

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2020 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 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, and Whittlesey. Absent: Worthington.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the February 18, 2020 regular Council meeting; 3) the February Investment Report; 4) the February claims; 5) the renewal and an ownership change for the Humboldt Area Arts Council Special Class C Liquor License (Beer/Wine); 6) the renewal of a Class B Native Wine Permit for Humboldt Engraving & Gifts, LLC; and 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. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The City Clerk reminded the Council that the ten-year term for the City's Local Option Sales Tax will expire on June 30, 2021. Ballot wording and a date for the election will need to be determined at a later date.

The Council discussed a request from St. Mary's School for a one-way street designation for a portion of Third Street North. No action was taken, and other options will be explored before a decision on the request will be made.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the purchase of a 2020 International dump truck and snowplow for a net cost of \$132,690.00 from O'Halloran International. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed possible changes to the open burning ordinance. No action was taken.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$4,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes of the City of Humboldt, State of Iowa, in order to provide funds to pay the costs of the opening, widening, extending, grading, and draining of the right-of-way of streets, highways, avenues, alleys and public grounds, and market places, and the removal and replacement of dead or diseased trees thereon; the construction, reconstruction, and repairing of any street improvements, bridges, grade crossing separations and approaches; the acquisition, installation, and repair of sidewalks, culverts, retaining walls, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, water service lines, street lighting, and traffic control devices; and the acquisition of any real estate needed for any of the foregoing purposes, for essential corporate purposes, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 6:18 PM.

Notice of the proposed action by the Council to institute proceedings for the authorization of the Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Notes was published as provided by Sections 384.24A and 384.25 of the Code of Iowa.

The Mayor then asked the City Clerk whether any written objections had been filed by any resident or property owner of the City to the issuance of the Notes. The Clerk advised the Mayor and the Council that no written objections had been filed. The Mayor then called for oral objections to the

issuance of the Notes and none were made. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the time for receiving oral and written objections to be closed, and closed the public hearing at 6:19 PM.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-17: “A RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-18: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,445,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2020, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.”

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

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the sale of a parcel of land locally known as 901 Taft Street North, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 6:22 PM.

The City Administrator reported that two bids were received in response to the initial request. One bid was from Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation in the amount of \$1.00. The HCHDC proposal includes the demolition of the existing structure and the construction of a factory-built single-family home on the site as part of the Rural Housing 360 program. The house would be kept vacant as a model home to showcase the program and encourage participation throughout the county. TIF-LMI funds will be used for the project.

The second response to the request for bids was from Steve Reedy, and was an offer to purchase the south twenty feet of the lot, which is adjacent to his property, for \$1,500.

The Mayor then asked the City Clerk whether any written objections had been filed by any resident or property owner of the City to the sale of the property. The Clerk advised the Mayor and the Council that no written objections had been filed. The Mayor then called for oral objections to the sale of the property, and none were made. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the time for receiving oral and written objections to be closed, and closed the public hearing at 6:26 PM.

It was the consensus of the Council to approve the offer made by the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation. The City Administrator suggested that Mr. Reedy contact the HCHDC regarding his offer to purchase the south twenty feet of the property.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-19: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY LOCALLY KNOWN AS 901 TAFT STREET NORTH, HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Councilmember Goodell left the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-20: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET ESTIMATE, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, AND SETTING MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 AT 5:30 PM AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-21: “A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY AND SETTING THE DATES OF A CONSULTATION AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED NORTH RESIDENTIAL URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR A PROPOSED URBAN RENEWAL AREA IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF IOWA .”

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

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-22: “A RESOLUTION FIXING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH JEFF BERTE AND KAREN BERTE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-23: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR THE OPEN BURNING OF LANDSCAPE WASTE.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-24: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT PAY ESTIMATE NO. 5 WITH SANDE CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY CO. OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR THE SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT STORAGE BUILDING PROJECT AT THE HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,018.30.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-25: “A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF 10TH STREET NORTH AND 12TH AVENUE NORTH IN AND FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST, AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Discussed the options for replacement of the downtown canopies. They will be taken down soon, in conjunction with the downtown project. Sande Construction will repair any damages to the buildings caused by the awnings or their removal,

including filling bolt holes, tuck-pointing, etc. The Council directed the City Administrator to come up with some options for assistance to the property owners for replacing the canopies. City Clerk – Announced the dates for junk and brush pickup, and reminded the Council that the open burning date for this spring will be Saturday, April 25.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Dominick to schedule Monday, March 16, 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 6:50 PM. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk