

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2014 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 4, 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, Scholl, Rusher, and Davis.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the agenda as printed. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the minutes of July 21, 2014 regular Council Meeting and the August 1, 2014 special Council Meeting. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report and the July Treasurer's Report. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Scholl, Second by Davis to approve the claims for July. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Councilman Sleiter read a joint statement from the Council as follows: "We, the members of the Humboldt City Council, hereby publicly express our strong disapproval of the actions of Mayor Jensen with respect to the criminal charges currently pending against him in Polk County. His conduct has put the City of Humboldt and the City Council in an embarrassing position. We hope that the Mayor will take a hard look at whether this situation compromises his ability to effectively carry out the duties of his office. The citizens of Humboldt should be aware that the City Council is mindful of its legal position with respect to this issue, and will continue to monitor the situation."

The Mayor then apologized to the Council and to the citizens of Humboldt.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve a street closure request from Matt Dominick for a block party on 11th Avenue SW on Saturday August 9th. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Davis to approve the renewal of a Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service Area, and Sunday Sales Privilege for Larry Davidson, d/b/a Rustix Restaurant and Reception. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-90: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2 FROM HOVEY CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF FORT DODGE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,085.15 FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT."

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-91: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2 FROM BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,845.17 FOR THE 2014 SEVENTH AVENUE SOUTH SUBDIVISION WATER MAIN AND STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-92: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MUTUAL AID FIRE/RESCUE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF HUMBOLDT AND FORT DODGE.”

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Davis to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-93: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 4 FROM GODBERSON-SMITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,640.00 FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.”

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

Motion by _____, Second by _____ to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-94: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 WITH INDUSTRIAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY, INC. OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA FOR THE HUMBOLDT WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FOR A NET DECREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE OF \$18,886.95.”

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

The Council discussed Pay Estimate No. 25 from Industrial Process Technology, and directed staff to withhold \$70,000 again from the payment to account for possible liquidated damages. The original pay request was \$102,216.25.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-95: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 25 FROM INDUSTRIAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY, INC. OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$32,216.25 FOR THE 2012 HUMBOLDT WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Reported that a safety inspection of City facilities by IMWCA staff went well. A short list of recommendations for safety improvements will be addressed. He also announced that union negotiations with the police department will begin soon.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to schedule Monday, August 18, 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 5:56 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk