

## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2013 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 2013 in the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Walter Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Goodell, Sleiter, Rusher, and Hadar. Absent: Boomgarden.

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2013 regular Council meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hadar, Second by Goodell to approve the July Treasurer's Report. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Public Input comments were made by Gary Woodward regarding the condition of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and the petition previously submitted to the Council.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService, Inc. reported on the water plant renovation, repairs being made at the wastewater treatment plant, the recent water leaks at the pool, and the new water tower.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the vacation and conveyance of a parcel of land originally platted as the 165 feet of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, east of Taft Street South, in the City of Humboldt, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:46 PM.

The City Administrator explained that an offer to purchase the aforementioned parcel of land has been received from Mitch Fridolfson. Fridolfson owns a lot adjoining the vacated street, and wishes to construct a single-family residence on the property. The purchase of this property will enable Fridolfson to comply with the proper setback requirements for the home. He has offered a purchase price of \$2,500.00 plus legal fees for the transaction.

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 on the vacation and conveyance of a parcel of land originally platted as the 165 feet of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, east of Taft Street South, in the City of Humboldt, Mayor Jensen closed the Public Hearing at 5:52 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the bids received for the 2013 Sanitary Sewer Extension Project, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:52 PM.

The City Administrator explained that there were two bids received for the project:

- Hurst & Sons Construction     \$ 115,511
- Wunsch Construction             \$ 72,518

The bids were substantially higher than the engineer's estimate of \$48,101.00, largely due to the rock excavation associated with the project.

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 on the bids received for the 2013 Sanitary Sewer Extension Project, Mayor Jensen closed the Public Hearing at 5:57 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the sale of a parcel of land locally known as 710 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Mayor Jensen opens the public hearing at 5:57 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed an offer to purchase this lot from the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation (HCHDC) for \$1.00. The HCHDC proposes to construct a single family home on the property, using funds advanced from the LMI Fund. The proposed home would be valued at approximately \$130,000.00, to comply with the State of Iowa Code guidelines for Low & Moderate Income family residences.

Gary and Julie Millang were present to discuss the sale of the property. They own the adjoining lot to the east, and they expressed interest in purchasing the property as well. The cost of demolition of the house on the lot totaled approximately \$14,000.00, and was paid for by City LMI funds. Should the lot be sold to a private party, those costs would need to be reimbursed to the City as part of the sales price.

It was the consensus of the Council to give the Millangs until the next meeting to submit an offer for the purchase of the property for consideration.

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 on the sale of a parcel of land locally known as 710 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Mayor Jensen closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 PM.

The Council again discussed moving two on-street parking spaces specifically for persons with disabilities from the side streets on which they are currently located to Sumner Avenue - one space near Dr. Whittlesey's office and the other space at Dollar General. Vans have problems loading and unloading in the current locations due to the curve of the street surface. The spaces were moved to Sumner Avenue in July, but the location of those new spaces required passengers to enter the traveled portion of the street to get to the sidewalk. In August, the spaces were returned to their original locations. Upon further consideration, it was determined that the spots should be moved to the following locations: the Taft Street South space near Dr. Whittlesey's office can be moved to the north side of Sumner Avenue in front of US Bank; and the space on 6<sup>th</sup> Street North near Dollar General can be moved to the south side of Sumner Avenue in front of T. P. Anderson Company.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to move two existing parking spaces specifically for persons with disabilities to Sumner Avenue from the side streets on which they are currently located; one will be located on the corner of Sumner Avenue and Taft Street North in front of US Bank; and the other on the corner of Sumner Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street South in front of T. P. Anderson Company.  
(4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the addition of an overlook to the plans for the Sumner Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. Mike Worthington addressed the Council in his capacity as president of the Friends of the Parks to offer assistance in fundraising. It is proposed that the overlook be added to the plans as a memorial to local veterans. The total estimated cost would be \$7,500 to \$10,000 for the overlook, plaques, and other possible features. Several area service groups have expressed support for the project. The City Administrator will instruct engineers to add the overlook to the plans.

