

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2015 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Pro Tem Darrell Rusher called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Goodell, Sleiter, Scholl, Rusher, and Davis. Absent: Mayor Jensen.

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Davis to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 regular Council Meeting and the February 20, 2015 special Council Meeting. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the claims for February. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget, Mayor Pro Tem Rusher opened the public hearing at 5:34 PM.

City Administrator Aaron Burnett reviewed some of the main points in the budget: utility rates will be increased as follows – \$1 per month in the garbage fee, 6% for sewer rates, and 1.3% for water rates. There are fewer capital projects scheduled, as several major projects are still unfinished. If the Unified Law Enforcement Levy is not approved by voters, a couple of equipment purchases will need to be postponed.

The City Clerk reported that the total revenues budgeted for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 are \$9,587,245; total expenditures are \$9,849,290. The proposed levy this year is \$17.33046.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator or Council, and no written comments or objections were received. There being no more comments or objections from the general public in attendance on the proposed FY 2015-2016 Budget, Mayor Pro Tem Rusher closed the public hearing at 5:40 PM.

Joe Hadar presented plans for the proposed Sumner Avenue Bridge Veteran's Memorial. The memorial will include stone plaques with the insignias of five branches of the armed services as well as a plaque commemorating the American Legion and the VFW chapters in Humboldt County. Additional plaques will acknowledge the project donors as well as City leaders at the time the bridge is completed. Hadar stated that preliminary quotes received for the project are within the budget.

Scott Sweet from WHKS provided an update on the Sumner Avenue Bridge Construction Project. He reviewed the background of the project, and the construction timeline to date. The original plan included 110 working days and a project end date of September 19, 2014, but weather and other construction delays have resulted in an extension of the estimated completion to mid-June, 2015.

WHKS staff members are required to be on the site for all work days, and the cost for this is approximately \$1,100 per day. The City may recoup some of this cost with a liquidated damages claim against the contractor with a Change Order when the project nears completion.

The City Administrator reported that Mayor Jensen has requested that his compensation as Mayor be paid to Mayor Pro Tem Rusher for the duration of his temporary leave of absence.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Scholl to approve the compensation of the Mayor Pro Tem for the duration of the Mayor's absence, in accordance with Chapter 16.04 the Code of Ordinances of the City of Humboldt. (4) Ayes, (1) abstention (Rusher). Motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Davis to approve the renewal of a Special Class C Liquor License (Beer/Wine) and Outdoor Service Privilege for Caribbean Coffee, LLC. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Davis, Second by Goodell to approve the renewal of a Class C Liquor License and Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales Privilege for Gary P. Stattelman, d/b/a Frank's Knotty Pine. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Scholl to approve the renewal of a Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales Privilege for Kum & Go LC, d/b/a Kum & Go #564. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-12: "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MAYOR PRO TEM, THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, AND THE CITY CLERK AS SIGNATORS ON SPECIFIC CITY BANK ACCOUNTS."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-13: "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND ESTIMATED ANNUAL SALARIES FOR HOURLY CITY EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 WITH PAYMENT OF SUCH TO OCCUR OVER 26 PAY PERIODS COMMENCING JULY 1, 2015."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-14: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 6 FROM SANDE CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,173.40 FOR THE HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT CONVENTIONAL HANGAR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-15: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOINT COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FORT DODGE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-16: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 10 FROM GODBERSON-SMITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,792.20 FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-17: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA AND THE CHAUFFEURS, TEAMSTERS AND HELPERS LOCAL UNION NO. 238 FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE HUMBOLDT POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2019."

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

Motion by Scholl, Second by Davis to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-18: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR EXTRA SERVICES TO WHKS & CO. OF MASON CITY, IOWA FOR DESIGN CHANGES AND ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED SUMNER AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT.”

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

The City Attorney has recommended the appointment of an alternate Mayor Pro Tem to serve in the event Mayor Pro Tem Rusher cannot. Councilman Sleiter agreed to serve in that capacity.

Motion by Scholl, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-19: “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE MAYOR PRO TEM.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Reminded the Council that the polls will be open tomorrow at City Hall from Noon until 8:00 PM for the vote on the Unified Law Enforcement Levy. He also reminded residents of the requirements for clearing snow and ice accumulations from sidewalks. Scholl – Asked about the repairs on Channel 12 equipment. The new computer has arrived and needs to be installed with the help of Alpha Video staff.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to schedule Monday, March 16, 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 6:37 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Darrell Rusher, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk