

**MINUTES OF THE HOLDENVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2024**

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Lori Babb	Present	Ron Thetford – Mayor Present
Don Merriman – Vice Mayor	Present	Matt Peters- City Attorney Present
Mike Dockrey	Present	Shawn Grizzle– Clerk Present
Thereasa Barkhimer – City Manager	Present	Larry Mitchell – Present

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present by Mayor Ron Thetford.

After the flag salute led by Mayor Ron Thetford, the invocation was given by Waylon Ford.

A motion was made by councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by councilmember Mike Dockrey to approve the Holdenville City Council minutes from November 19, 2024, and claims from November 2024. A motion was made by Councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by councilmember Don Merriman to hold Treasure report out for more information.

**AYES:** Councilmember Mike Dockrey, Councilmember Lori Babb, Mayor Ron Thetford, and Vice Mayor Don Merriman.

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made after more discussion by Councilmember Lori Babb and seconded by Councilmember Don Merriman to approve the treasure report.

**AYES:** Vice Mayor Don Merriman, Councilmember Lori Babb, Councilmember Mike Dockrey, and Mayor Ron Thetford.

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Lori Babb and seconded by Councilmember Don Merriman to approve the City Council dates for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

**AYES:** Vice Mayor Don Merriman, Councilmember Mike Dockrey, Councilmember Lori Babb, and Mayor Ron Thetford.

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Lori Babb and seconded by Councilmember Don Merriman to approve the 2025 list of Holidays.

**AYES:** Vice Mayor Don Merriman, Councilmember Mike Dockrey,  
Councilmember Lori Babb and Mayor Ron Thetford.

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A Discussion and possible action to turn the old storage building at cemetery into a columbarium for cremains was table until next City Council agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lori Babb and seconded by Councilmember Don Merriman to approve the mayor, City manager and all City Council members to authorize items to be placed on council agenda

**AYES:** Councilmember Mike Dockrey, Lori Babb, Don Merriman and Ron  
Thetford.

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Mike Dockrey and seconded by Councilmember Don Merriman to approve Resolution #12032024-1 notice of election setting filing period for Ward 2 unexpired term expiring in 2027, and four (4) year term expiring in 2029 for WARD 3, Ward 4 and at Large Councilmember. The filing period shall begin 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025, and close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

**AYES:** Councilmember Mike Dockrey, Lori Babb, Don Merriman and Ron  
Thetford.

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

No action taken to approve bids for repairs to the Holdenville Lake house, the Council would like more bids and add kitchen remodel.

A motion was made by Councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by Councilmember Lori Babb to approve the Kiwanis Club fundraiser for a community drive- in movie at the Baptist Point at Holdenville Lake. The fundraiser would be for approximately 50 vehicles and a potential blow-up bounce house.

**AYES:** Councilmember Mike Dockrey, Lori Babb, Don Merriman and Ron Thetford.

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by Councilmember Mike Dockrey to approve the purchase of a John Deere Model 2950 SER-670505 with trade in of a John Deere Model 5410 SER LV54103243259 for a total cost of \$13,000.00 for the street department.

**AYES:** Councilmember Mike Dockrey, Lori Babb, Don Merriman and Ron Thetford.

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by Councilmember Mike Dockrey to go into executive session to discuss default judgment against the City of Holdenville.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mike Dockrey and seconded by Councilmember Lori Babb to come out of Executive Session.

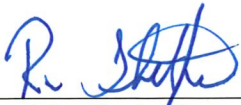
A motion was made by Councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by Councilmember Lori Babb to approve paying default judgment against the City of Holdenville.

**AYES:** Councilmember Mike Dockrey, Lori Babb, Don Merriman and Ron Thetford.

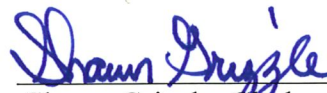
**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

Upon no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Ron Thetford, Mayor



Shawn Grizzle, Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE HOLDENVILLE INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD  
ON DECEMBER 3, 2024, AT THE HOLDENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 209 E. 9<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET, HOLDENVILLE, OK.**

**TRUSTEES**

Lori Babb	Present	Ron Thetford – Chairman	Present
Ward 2	Vacant	Don Merriman – Vice Chairman	Present
Mike Dockrey	Present	Matt Peters- City Attorney	Present
		Theresa Barkhimer– City Manager	Present
		Shawn Grizzle- Secretary	Present

The Meeting was called to order at 7:53 p.m.

Roll was called and a quorum was declared to be present by Chairman Ron Thetford.

