

**MINUTES OF THE HOLDENVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON MARCH 4, 2025  
AT THE HOLDENVILLE LIBRARY 209 E. 9<sup>TH</sup>  
HOLDENVILLE, OK**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

The flag salute and invocation led by Mayor Ron Thetford.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Don Merriman and seconded by council member Mike Dockrey to approve the Holdenville City Council minutes from February 4, 2025, claims and Treasurer's report from February 2025.

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

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was held regarding Holdenville city health insurance and options of coverage.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

A motion was made by Council member Lori Babb and seconded by Vice Mayor Don Merriman to approve the city operating the pool and allow organizations to operate the concession stand.

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

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Don Merriman and seconded by Council member Lori Babb to get another bid for library tabled to March 18, 2025, council meeting.

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

**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Council member Lori Babb and seconded by Vice Mayor Don Merriman to approve 2024-2025 REAP fund 04 contract for asphalt overlay, covering East Commerce intersection of Burns & E 12<sup>th</sup>, Grimes from Country Club to Warren, West 10<sup>th</sup> from Cemetery to Poplar, West 9<sup>th</sup> from Echo to from HWY 48 TO 8<sup>th</sup>, W 8<sup>th</sup> from Cypress to Poplar W 2<sup>ND</sup> from Echo to Creek. Broadway, Intersection of Oak & E 10<sup>th</sup>, Thomas from Oak to Gulf, Gulf from Thomas to Scott, Gulf from Scott to W 2<sup>nd</sup>, Allen from Creek to Broadway, E. 10<sup>th</sup> from Bullet to Burns, Cypress

**AYES:** Vice Mayor Don Merriman, Council member Mike Dockrey,  
Council member Lori Babb and Mayor Ron Thetford.  
**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Council member Lori Babb and seconded by Council member Mike Dockrey to approve as written, Resolution #20042025-1, authorizing issuance, sale and delivery of its clean water SRF promissory note to the Oklahoma Water Resource Board, ratifying and confirming lease(s) pertaining to the leasing of the utility systems of the city to the authority and/or authorizing the execution of an amended lease(s) between the city and the authority pertaining to said utility systems and containing other provisions related thereto.

**AYES:** Council member Mike Dockrey, Vice Mayor Don Merriman, Council member Lori Babb, and Mayor Ron Thetford.  
**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Council member Lori Babb and seconded by Vice mayor Don Merriman to approve/delegate Credential Theresa Barkhimer to Oklahoma Rural Water Association. The second motion was made by Council member Mike Dockrey and second by Council member Don Merriman to approve/delegate Matt Peters as Alternate.

**AYES:** Council member Mike Dockrey, Council member Lori Babb, Vice Mayor Merriman and Mayor Ron Thetford.  
**NAYES:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Council member Mike Dockrey and seconded by Council member Lori Babb to remove Tammy Apala from all bank accounts and add to all bank accounts Vice Mayor Don Merriman and payroll clerk Jennifer Hudson for secondary signature on accounts.

**AYES:** Council member Mike Dockrey, Vice Mayor Don Merriman, Mayor Ron Thetford and Council member Lori Babb.  
**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

Upon no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

  
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Ron Thetford, Mayor

  
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Shawn Grizzle, Secretary

**MINUTES FROM THE HOLDENVILLE INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY MEETING  
WHEN IT MET ON MARCH 4, 2025, AT THE HOLDENVILLE LIBRARY 209 E. 9<sup>TH</sup>  
HOLDENVILLE, OKLAHOMA**

**TRUSTEE**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:53 p.m. by Mayor Ron Thetford who declared a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Trustee Don Merriman and seconded by Trustee Mike Dockrey to approve the minutes of the Holdenville Industrial Authority meeting held on February 18, 2025.

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

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Trustee Mike Dockrey and seconded by Vice Mayor Don Merriman after reviewing perspective bids to approve the bid by Jarrett Construction in the amount of \$18,780.00 and 120 days to be completed depending on the weather to replace the roof at the airport terminal.

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

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Trustee Lori Babb and seconded by Trustee Mike Dockrey to approve application and certificate for payment #2 (project AIP 3-40-0041-010-2024).

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

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

There being no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Ron Thetford, Mayor



Shawn Grizzle, Secretary



**MINUTES FROM THE HOLDENVILLE PUBLIC WORKS MEETING WHEN IT MET  
ON MARCH 4, 2025, AT THE HOLDENVILLE LIBRARY 209 E. 9<sup>TH</sup> HOLDENVILLE,  
OKLAHOMA**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Lori Babb	Present	Shawn Grizzle- Secretary	Present
Mike Dockrey	Present	Theresa Barkhimer- City Manager	Present
Ron Thetford - Mayor	Present	Matt Peters- City Attorney-	Present
Don Merriman- Vice Mayor	Present		

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. by Mayor Ron Thetford who declared a quorum was present.

A motion was made by councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by Councilmember Lori Babb to approve the minutes of the Holdenville Public Works Authority meeting held on February 4, 2025, and approve the claims for February 2025.

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

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Lori Babb and seconded by Councilmember Don Merriman to approve the construction contract for the Holdenville TO#15-CDBG WWTP Interim Improvements project be awarded to S20 Contracting LLC, including all base bid proposal items for total contract amount \$865,392.55.

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

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Don Merriman and seconded by Councilmember Lori Babb to approve the Oklahoma PWA and the Oklahoma Rural Water Association in the amount of \$36,000.

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

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Lori Babb and seconded by Councilmember Mike Dockrey to approve as written Resolution #2042025-2 Financial Assistance through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program; approving and authorizing clean water SRF Funding from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in the total aggregate principal amount of \$1,500,000.00 and authorized the execution of a funding agreement.

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

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Lori Babb and seconded by Councilmember Don Merriman to approve the Municipal Advisor Services Agreement with Baker Group striking line eight (8).

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

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Lori Babb and seconded by Councilmember Don Merriman to approve the agreement for Bond Counsel and Issuer Counsel Services.

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

**NAYS:** None.

**UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

There being no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52p.m.



Ron Thetford, Mayor



Shawn Grizzle, Secretary