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HOLDEN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, No, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Hallar Building (City Hall) 101 W 3rd 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, Street Superintendent Robb, and Kim Goodfellow.

Mayor Briscoe brought the council’s attention to the consent agenda. The consent agenda consists of the City Council minutes from the October 16th, 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 Fields, the consent agenda was approved.

Three members of the community and surrounding areas spoke and gave their support to Camp Valor Outdoors (CVO).

John Schwent, CVO owner/operator, gave a brief presentation updating the council about the program. He also stated that in 2019 CVO began the plan to build ten tiny homes using only local funds. They have recently achieved this goal. At that time the council agreed to a waiver of building permits and fees, according to Mr. Schwent. The Mayor stated that currently the City is unable to find record of this waiver.

Councilman Barwick arrived at 7:18.

The Mayor gave a reminder to council that council and mayor candidacy filing will open December 9th. He asked for volunteers to be a Holden representative on the Pioneer Trails board, and updated council on the sidewalk project. Mr. Briscoe then expressed his gratitude to the City Clerk, Park Director, and Acting City Administrator for their help with the loss of the City Treasurer. He then gave holiday greetings to all.

Police Chief Mayhew provided a written report. Chief Mayhew reported: Incident reports – 37; Misdemeanors – 4; Felonies – 6; Warrant arrest –1; Domestic – 5; Miscellaneous reports – 7; Agency assist – 2; MVC – 1; Juvenile – 3; CIT – 3; Dog bite – 1; Traffic Summons – 55; Traffic Warning – 24. For Codes/Animal Control: Codes cases – 11; Animal At Large/ License – 4; Vicious Animal – 3; Nuisance – 2; Business – 0; Illegal burn – 0. He also stated that two new SUVs were in service, the old Ford is now in the Fire Department fleet.

Fire Chief Wakeman provided a written report. Chief Wakeman reported: Fire incidents – 8; Rescue/EMS incidents – 11. The average response time for all calls – 7 minutes, 40 seconds.

Street Superintendent Joe Robb provided a written report. Weekly maintenance, ditch cleanouts, pothole patching, and large equipment maintenance. The salt and sand cover/carport was also installed.

Park Director Tami Mallory reported that Pumpkins in the Park was a success despite the rain, and the next event is Christmas in the Park on December 13th from 5-8pm. She also reported that Holden Sports Association is up for renewal, and the basketball fencing has been repaired.

Councilman Mensch, as the BPW liaison, reported that Clearwater Solutions has not yet provided a contract for review yet but the BPW expects it by the end of November.

Councilman Fields reported for Budget, Finance & Administration Committee. Ms. Fields stated that the committee has been discussing rental fees for the small room, and for the parking lot next to City Hall but no decisions have been made.

Councilman Miller reported for Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Miller stated that the committee discussed the addition of a fourth street crew member and the qualifications required, and the application for a sidewalk reimbursement application. They have continued discussions about the stormwater detention pond and 14th Street culvert work.

Councilman Pemberton reported for Public Safety Committee. Mr. Pemberton stated that the committee has been discussing non-regulated gambling machines, the storm shelter updates, purchases of new tasers for the Police Department, and the new fire truck. The truck is now scheduled to arrive at the end of February.

Councilman Mensch reported for Public Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Mensch stated that the Lake Working Group discussed another possible Kite Festival in May, and the Missouri Department of Conservation contract has been approved by the Lake Working Group and will now go to Council.

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. R25-39 Kim Goodfellow to City Administrator and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilman Mensch the motion passed. Let the record show Councilman Goodfellow abstained from voting.

Mayor Briscoe then brought the body's attention to Resolution No. R25-40 Ballfield lease with HSA and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilman Mensch and a second by Councilman Miller the motion passed.

Mayor Briscoe then brought the body's attention to Resolution No. R25-39 FD – 2005 Crown Victoria surplus and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Fields and a second by Councilman Pemberton the motion passed.

Mayor Briscoe then moved to Bill No. 11-01-25 Chapter 34 amendment, did the first reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Mallory and a second by Councilman Miller, the motion passed. Councilwoman Fields has concerns with removing text about explains Chapter 25 procedures and the councilmember Park Board members no longer having

votes. Councilwoman Andes made a motion to postpone this bill for further review. With the motion seconded by Councilwoman Fields the motion passed.

Mayor Briscoe then moved to Bill No. 11-02-25 Zoning change, did the first reading and called for a motion to approve. With the motion so moved by Councilwoman Mallory 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 Councilman Mensch and a second by Councilwoman Fields, Mayor Briscoe asked for a roll call vote.

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

Bill No. 11-02-25 Zoning change passed.

Mayor Briscoe then moved to Bill No. 11-03-25 Missouri Department of Conservation agreement, 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	Yes
Mensch	Yes	Goodfellow	Yes
Fields	Yes	Mallory	Yes

Bill No. 11-03-25 Missouri Department of Conservation agreement passed.

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 8:12PM.

Council Approved: _____

Ray Briscoe, Mayor

Sarah Claxton, City Clerk