The Motion was made by Trustee Lori Babb and seconded by Trustee Mike Dockrey to approve the Holdenville Industrial Authority minutes from November 19, 2024, claims and Treasurer report for November 2024.

**AYES:** Trustees Thetford, Dockrey, Merriman and Babb.

**NAYS:** None

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by Councilmember Lori Babb to approve appointing Patricia Roberts to the Holdenville Housing Authority to replace John Horning as the Resident Board of Commissioner for a (4) four-year term.

**AYES:** Trustees Thetford, Babb, Merriman and Dockrey.

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Trustee Mike Dockrey and seconded by Councilmember Don Merriman to approve The Holdenville Industrial Authority meetings for fiscal year 2024-2025.

**AYES:** Trustees Thetford, Merriman, Dockrey and Babb.

**NAYS:** None

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by Councilmember Lori Babb to approve Budget Amendment #7 to transfer \$2,925.00 from account 21-541-992 for unforeseen expenses at the Davis Work Center.

**AYES:** Trustees Thetford, Merriman, Dockrey and Babb.

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by Councilmember Mike Dockrey to approve Budget Amendment number #8 to transfer in \$2,925.00 to account 22-4922 to increase revenue and account 22-565-220 to increase appropriations for unforeseen expenses at the David Work Center.

**AYES:** Trustees Thetford, Merriman, Dockrey and Babb.

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

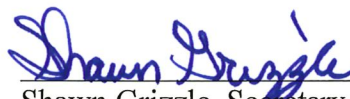
There were no staff reports.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



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Ron Thetford, Chairman



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Shawn Grizzle, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE HOLDENVILLE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY  
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Lori Babb- Present  
Don Merriman – Vice Mayor Present  
Mike Dockrey- Present

Ron Thetford – Mayor Present  
Theresa Barkhimer- City Manager  
Jennifer Hudson - Secretary  
Matt Peters – City Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present by Mayor Ron Thetford.

A Motion was made by Trustee Mike Dockrey and seconded by Trustee Lori Babb to approve the Holdenville Hospital Authority minutes from October 15, 2024.

**AYES:** Councilmember Lori Babb, Mike Dockrey, Mayor Ron Thetford, and Vice Mayor Don Merriman.

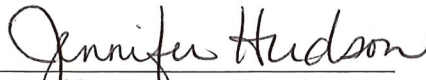
**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

Stephen Stewart gave the financial report for November 2024. Finances for October were down. Gross revenue was down with expenses remaining up. Bottom line went negative. The month of October was a soft month overall. HGH Clinics participated in two (2) health fairs at Wetumka and Wewoka. HGH received a Performance Leader Award for Quality and has received this award every year since 2018.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
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Ron Thetford, Mayor

  
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Jennifer Hudson, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE HOLDENVILLE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING  
HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2024, AT THE HOLDENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 209 E.  
9<sup>TH</sup> STREET, HOLDENVILLE, OK.**

**TRUSTEES**

Lori Babb	Present	Ron Thetford – Chairman	Present
Ward 2	Vacant	Don Merriman – Vice Chairman	Present
Mike Dockrey	Present	Shawn Grizzle – Secretary	Present
		Theresa Barkhimer – City Manager	Present
		Matt Peters – City Attorney	Present

The meeting was called to order at 7:57 p.m. by Mayor Thetford who declared a quorum was present.

Motion was made by Trustee Lori Babb and seconded by Trustee Don Merriman to approve the Minutes of the Holdenville Public Works Authority meeting held on December 3, 2024, and approval of the claims and treasurer report for December 2024.

**AYES:** Trustees Thetford, Merriman, Babb Thetford, and Dockrey.

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Trustee Don Merriman and seconded by Trustee Mike Dockrey to approve the Holdenville Public Works Authority meeting for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

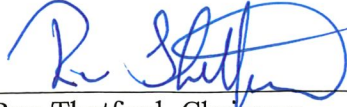
**AYES:** Councilmember Mike Dockrey, Lori Babb, Don Merriman and Ron Thetford.

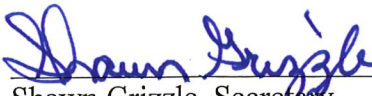
**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

Under staff reports- Theresa Barkhimer updated Trustee on progress on sewer/manholes, we have been able to check 160 manholes with the Rat that OMAG loaned us.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was declared adjourned 8:30 p.m.

  
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Ron Thetford, Chairman

  
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Shawn Grizzle, Secretary