

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2022 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 2022 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, and Whittlesey. Absent: Worthington.

Motion by Dominick, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the February 7, 2022 regular Council meeting; 3) the renewal of a Class B Native Wine Permit for Sister's Home Style Entrees, Inc., d/b/a Sister's Home Style Entrees; 4) the renewal of a Class C Liquor License and Outdoor Service, Catering Privilege, and Sunday Sales Privilege for Family Table of Humboldt, LTD, d/b/a Miller's Landing; 5) the renewal of a Class C Liquor License and Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales Privilege for Gary P. Stattelmann, d/b/a Frank's Knotty Pine (pending dram shop certification); 6) the renewal of a Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit, Outdoor Service Privilege, and Sunday Sales Privilege for Hy-Vee, Inc., d/b/a Hy-Vee; 7) the renewal of a Class B Native Wine Permit, Outdoor Sales Privilege, and Sunday Sales Privilege for Humboldt Engraving & Gifts, LLC; and 8) the renewal of a Class E Liquor License for Hy-Vee, Inc, d/b/a Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Ryan Miller of PeopleService gave an overview of the water and wastewater projects. Annual reviews have all been completed and approved. The UV bulbs have all been replaced. Two watermain breaks were repaired. Leakage from these breaks was about a loss of 400,000 gal of water.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed Maximum Property Tax Dollar Levy for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City of Humboldt Budget, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:41 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the proposed FY 2022-2023 Maximum Property Tax Dollar Levy, noting that the City's maximum dollar request for the coming fiscal year represents an increase of 10.87% from last year's dollar request for the levies included. The increase can be attributed to increase in employment costs for additional employees, labor costs, health/property insurance, costs of equipment, materials, and operations.

No written comments or objections were received. There being no comment or objections from the general public, Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 5:42 PM.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey, to approve the purchase of a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for the wastewater treatment plant from Automatic Systems Co. of Ames, Iowa. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Dominick, Second by Sleiter, to approve an action plan for the list of priorities and goals identified in the recent goal setting session. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell, to authorize the Mayor to sign an Engagement Letter with Ahlers & Cooney for legal services in connection with a voluntary annexation of land. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed options for the disposition of the former Linhares house and barn. A request for proposals could be issued for the sale and removal of the house, or it could be demolished. It was thought that some of the interior items could be sold to a salvage company. The barn could be burned by the Fire Department if needed.

Motion by Dominick, Second by Goodell, to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-10: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAXIMUM TAX DOLLARS FROM CERTAIN LEVIES FOR THE CITY'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick, to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-11: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA AND THE CITY OF DAKOTA CITY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022 UNTIL MIDNIGHT JUNE 30, 2025."

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

Motion by Dominick, Second by Whittlesey 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 160, PERTAINING TO FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS."

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

Other items discussed: City Administrator – Announced that he would be working remotely from February 28 - March 1. He also announced that on Saturday, March 5 he will be helping facilitate a town hall meeting with State representatives. Council members asked about the replacement of a light pole damaged in an accident in August 2020.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Dominick to schedule Monday, March 7, 2022 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 6:11PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk