

**MINUTES OF THE HOLDENVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2024**

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Lori Babb	Present	Ron Thetford – Mayor Present
Don Merriman – Vice Mayor	Present	Matt Peters- City Attorney Present
Mike Dockrey	Present	Jennifer Hudson–Asst. Secretary Present
Thereasa Barkhimer – City Manager	Present	Larry Mitchell – City Manager Consultant

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 Jim Thetford.

A motion was made by councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by councilmember Mike Dockrey to approve the Holdenville City Council minutes from December 3, 2024, claims and Treasurer's report from December 2024.

**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 to approve demolition bids by Lori Babb and seconded by Councilmember Don Merriman as listed.

a. 911 East 7 <sup>th</sup> -Triple J	\$3,150.00
b. 405 South Bullitt- Daivd Morgan	\$4,525.00
c. 224 East Cypress- Triple J	\$3,250.00
d. 200 North Herrod- David Morgan	\$4,100.00

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

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was held on possibly approving turning the old storage building at the cemetery into a columbarium for cremains, was tabled.

**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 L-shape access from street. The owner of property 108 South Oak will pay to have it repoured.

**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 Don Merriman and seconded by Councilmember Lori Babb to approve items for surplus as listed below.

- a. 60" Hustler mower ser#9996016302N Model #930537
- b. 1990 Chevy Dump Truck Vin #1GBJ70186LV101574
- c. 72" Hustler Ser#10031333 Model #928911A

**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 Lori Babb to approve the purchase of a 60" mower for the Holdenville Street Department.

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

**NAYES:** None.

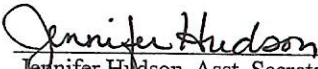
**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

Under Staff report City Manager Theresa Barkhimer thanked the Chamber and volunteers for Holdenville Christmas Parade. Also, wanted to thank Jim Thetford and his crew, office staff and Fire Dept. for helping with float. Christmas party for employees from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, December 20, 2024. The cyber-security grant has been awarded.

New Business - Water bill landfill business will be brought to next City Council meeting

Upon no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

  
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Ron Thetford, Mayor

  
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Jennifer Hudson, Asst. Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE HOLDENVILLE INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD  
ON DECEMBER 17, 2024, AT THE HOLDENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 209 E. 9<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET, HOLDENVILLE, OK.**

**TRUSTEES**

Lori Babb Present  
Ward 2 Vacant  
Mike Dockrey Present

Ron Thetford – Chairman Present  
Don Merriman – Vice Chairman Present  
Matt Peters- City Attorney Present  
Theresa Barkhimer– City Manager Present  
Jennifer Hudson- Asst. Secretary

Present

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

The Motion was made by Trustee Mike Dockrey and seconded by Trustee Lori Babb to approve the Holdenville Industrial Authority minutes from December 3, 2024.

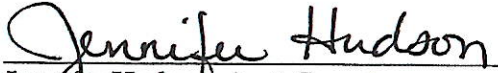
**AYES:** Trustees Thetford, Dockrey, Merriman and Babb.

**NAYS:** None

There were no staff reports.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

  
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Ron Thetford, Chairman

  
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Jennifer Hudson, Asst. Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE HOLDENVILLE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING  
HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 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	Jennifer Hudson – Asst. Secretary	Present
Larry Mitchell-City Manager Consultant		Theresa Barkhimer – City Manager	Present
		Matt Peters – City Attorney	Present

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, Trustees Babb, and Dockrey.

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Trustee Lori Babb and seconded by Vice Chairman Don Merriman to approve M.O.U. obligation SLFRF/ARPA Fund in the amount of \$965,333.15 for the proposed Holdenville 2024 Water/Lake Transfer Project.

**AYES:** Trustee Mike Dockrey, Lori Babb, Vice Chairman Don Merriman and Chairman Ron Thetford.

**NAYES:** None

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Trustee Don Merriman and seconded by Trustee Mike Dockrey to accept the Annual Dam Inspection Reports prepared by CEC.

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

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

Discussed possibly approving bids for Holdenville Lake repairs. Chair Ron Thetford recommended a remodel instead of just using "lipstick". Would need a general contractor to give bid, City manager Theresa Barkhimer will search for a general contractor.

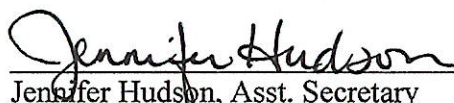
Under Staff Reports- Location manholes will hopefully be completed in two (2) weeks. OMAG suggested sealing manholes, and they are getting an estimate for that.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was declared adjourned 7:32p.m.



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Ron Thetford, Chairman



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Jennifer Hudson, Asst. Secretary