

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2013 MEETING  
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 1, 2013 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, Boomgarden, Rusher, and Hadar.

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2013 regular Council meeting. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

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

Motion by Hadar, Second by Boomgarden to approve the Claims for March 2013. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Clint Fishel presented the PeopleService monthly reports, including update on the water plant renovation project and some repairs at the waste water treatment plant.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the bids received for the 2013 Infrastructure Improvement Project, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:40 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the bids received for the proposed project, which involves the replacement of several valves and hydrants, and also includes some crack sealing and street patching. Two bids were received for the project: Reding's Gravel & Excavating of Algona submitted a total bid of \$137,426; the bid submitted by Wunsch Construction, Inc. of Greene, Iowa was \$127,737.45.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator, Mayor, 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 bids received for the 2013 Infrastructure Improvement Project, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:45 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the bids received for the 2013 Sumner Avenue Landscaping Project, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:45 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the bids received for the proposed project, which involves the landscaping of the new downtown plaza, which will be created when the buildings slated for demolition are gone. The project includes stamped concrete for the walkways and gathering area near the front of the plaza. Two bids were received for the project: Stony Creek Landscaping of Webster City submitted a bid for \$87,150; Sande Construction of Humboldt submitted a bid for \$97,000.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator, Mayor, 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 bids received for the 2013 Sumner Avenue Landscaping Project, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:51 PM.

The Council discussed the production of a video about Humboldt by Our Story Productions. This company produces short segments on small towns throughout Iowa and Minnesota and distributes them to air on public access channels. There is no cost to the City for this, and the company is producing a segment on Humboldt regardless of whether it will be aired on Channel 12. The segments highlight businesses and attractions in the spotlighted communities.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the broadcast of the production featuring Humboldt by Our Story Productions on Channel 12, the City's local access cable channel. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-27: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2013 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-28: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2013 611/613/615 SUMNER AVENUE LANDSCAPING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT."

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

The Council discussed setting a date for the open burning of landscape waste, and agreed to set Saturday, April 20, 2013 as the date for spring burning.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-29: "A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR THE OPEN BURNING OF LANDSCAPE WASTE."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-30: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH INDUSTRIAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY, INC. OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA FOR THE 2012 HUMBOLDT WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FOR A NET DECREASE IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$42,773.97."

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-31: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 9 FROM INDUSTRIAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY, INC. OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$156,447.14 FOR THE 2012 HUMBOLDT WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT."

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Sleiter to adjourn the City Council Meeting and to come to order as Drainage District 13A Trustees at 6:06 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Rick Hopper of Jacobson-Westergard & Associates addressed the Trustees to explain the procedure involved in the reclassification of parcels included in the drainage district. The purpose of the reclassification is to determine the assessment amounts for each parcel to pay for the improvements made to Drainage District 13A and includes the costs incurred in two areas: the improvement project in Drainage District 80 in Dakota City, which took a large portion of land out of Drainage District 13A; and the repairs completed on Drainage District 13A itself after the flooding issues arose in 2007 and 2008. The total levy will be approximately \$1.25 million. The amounts in the current reclassification report are estimates only, and the Trustees will conduct a public hearing to set the actual dollar amounts of the assessments for each parcel. Included in the assessment will be funds to be made available for future repairs as well. Property owners will have a chance to appeal the assessments at the June 3, 2013 hearing. Notice of the hearing will be done by mail to the property owners and will also be published in the *Humboldt Independent*. Payments for the assessments may be spread out for a period of up to twenty years. The Trustees will set the final amounts and terms of the assessments at the public hearing.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. DD 2013-01: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REPORT ON RECLASSIFICATION OF LANDS IN DRAINAGE DISTRICT 13A AND SETTING THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AFOREMENTIONED RECLASSIFICATION.”

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell to adjourn the session of the Drainage District 13A Trustees and to reconvene as the Humboldt City Council at 6:21 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Updated the Council on a public records request by Jason Klocke of Humboldt. A fee of \$150 was set to cover the retrieval and compilation of the requested email records, and Mr. Klocke objected to the fee. The Council agreed that the fee should stand as originally set. City Clerk – Reminded residents that brush pickup will be the week of April 22, and junk pickup will be the following week, April 29. Stickers will be available again this year at a cost of \$5 for the pickup of appliances and electronics. Hadar – Thanked US Representative Steve King for coming to Humboldt and meeting with City and school officials.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, April 15, 2013 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 6:44 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

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Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk