

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2015 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday January 12, 2015 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, and Rusher. Absent: Davis.

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 regular Council Meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the December Treasurer's Report and the Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Rusher to approve the claims for December. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to designate the *Humboldt Independent Newspaper* as the City of Humboldt's official newspaper. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Cheryl Rhead addressed the Council on behalf of the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation. She presented a summary of the HCHDC's past accomplishments and projects for 2014, including the development of the Eagle Ridge Addition, the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant program, the Building Trades program, and the Seventh Avenue South Addition. She requested \$7,500 in funding for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Sleiter to approve a 5-Day Class C Liquor License for the Humboldt County Memorial Hospital Foundation (effective dates January 15-20, 2015). (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the renewal of a Class C Native Wine Permit and Sunday Sales Privilege for Candace Robinson and Renae Dreyer, d/b/a Humboldt Engraving & Gifts. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve a funding request by the Humboldt-Dakota City Chamber of Commerce for \$3,500 for the July 2015 fireworks. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the submittal of an application and funding of incentives from the TIF-LMI and Cable TV funds for the Home Base Iowa program. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed instituting Development Agreement policies for expansions and renovations of existing businesses. Traditionally, development agreements have been issued for facility expansions involving a change in actual building footprint. There are a couple of businesses proposing major interior renovations which will result in increased valuations, and it was the

consensus of the Council that these types of projects should also be eligible for a tax rebate incentive.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Scholl to approve the renewal of a Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales Privilege for Casey's Marketing Company, d/b/a Casey's General Store #51. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the renewal of a Class E Liquor License for Fareway Stores, Inc., d/b/a Fareway Store #703. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-01: "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT AND SPECIFYING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE DEPOSITS."

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-02: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 4 FROM SANDE CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138,829.71 FOR THE HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT CONVENTIONAL HANGAR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-03: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL ASSESSMENT PLAT AND SCHEDULE FOR THE 2013-2014 WATER/SEWER SERVICE LINE REPAIR ASSESSMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF LIENS FOR THOSE ASSESSMENTS NOT PAID WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY TREASURER AT A RATE OF 4% ANNUALLY UNTIL PAID IN FULL."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-04: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 8 FROM GODBERSON-SMITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,042.05 FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-05: "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A UNIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT TAX LEVY AND CONFIRMING INFORMATION AND BALLOT PROVISIONS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS FOR THE PROPOSED ELECTION ON

THE ISSUE OF ESTABLISHING A UNIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT TAX LEVY IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Informed the Council that the fire protection rates for the townships and cities of Dakota City and Rutland will not increase this year; a two-year contract will be sent to each entity. He also announced that Street Department crews are working on clearing the ice and snow on the streets. The Parks Department will purchase a stump grinder with capital projects money originally budgeted for a mower, which ended up costing less than planned. He also updated the Council on the water plant renovation. Goodell – Asked about the two vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, January 19, 2015 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 6:35 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk