

MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2016 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Daniel Scholl called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Sleiter, Vermeer, Rusher and Davis. Absent: Goodell

Motion by Rusher, Second by Davis to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the July 5, 2016 Work Session; and 3) the minutes of the July 5, 2016 regular Council Meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The City Administrator submitted a written public comment, from Gary and Deb Peterson of Humboldt offering to purchase a parcel of City-owned land on 9th Street South. The Council directed staff to initiate the process for the vacation and possible sale of the property.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService, Inc. presented the June PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on work being done at the water plant and the wastewater treatment plant.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Vermeer to approve a street closure request by the Humboldt Recreation Department on behalf of the Humboldt Swim Team for Saturday, July 23rd from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM for the AHEELA Conference Swim Meet. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed possible front-loaded tax incentives to be offered for the HCDA speculative building located in the Humboldt Business Park. The 6000 square-foot building is currently valued at \$365,000. The Council directed the City Administrator to meet with the HCDA to determine the best tax incentive program for the building.

The Council discussed various options for adjusting the Sewer Rental rates. Winter averaging was considered, but there are issues in figuring an accurate average for “snow birds” who leave during the winter months. The Council directed staff to proceed with the rate increase originally proposed by I & S (\$0.51 per bill, added to the existing minimum charge), and re-evaluate the rates next year.

Scott Stevenson, from DA Davidson was present to explain the provisions of the upcoming bond issue.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Vermeer to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2016-51: “A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$1,995,000 (DOLLAR AMOUNT SUBJECT TO CHANGE) GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2016.”

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

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Davis to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2016-52: “A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HUMBOLDT BUSINESS PARK – PHASE II PROJECT IN AND FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST, AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS.”

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Davis to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2016-53: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR THE 16TH AVENUE NORTH ROADWAY REPAIR PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Vermeer to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2016-54: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FAA GRANT AWARD FOR THE 2016 HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE PROJECT (DESIGN ONLY) (AIP NO. 3-19-0043-010-2016) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE FEDERAL GRANT OFFER.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the second reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 106, SECTION 06, PERTAINING TO LANDFILL FEES.”

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

Curt Carlson, owner of Carlson Storage was present to inquire about the provisions of the proposed ordinance pertaining to portable storage containers.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Sleiter to approve the first reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY ADDING CHAPTER 161, PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Reported that the library’s air conditioner is in need of repair, and a third quote for that repair is being obtained in accordance with the City’s purchase policy. It is estimated that the needed repairs will cost approximately \$20,000.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Rusher to schedule Monday, August 1, 2016 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 6:49 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk