

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2024 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 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, Harklau, and Whittlesey.

Motion by Dominick, Second by Goodell to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the December 18, 2023 work session; 3) the minutes of the December 18, 2023 regular Council meeting; 4) the December claims; 5) the December Investment Report; and 6) the renewal of a Class C Retail Alcohol License for JOD Inc., d/b/a El Valle Grocery/El Valle Grill (pending dram shop certification). (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Public Input comments were made by Jim Crabtree, Chantel Fridolfson, and Renae Dreyer of Humboldt regarding the Sumner Avenue Improvement Project.

The City Administrator reviewed his Council Report.

Amy Donahe provided a brief summary of the activities of the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation (HCHDC). The presentation included a budget request for \$7,500 in general funding for FY 2024-2025.

The Council discussed some of the provisions that could be included in a proposed urban chickens ordinance. The City Administrator reviewed a spreadsheet summarizing the ordinances of twenty Iowa cities which allow chickens to be kept within city limits. Some of the considerations include a permit requirement, limits on the number of chickens, size of coops, whether roosters are allowed, and how the ordinance would be administered. A draft ordinance will be prepared by staff for the next meeting.

Motion by Harklau, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-01: “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT AND SPECIFYING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE DEPOSITS.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-02: “A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES.”

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

Motion by Dominick, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-03: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY APPLICATION NO. 1 WITH RASCH CONSTRUCTION OF FORT DODGE, IOWA FOR THE THREE RIVERS INDUSTRIAL PARK, PHASE 1 PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,183.85.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Clerk – Reminded the Council of the garbage collection schedule for New Year’s week. Goodell – Mentioned that a plan would need to be in place to provide for the disposal of chicken waste if chickens were to be allowed within the city limits.

Motion by Harklau, Second by Whittlesey to schedule Monday, January 15, 2024 at 5:30 PM as the date and time for the next regular meeting of the Humboldt City Council and adjourn this session at 6:18 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk