

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST, 17 2015 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday August 17, 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, Rusher, and Davis.

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the minutes of the Aug 3, 2015 regular Council Meeting. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Davis to approve the July Treasurer's Report. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService, Inc. presented the July PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on the digester lid project. Grundman Hicks will be getting started soon. Some repairs were done to the spring side pump at the Water Treatment Plant. He said they are continuing to install radio read meters.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, estimated cost, and bids received for the construction of the Eagle Ridge Addition – Phase II, Mayor Jensen opens the public hearing at 5:35 PM.

The City Administrator reported that two bids were received for the project, including:

	<u>Base Bid</u>
• Wunsch Construction, Greene, IA	\$406,153.80
• Hurst & Sons Contractors, Inc. Waterloo, IA	\$389,999.00

The engineer's estimate for the project was \$352,906.00 for the base bid.

Hurst & Sons Contractors, Inc. of Waterloo, IA was the low bidder, coming in with a bid \$37,093 more than the engineer's estimate. David Doxtad of I&S was present to explain the bid tabulation to the Council and answer some questions as to why the cost might have been \$37,093 higher than the engineers estimate. Doxtad thinks the sanitary sewer portion of the project is what is driving the cost up because the water lines are already installed and the sanitary will actually go below them. Sleiter and Scholl asked about the possibility of tax abatements being offered for this area. Burnett said the abatements are offered on the north side of the Eagle Ridge Drive but not on the south side. The south portion was not part of the original development and would need to be added. Burnett also stated this project is not currently included in the South Residential Urban Renewal Area but the amendment is in the process to add it. Burnett recommended the Council table the approval of the Resolution No. 2015-66 in order to gather more information and wait for the Urban Renewal Area amendment to be approved. Doxtad advised the Council they have sixty days to actually accept the bid, but that the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for the project should be approved now, as stated in Resolution No. 2015-66.

There being no more comments or objections on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, estimated cost, and bids received for the construction of the Eagle Ridge Addition – Phase II, Mayor Jensen closes the public hearing at 6:14 PM. (Resolution No. 2015-66)

Motion by Goodell, Second by Davis to approve a new 5-day Class B Beer Permit for Mary Mulligan, d/b/a Midwest Polka Fest. (September 4-9) (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve a new Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service Area, and Sunday Sales Privilege for Cinco de Mayo Humboldt Inc., d/b/a Cinco de Mayo. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Davis to approve an ownership change and the renewal of a Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit (Carryout Wine), and Sunday Sales Privilege for Shopko Stores Operating Co., LLC d/b/a Shopko Hometown #664. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve a street closure request from the RVTV organizers for September 9th. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve donation of \$500.00 for the RVTV Iowa/Iowa State downtown event. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve naming the Downtown Plaza “Parley Finch Plaza.” (4) Ayes, (1) Nay (Sleiter), motion carried.

A discussion regarding the potential use of the old fire station for a daycare facility. The Council had some questions about renovation cost and how the daycare would be funded. Burnett said Tax Increment Financing, Revolving Loan Fund and USDA funds might all be options for some funding. Burnett said with the support of the Council he would have engineers from I&S take a look at what the project will cost and report back to them before any further action.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Davis to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-66 as amended: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND FORM OF CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAGLE RIDGE ADDITION – PHASE II 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. 2015-67: “A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES OF A CONSULTATION AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE SOUTH RESIDENTIAL URBAN RENEWAL PLAN IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF IOWA.”

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

Motion by Rusher, 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 65 PERTAINING TO STOP

REQUIRED AND FOUR-WAY STOP REQUIRED.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Davis to waive the second and third readings of the aforementioned Ordinance.

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Scholl to approve the final reading of the aforementioned Ordinance and direct the City Clerk to publish the Ordinance as Ordinance No. 2015-06.

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

Burnett reminded the public of the RVTV event coming to Humboldt September 9th. He also said volunteers are needed and urged everyone to get involved in this fun community event. Burnett also announced the last day for the 2015 season at the Humboldt Family Aquatic Center will be August 23. He also added that the Recreation Department has opened registrations for many fall sports. Registration information may be obtained here at City Hall, Facebook, and our website. David Doxtad of I&S reported the repairs on Jerry Hatcher Road were completed by Blacktop Service using an asphalt curb instead of the original plan. He said it appears ok and he will assess the area in December to be sure it is holding up. Scholl mentioned the Sumner Ave hill right of way could use some attention, as the grass is getting tall.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to schedule Thursday, September 10, 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 6:55 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Sierra M. Vorland, Deputy City Clerk