Park Director Mallory.

Mayor Briscoe brought the council’s attention to the consent agenda. The consent agenda consists of the City Council minutes from the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting, and the appropriations/expenditures presented at the finance meeting. He called for a motion to approve. There were no edits, corrections, or additional information. With the motion so moved by Councilman Mensch and seconded by Councilwoman Mallory, the consent agenda was approved.

There were no citizens or community organizations who requested time to speak.

The Mayor stated that he issued a First Responder Proclamation earlier in the week. He gave an update on a few projects currently happening: the City was awarded the Blue Shield Grant of \$50,000, the MODOT sidewalk project has been submitted and awaiting final approval from MODOT, and Spectrum has replaced the pedestals with surface mount junction boxes. He also thanked all staff, boards, and committees for their hard work.

Police Chief Mayhew provided a written report. Chief Mayhew reported: Incident reports – 30; Misdemeanors – 9; Felonies – 3; Warrant arrest –2; Domestic – 2; Miscellaneous reports – 6; Agency assist – 3; MVC – 1; Juvenile – 3; CIT – 2; Traffic Summons – 33; Traffic Warning – 38. For Codes/Animal Control: Codes cases – 4; Animal At Large/ License – 0; Vicious Animal – 1; Nuisance – 0; Business – 0; Illegal burn – 0.

Fire Chief Wakeman provided a written report. Chief Wakeman reported: Fire incidents – 5; Rescue/EMS incidents – 15. The average response time for all calls – 5 minutes, 31 seconds.

Street Superintendent Joe Robb provided a written report. Weekly maintenance, ditch cleanouts, pothole patching, and large equipment maintenance.

Park Director Tami Mallory reported that the next event will be Pumpkins in the Park on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. This event is held in conjunction with Covenant Church. The church provides music, food and a bounce house. The park provides pumpkins and decorating stickers. W.I.N.G.S. Academy will redo the downtown park flower beds and they have plans for a butterfly garden at the city park.

Councilman Mensch, as the BPW liaison, reported for the BPW. He reported that the BPW minutes reflect there had been several leaks in the water system, one of them being a fire hydrant. The hydrant was fixed. A key valve for the leak at the intersection of Pacific and Pine Streets had been filled in with hardened asphalt from the road being repaved a short time prior. The sewer system is working well, one issue along Main Street has been taken care of.

Councilman Fields reported for Budget, Finance & Administration Committee. Ms. Fields stated that the committee discussed rental fee options for the lot next to City Hall for independent events and the committee meeting dates were discussed and decided that the committee would now meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

Councilman Miller reported for Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Miller stated that the committee is still in discussion about the replacement of the Street Barn and the 14<sup>th</sup> Street culvert/stormwater work. He also stated that they have begun the discussion of a request to move from 2015 building codes to 2024 building codes.

Councilman Pemberton reported for Public Safety Committee. Mr. Pemberton stated that the new firetruck now has an expected date of February, and the police department will be getting new tasers.

Councilman Mensch reported for Public Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Mensch stated that the kite festival went very well with an estimated 2000 people. Any extra money from the kite festival will go towards the rustic campgrounds.

Councilwoman Mallory reported for Economic, Industrial, and Community Development Committee. Ms. Mallory stated that involving the W.I.N.G.S. and J.A.G. programs within the city (storm shelter design, park clean ups, butterfly garden ideas, etc.) is part of the City's comprehensive plan. She is excited to see the next steps of this.

Mayor Briscoe then brought the body's attention to Resolution No. R25-37 reappointing Karen Mensch to P & Z Commission and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilwoman Mallory the motion passed.

Mayor Briscoe then brought the body's attention to Resolution No. R25-38 Appoint Paula Holmes to P & Z Commission and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilman Mensch the motion passed.

Mayor Briscoe then moved to Bill No. 10-01-25 Blue Shield Grant – Policies, did the first reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilman Pemberton, the motion passed. With no discussion, the Mayor then did the second reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilman Mensch and a second by Councilwoman Fields, Mayor Briscoe asked for a roll call vote.

Andes	Yes	Pemberton	Yes
Miller	Yes	Barwick	Absent
Mensch	Yes	Goodfellow	Yes
Fields	Yes	Mallory	Yes

Bill No. 10-01-25 Blue Shield Grant – Policies passed.

Mayor Briscoe then brought the body's attention to Resolution No. R25-38 Appoint Paula Holmes to P & Z Commission and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilman Mensch the motion passed.

Mayor Briscoe then moved to Bill No. 10-02-25 Blue Shield Grant - Cameras, did the first reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilman Mensch and a second by Councilwoman Fields, the motion passed. With no discussion, the Mayor then did the second reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilman Pemberton, Mayor Briscoe asked for a roll call vote.

Andes	Yes	Pemberton	Yes
Miller	Yes	Barwick	Absent
Mensch	Yes	Goodfellow	Yes
Fields	Yes	Mallory	Yes

Bill No. 10-02-25 Blue Shield Grant - Cameras passed.

Tony Lerda from O & M Enterprises came to the meeting to give an update on the progress from the BPW of moving toward a new water company. Tony and the BPW believe that Clearwater Solutions is the best company for the City of Holden. Of all the candidates, they were also the only company that provides all the services that O & M currently provides to the citizens of Holden. The BPW will give council the contract for review and approval once they have received it from Clearwater Solutions.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilman Pemberton, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

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

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Ray Briscoe, Mayor

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Sarah Claxton, City Clerk