

MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2020 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 2020 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Daniel Scholl called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Goodell, Sleiter, Dominick, Worthington, and Whittlesey.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Dominick to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; and 2) the minutes of the July 6, 2020 regular Council meeting. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Ryan Miller of PeopleService, Inc. reviewed the February PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on current and upcoming repairs and maintenance issues for the water and wastewater treatment systems.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve the hiring of Paxton Petersen as Recreation Director, effective July 15, 2020. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Worthington to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar Model 262D3 Skid Steer Loader from Ziegler Cat for the Street Department. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Goodell to approve the purchase of a Flygt NZ3153 pump and accessories from Electric Pump for the Wastewater Treatment Department. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council did not discuss implementing an urban chicken ordinance, and no action was taken.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing and meeting on the vacation of a parcel of land located in the Wheatland Addition to the City of Humboldt, Humboldt County, Iowa, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:50 PM..

The City Administrator reviewed the proposed vacation of platted Risvold Street and Arveson Alley in the Wheatland Addition. Some surveying errors occurred back in the 1970s which are causing issues now with the disposition of some of the property located in that addition. Vacating the street and alley will enable the property owners to re-align their lot lines, and this realignment will enable the properties in question to be sold without issues.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator or Council, and no written comments or objections were received. No oral comments were made by the general public in attendance.

There being no more comments or objections on the vacation of a parcel of land located in the Wheatland Addition to the City of Humboldt, Humboldt County, Iowa, Mayor Scholl closed the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-79: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT MATCHING GRANT AWARDS AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE PROGRAM SUMMARIES FOR M & L CATERING, LLC."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Goodell, Sleiter, Worthington, and Whittlesey. Abstention – Dominick.
Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-80:
“A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE HOURLY SALARY FOR THE RECREATION SUPERVISOR STAFF POSITION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.”.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Dominick, Worthington, Whittlesey, and Goodell. Motion carried.

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Announced that the City has received written confirmation from the parties who were interested in purchasing the former post office building on Taft Street North that, since the City was not awarded the Community Catalyst Grant to assist with the renovation of the building, they are no longer planning to continue with their project. The City has been awarded a DNR grant for asbestos remediation in the building, and it is hoped that the mold in the building can be cleaned up along with that project. The City can reapply next year for the Community Catalyst Grant. Whittlesey – Asked about the status of the Downtown Improvement Project. The contractor is working on the punch list items now, and no substantial completion date has been established yet.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to schedule Monday, August 3, 2020 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 6:12 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk