

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 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, and Dominick. Absent: Worthington and Whittlesey.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the February 1, 2021 regular Council meeting; 3) the minutes of the February 2, 2021 special Council meeting; 4) the minutes of the February 4, 2021 special Council meeting; 5) the January Treasurer's Report; 6) the renewal of a Class C Liquor License and Sunday Sales Privilege for JOD Inc., d/b/a El Valle Grocery/El Valle Grill; 7) the renewal of a Class B Native Wine Permit for Sister's Home Style Entrees, Inc., d/b/a Sister's Home Style Entrees; 8) the renewal of a Class C Liquor License and Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales Privilege for Gary P. Stattelman, d/b/a Frank's Knotty Pine (pending dram shop certification); 9) the renewal of a Class C Liquor License, Catering Privilege, Outdoor Service Area, and Sunday Sales Privilege for WFO Investments, LLC, d/b/a WFO (716 Main); and 10) ownership changes and the renewal of a Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit, and Sunday Sales privilege for Dolgencorp, LLC, d/b/a Dollar General Store #8761. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

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

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed Maximum Property Tax Dollar Levy for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City of Humboldt Budget, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:37 PM.

The City Clerk reviewed the proposed FY 2021-2022 Maximum Property Tax Dollar Levy, noting that the City's maximum dollar request for the coming fiscal year represents an increase of 3.06% from last year's dollar request for the levies included. The increase can be attributed to increased employee benefits costs as well as equipment and technology updates.

No written comments or objections were received. There being no comments or objections from the general public in attendance on the proposed FY 2021-2022 Maximum Property Tax Dollar Levy, Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 5:39 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the proposed sale of a parcel of land, Mayor Scholl opens the public hearing at 5:40 PM.

The City Administrator outlined the bidding process to be followed for the proposed sale of a parcel of land located east and south of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Street SW, which was formerly farmed on a crop-share basis. This agreement has been terminated, and the City has no future use for the property. The City will accept sealed bids for the purchase of the parcel, and an auction will be held between the three highest bidders. Council Member Goodell asked if the property could be used as an access point to the Des Moines River for recreational purposes. The City Administrator replied that the property would not be suitable for such a use because of the limited access to the location.

No written comments or objections were received. There being no comments or objections from the general public in attendance on the proposed sale of a parcel of land, Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 5:51 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated costs for the proposed replacement of water main lines in and for the City of Humboldt, Iowa, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:52 PM.

City Engineer Nick Frederickson reviewed the plans and specifications for the project, which will replace a large section of water main running along US Highway 169. Work is scheduled to be completed in the coming construction season.

No written comments or objections were received. There being no comments or objections from the general public in attendance on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated costs for the proposed replacement of water main lines in and for the City of Humboldt, Iowa, Mayor Scholl closed the Public Hearing at 6:01 PM.

Tim McCartan of T.P. Anderson & Company, P.C. presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Audit Report. No instances of non-compliance with respect to financial statements were identified, and the auditors expressed unmodified opinions on the financial statements, which were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements (non-GAAP).

The Council discussed a street closure request from the Humboldt County Memorial Hospital for COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds. No action was taken.

Motion by Dominick, Second by Sleiter to approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for mosquito control services. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to forgive a portion of the Promissory Note with the HCDA for two acres of land to be sold to the adjacent property owner. The amount will be based on the proceeds of the sale of the land. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to forgive \$16,907.64 (\$4,226.91 per acre) of the Promissory Note with the HCDA for four acres of land to be used as a compost pile by the City of Humboldt. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to authorize the Street Superintendent to place an order for an International snowplow truck, which will be included in the FY 2021-2022 budget. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-12: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAXIMUM TAX DOLLARS FROM CERTAIN LEVIES FOR THE CITY'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Goodell, Sleiter, and Dominick. Motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-13: "A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE CONVEYANCE BY SALE OF A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-14: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH BERTE & SON CONSTRUCTION OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR THE CITY SHOP ADDITION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF A NET INCREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE OF \$3,090.00.”

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

Motion by Dominick, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-15: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE HIGHWAY 169 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-16: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE HIGHWAY 169 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Reminded residents that if they are experiencing sewer backup issues, they should contact the City before calling a plumber so crews can check the mains first. He also announced that because the compost site is being moved, there may be a period of time this spring when it is not available. The new site will be up and running as soon as possible. He also noted that one of the garbage packer trucks is in for repairs, so there may be delays in garbage pickup until it is fixed. Mayor – Congratulated Kent Thompson from the *Humboldt Independent* on an excellent article about two Humboldt police officers, Erin Bennett and Amber Williams, saving the life of one of our residents.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Dominick to schedule Monday, March 1, 2021 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 6:39 PM. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

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Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

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