

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2011 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Walter Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Jorgensen, Sleiter, Boomgarden, and Rusher. Absent: Hadar.

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Jorgensen to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2011 work session, the April 4, 2011 special session, and the April 4, 2011 regular Council Meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Hadar joined the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Dennis Reed, 310 1st Avenue North, addressed the Council regarding garbage trucks with no license plates parked on a lot adjoining his property.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$5,350,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011, in order to provide funds to pay costs of construction of street, storm, and sanitary sewer improvements and related work, construction of improvements and extensions to the Municipal Water Utility, and the refunding of outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the City, an essential corporate purpose, Mayor Jensen opens the public hearing at 5:42 PM.

The City Administrator explained that the proceeds of the bond issue would be used for the following purposes: approximately \$1,900,000 would be used to refinance existing debt at a lower interest rate; approximately \$500,000 would be used for a new roof and other miscellaneous repairs at the water treatment plant; and approximately \$2,950,000 would be used to construct a new water tower near the Northwest Industrial Park along with the related infrastructure.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator, Mayor, or Council, and no written comments or objections were received. There being no comments or objections from the general public in attendance on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$5,350,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011, in order to provide funds to pay costs of construction of street, storm, and sanitary sewer improvements and related work, construction of improvements and extensions to the Municipal Water Utility, and the refunding of outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the City, an essential corporate purpose, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:45 PM.

The Council discussed a request by a resident for a "Stop" sign and a "Slow – Children at Play" sign at the intersection of 3rd Avenue South and 2nd Street South. Traffic has increased in the area due to the Highway 169 South detour, and the resident is concerned about the safety of the children attending her daycare. There is currently a "Stop" sign for westbound traffic, and a "Yield" sign for eastbound traffic at the intersection. No action was taken by the Council regarding the request.

The Council discussed the available options for the handling of rural recycling. The first option would be to continue to contract the work out to Bennett Recycling, at a total cost of \$34,200 per year with an additional fuel charge clause. Humboldt County would continue to pay its share of 60% of the cost, \$20,520; and the City's portion would be \$13,680. The current contract with Bennett expires on July 1, 2011. The second option would be for the City to take over management of the program. This would require purchase of trailer collection bin equipment by the County, and the County would reimburse the City of Humboldt for labor costs to handle the materials in the collection bins. That annual cost would be approximately \$10,400. The actual materials would be picked up by The Trash Man of Webster City at no cost to the City. It is estimated that this option would result in annual savings of approximately \$24,000.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the City's management of the rural recycling program, with the Recycling Transfer Station being open on Saturdays for material drop-off if possible. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-32: "A RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,350,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2011."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Jorgensen, Sleiter, Boomgarden, Rusher, and Hadar. Motion carried.

Motion by Jorgensen, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-33: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR THE \$3,525,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2011A."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Boomgarden, Rusher, Hadar, and Jorgensen. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-34: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR THE \$1,890,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2011B."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Boomgarden, Rusher, Hadar, Jorgensen, and Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-35: "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLACE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AND OTHER NECESSARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS ON ITS PORTION OF GOTCH PARK ROAD."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Rusher, Hadar, Jorgensen, Sleiter, and Boomgarden. Motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-36: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2011 15TH STREET NORTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND LETTING, AND SETTING 5:30 PM, MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011 AS THE TIME AND DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO

REVIEW BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE 2011 15TH STREET NORTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hadar, Jorgensen, Sleiter, Boomgarden, and Rusher. Motion carried.

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Reminded that the compost site is open, and there is compost available for residents to use. City Clerk – Announced that the spring brush cleanup will take place during the week of April 25, and the junk pickup will follow, the week of May 2. In addition, the water department will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of April 25. Sleiter – Stressed that the complaints regarding the former gas station on Sumner Avenue need to be addressed. Mayor – Urged residents to slow down and watch for children playing, especially with the increased traffic through the City.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to schedule Monday, May 2, 2011 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 6:16 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk