

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2014 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 19, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Walter Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Goodell, Sleiter, Rusher, Davis. Council Member absent: Scholl.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Davis to approve the agenda as printed. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 regular Council Meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

No public input comments were made.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService reviewed the PeopleService reports for May. He reported that 2 main breaks have been repaired, showing a drop in overall water usage. There may be more leaks yet unfound, and he will have a leak professional come to check for more. The well side of the new water plant has been up and running for a week and seems to be running smoothly. They are dialing in the chemical treatment and repairing clarifiers at the wastewater treatment plant. Recent storms have showed that the generator works smoothly when the power goes out.

This being the time and place for the public hearing on the matter of the proposed vacation and subsequent conveyance of a parcel of land known as Knight's Boulevard, Blackbird First Addition, City of Humboldt, State of Iowa, Mayor Jensen resumed the public hearing at 5:37 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the proposed vacation, conveyance, and total bid of \$9,000 received from the adjacent landowners Ben Nedved (\$2,598.63), Leroy Witzel (\$4,745.05), Scott Becker (\$828.35), and Lance DeWinter (\$828.35). The offer was contingent on the City of Humboldt resolving the issues of grade, washout, and seeding not yet completed from the construction of Eagle Ridge. Upon sale of the property, no abstract will be completed, but a quit claim deed will be provided and the legal fees will be paid by the buyers. The City Administrator stated a full width utility easement will be established before the transfer is completed.

There were no oral or written comments or objections to the proposed sale of land.

There being no more comments or objections on the matter of the proposed vacation and subsequent conveyance of a parcel of land known as Knight's Boulevard, Blackbird First Addition, City of Humboldt, State of Iowa, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:39 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget Amendment, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:40 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the proposed budget amendment, which included a net increase in budgeted revenues of \$4,796,000 and a net increase in expenditures of \$4,178,535. The majority of the amendment is due to unbudgeted capital projects and expenses like the repairs to the Humboldt Aquatic Center.

There were no oral or written comments or objections to the proposed amendment.

There being no more comments or objections on the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget Amendment, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:42 PM.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve a request for a street closure and a waiver for vendor fees from the Humboldt & Dakota City Chamber of Commerce for the Downtown Sounds event on Friday, June 6, 2014. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, second by Davis to approve a request for a street closure and a waiver for vendor fees from the Humboldt Area Arts Council for the 2014 Arts Festival event on Saturday, June 14, 2014. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve a request for a street closure for the Three Rivers Running Club for the 2014 4th of July 5k run down Sumner Avenue. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed possible action on flashing signal repairs on 5th Street North at Taft School. The first option was to replace the existing box and light with a 12" LED light for \$1,039.90, and the second option was to put in a flashing LED stop sign for \$9,309.90. There were some concerns about east-bound traffic not being able to tell when the sign was in operation, causing a safety hazard.

The Council directed staff to procure a price for an all-direction signal to be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

The Council discussed possible action on the water plant roof ponding issue and the proposal by Cowan Roofing for repairing said issue. The Council commented on the increased wear on the roof that ice will cause, and the possibility of injuries and insurance claims due to the safety issue ice causes. The bid of \$10,930 was deemed fair, and the fix would not void the warranty already in place on the roof.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to accept the bid from Cowan Roofing to repair the water plant roof for \$10,930. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to accept the terms of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Administrative Consent Order as amended for the Water Treatment Plant Renovation Project (Public Water Supply Facility No. 4641064) and to authorize the Mayor to sign the aforementioned Order. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed preliminary plans for the sealcoating project. David Doxtad from I & S Group presented the proposed project schedule. Approval for plans and specifications, and set date for bid letting and hearing to review bids received will take place at the June 2, 2014 Council Meeting.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-55: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF PLATTED KNIGHT’S BOULEVARD AND ACCEPTING AN OFFER FROM ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS TO PURCHASE SAID PROPERTY WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS: A PARCEL OF LAND BEING KNIGHT’S BOULEVARD AS SHOWN ON BLACKBIRD FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, IOWA AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY RECORDER IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 1, PAGE 311.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Goodell, Sleiter, Rusher, Davis. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-56: “A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Rusher, Davis, Goodell. Motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Davis to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-57: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY FOR PAYMENT UNDER IOWA CODE SECTION 403.19.” (Eagle Ridge Subdivision)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Rusher, Davis, Goodell, Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-58: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY FOR PAYMENT UNDER IOWA CODE SECTION 403.19.” (Downtown Demolition/Landscaping Projects)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Rusher, Davis, Goodell, Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-59: “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS TO 605 SUMNER AVENUE, HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Goodell, Sleiter, Rusher. Abstain – Davis. Motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-60: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 WITH INDUSTRIAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY, INC. OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA FOR THE

HUMBOLDT WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FOR A NET INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$37,402.55.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Sleiter, Rusher, Davis, Goodell. Motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Davis to approve the second reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, SECTION 16, PERTAINING TO CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Rusher, Davis, Goodell, Sleiter. Motion carried.

The Council tabled action on the following proposed ordinance until deemed necessary: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 65 PERTAINING TO STOP REQUIRED AND FOUR-WAY STOP REQUIRED.”

Motion by Goodell, Second by Davis to approve the first reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 92, SECTION 02, BY PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF BULK WATER.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Rusher, Davis, Goodell, Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the first reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 92, SECTION 03, PERTAINING TO RATES FOR FIRE PROTECTION.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Davis, Goodell, Sleiter, Rusher. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Davis to approve the first reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 106, SECTION 06, PERTAINING TO SANITATION COLLECTION AND LANDFILL FEES.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Goodell, Sleiter, Rusher, Davis. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the first reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 99, SECTION 02, PERTAINING TO SANITARY SEWER RENTAL RATES.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Rusher, Davis, Goodell. Motion carried.

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Updated the Council on the Sumner Avenue Bridge project. The demolition is complete, with the causeways built. He stated the City met the Topeka Shiner deadline set by the DNR and the project should have no foreseeable delays. The City Administrator stated the Zinnel house demolition is proceeding and the new water plant is operational, with water usage up as per usual for the season. Code enforcement for lawn lengths is proceeding, as the tickets should be ready by the time the first letters come due. Mayor - asked for an update on bringing the water tower offline. There is no schedule set yet as the relocation of a water line over the river needs to be addressed first.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Sleiter to schedule Monday, June 2, 2014 at 5:30 PM as the date and time for the next regular meeting of the Humboldt City Council and to adjourn this session at 6:28 PM. Vote: (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____

Kerri Mertz, Administrative Assistant