The Council discussed the Zoning Administrator position. The position is currently held by Council Member Boomgarden. Iowa Code states that no elected official may be paid for work outside of the duties for which he/she was elected. The only exceptions to this are for bid work or volunteer emergency service.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve a street closure request from Matt Dominick for a block party on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW on Saturday, September 22. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-81: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET TRANSFERS OF: \$2,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE TREES FOREVER FUND; \$50,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (TRUCK SET-ASIDE); \$6,000 FROM THE ROAD USE TAX FUND TO THE STREETS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (JET TRUCK SET-ASIDE); \$200,000 FROM THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUND TO THE ROAD USE TAX FUND (STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM); \$175,000 FROM THE STREETS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO THE ROAD USE TAX FUND (MAINTAINER PURCHASE); \$20,000 FROM THE SEWER FUND TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (JET TRUCK SET-ASIDE); \$30,000 FROM THE SEWER FUND TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (REED BED REPLACEMENT SET-ASIDE); \$60,000 FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO THE SEWER FUND (DIGESTER LID PURCHASE); \$36,600 FROM THE EMERGENCY FUND TO THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND; AND \$22,811.30 FROM THE DEBT SERVICE (SSURA TIF) FUND TO THE TIF LMI SET-ASIDE FUND.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-82: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FROM CLAPSADDLE-GARBER ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RUNWAY PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREEMENT.”

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

Motion by Hadar, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-83: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A SKID STEER LOADER FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT SANITATION DEPARTMENT.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-84: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF PLATTED NINTH AVENUE SOUTH AND ACCEPTING AN OFFER FROM MITCH FRIDOLFSON TO PURCHASE SAID PROPERTY WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT BEING 66 FEET NORTH AND SOUTH BY 165 FEET EAST AND WEST LOCATED BETWEEN LOT 17, BLOCK 1, LATHROP’S ADDITION AND LOT 16, BLOCK 4, LATHROP’S ADDITION, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, IOWA, ORIGINALLY PLATTED AS THE 165 FEET OF 9<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE SOUTH EAST OF TAFT STREET SOUTH.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-85: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2013 SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-86: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3 FROM SANDE CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY, INC. OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,646.96 FOR THE 2013 DOWNTOWN DEMOLITION PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-87: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 6 FROM WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF GREENE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$290,439.80 FOR THE 2012 EAGLE RIDGE ADDITION PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-88: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3 FROM WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF GREENE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,590.91 FOR THE 2013 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.”

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

No action was taken on the following proposed Resolution: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: LOT FOUR (4) AND THE WEST SIX (6) FEET OF LOT THREE (3), IN BLOCK FIFTY-SIX (56), ORIGINAL TOWN, CITY OF HUMBOLDT, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, IOWA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 710 4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NORTH.”

Motion by Goodell, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-89: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF \$200,000 IN FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PURPOSES TO THE HUMBOLDT

COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO BE USED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING FOR QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell 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 167 PERTAINING TO AIRPORT ZONING REGULATIONS.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter 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 141 PERTAINING TO MINIMUM ROAD MAINTENANCE.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Announce that the employee health insurance cost is projected to increase by approximately 8.87% in October. Those rates will be in effect until December 1, 2014, when rates are projected to increase again, perhaps by as much as 25%. City staff is looking into other available options, including a possible change in carriers. City Clerk – Announced a city-wide brush cleanup for the week of August 26. Hadar - Asked about defective City garbage bags. The City Administrator stated that defective bags can be returned to City Hall, and will be replaced. Goodell – Remarked that there has been an increase in truck traffic on 15<sup>th</sup> Street North, which is not considered a Truck Route.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Hadar to schedule Monday, August 26, 2013 at 5:30 PM as the date and time for a special meeting, and Monday, September 9, 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 6:55 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

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Walter Jensen, Mayor

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