

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2015 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 19, 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 Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the agenda as printed. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

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

Joe Hadar updated the Council on the armed services memorial plaques for the Sumner Avenue Bridge. He reported that they have shipped, and should be here by the end of October. They will be installed with the help of staff from Mason-Lindhart Funeral Home, and should be in place in time for Veteran's Day. It is possible that a dedication of the bridge could be held once the plaques are in place, depending on the weather.

The Council reviewed the PeopleService reports for September. The City Administrator reported that PeopleService crews will begin flushing hydrants next week. This will be done in the evening hours to minimize rusty water issues in homes.

The Council discussed the search for a new City Administrator. A committee has been formed to review applications, and I & S Group has offered the services of Bill Goldy as Interim City Administrator on a part-time basis until a permanent City Administrator is hired.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve a Professional Services Proposal for Interim City Administrator Services with I&S Group, and authorize the Mayor to sign the aforementioned proposal. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed a request from a resident to remove the traffic signals on Sumner Avenue. No action was taken on the request.

The Council discussed a request from MS & Sons to adjust sewer charges on a recent utility bill. Water had been used for dust control on the gravel on the property, and did not enter the sanitary sewer system. When it was discovered by MS & Sons that City water was being used for this purpose, they went back to using water from their well instead.

Motion by Scholl, Second by Sleiter to authorize an adjustment of sewer charges for MS & Sons to reflect an average usage of water over the past year less the amount used for dust control. The meter will be read this month to obtain a billing quantity. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed authorizing an architect to continue working on plans for a new daycare center to be located in the former fire station, adjacent to the Humboldt Municipal Building. The preliminary estimate for remodel/construction costs is \$350,000. This would include interior and exterior work to make the building suitable for use as a daycare center. Funding for the project will come from Central Business District TIF funds, as well as Revolving Loan Fund monies.

The Council expressed support for the project, recognizing the need for additional daycare providers in the community. It was suggested that local businesses could participate in funding, and that a business plan be available to show future expectations for the center. It is estimated that the center will break even with 56 children, and the capacity will be 79.

Humboldt Community Schools Superintendent Greg Darling also expressed support for the project, and offered assistance from the school district with lunches and transportation.

Motion by Davis, Second by Sleiter to authorize the architect to continue work on plans for the proposed daycare center. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the formation of a Public Safety Committee, to be made up of two Council Members, the Mayor, the City Administrator, representatives from the Police and Fire Departments. The Committee would provide input for the budget, operations, and management of the two departments. Members of the committee will be decided after the November 3rd election.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to approve the formation of a Public Safety Committee. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Nick Frederiksen of I&S Group updated the Council on a few of the ongoing projects.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-91: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 1 WITH HURST & SONS CONTRACTORS, INC. OF WATERLOO, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,718.02 FOR THE EAGLE RIDGE ADDITION – PHASE II PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Scholl, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-92: “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.”

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-93: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-94: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2009A, OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF IOWA, DATED DECEMBER 22, 2009, AND DIRECTING NOTICE BE GIVEN.”

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-95: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF OUTSTANDING TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2006B, OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF IOWA, DATED OCTOBER 15, 2006, AND DIRECTING NOTICE BE GIVEN.”

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

Scott Stevenson of DA Davidson addressed the Council and explained the process involved in the proposed capital loan note issuance. The issuance includes approximately \$1,175,000 for the refinance of the 2009 Infrastructure Improvements Capital Loan Notes, and approximately \$400,000 for the Eagle Ridge Addition – Phase II project. The new issue will save approximately \$28,000 in interest costs, and has a term of fifteen years at an average of 2.55% interest. He also briefly explained the SEC regulations with regard to continuing disclosure procedures..

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-96: “A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$1,575,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2015, AND APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-97: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT CONVENTIONAL HANGAR BUILDING PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ENGINEER’S STATEMENT OF COMPLETION AND AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE RETAINAGE (\$10,000) THIRTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACCEPTANCE.”

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. 2015-98: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 16 FROM GODBERSON-SMITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,249.00 FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-99: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FROM WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION OF GREENE, IOWA FOR A NET INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$3,109.28 FOR THE 5TH AVENUE SOUTH EMERGENCY WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-100: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FROM BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR A NET INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$2,120.20 FOR THE SEVENTH AVENUE SOUTH WATER MAIN & STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-101: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 5 (FINAL) FROM BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,329.16 FOR THE 2014 SEVENTH AVENUE SOUTH SUBDIVISION WATER MAIN AND STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Goodell, 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 165, SECTION 16 PERTAINING TO ZONING REGULATIONS – ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (FEES).”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, November 2, 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 7:07 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk