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HOLDEN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 18, 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	Present
Mensch	Present	Goodfellow	Present
Fields	Present	Mallory	Present

Also in attendance was Police Chief Mayhew, Park Director Mallory, 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 November 20, 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 Councilwoman Fields and seconded by Councilman Mensch, the consent agenda was approved.

There were no public or community organization speakers.

The Mayor commended council for a year of hard work and city staff for keeping the office afloat and operating smoothly.

Police Chief Mayhew provided a written report. Chief Mayhew reported: Incident reports – 28; Misdemeanors – 4; Felonies – 4; Warrant arrest –2; Domestic – 2; Miscellaneous reports – 11; Agency assist – 0; MVC – 3; Juvenile – 1; CIT – 1; Dog bite – 1; Traffic Summons – 15; Traffic Warning – 21. For Codes/Animal Control: Codes cases – 1; Animal At Large/ License – 1; Vicious Animal – 1; Nuisance – 2; Business – 1; Illegal burn – 0. He also stated that the department has the Blue Shield items in process, and that the new officers have begun their training.

Fire Chief Wakeman provided a written report. Chief Wakeman reported: Fire incidents – 3; Rescue/EMS incidents – 9. The average response time for all calls – 6 minutes, 43 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 lights for Christmas in the Park have been put up at the park and downtown park. Christmas in the Park did not have a great turnout, but the ones who did come seemed to have a great time. Lights and decorations are on track to be taken down in February.

Councilman Mensch, as the BPW liaison, reported that the contract with Clearwater Solutions will not be ready until after the first of the new year.

Councilman Fields reported for Budget, Finance & Administration Committee. Ms. Fields stated that the committee did not have a meeting this month and mentioned that the Merit Board has interviewed three officers who did get hired.

Councilman Miller reported for Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Miller stated that the committee continue to have discussions about the stormwater detention pond and 14th Street culvert work. The street barn project has received two quotes for a new building, no decision has been made.

Councilman Pemberton reported for Public Safety Committee. Mr. Pemberton stated that the committee discussed the options to send the Police Chief to command college.

Councilman Mensch reported for Public Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Mensch stated that the Lake Working Group has been researching ways to add electricity to the pavilion and has a bid from Electric Co-op in the amount of \$8,500. The next kite festival is currently set for May 2nd, and they have begun fundraisers – memorial benches for around the lake.

Councilwoman Mallory reported for Economic, Industrial, and Community Development Committee. Ms. Mallory stated that the committee is working on pricing for the Industrial Park, as the city is looking to begin selling the land.

Mayor Briscoe then brought the body’s attention to Resolution No. R25-42 Amber Pemberton to Treasurer 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 Pemberton abstained from voting.

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 Councilman Mensch and a second by Councilman Miller, 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 Councilwoman Mallory, 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. 11-01-25 Chapter 34 amendment 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 7:16PM.

Council Approved: _____

Ray Briscoe, Mayor

Sarah Claxton, City Clerk