

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2022 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 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, Dominick, Worthington, and Whittlesey. Absent: Sleiter.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the February 16, 2022 special Council meeting; 3) the minutes of the February 22, 2022 special Council meeting; 4) the February Investment Report; 5) the February claims; and 6) a new 5-day Class C Liquor License and Outdoor Service Area for Pheasants Forever, Inc., d/b/a Humboldt County Pheasants Forever (April 4-10, 2022). (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Public input comments were made by Deb Peterson, owner of Remix Boutique and Simply Coffee, regarding the appearance of some of the buildings on Sumner Avenue and downtown signage.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Mitigation Project in the City of Humboldt and the taking of bids for such improvements, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:38 PM.

Engineer Nick Frederiksen reviewed the proposed project to clean, inspect, and slip line approximately 4,700 lineal feet of sanitary sewer lines. The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost was \$152,162. One bid was received from Insituform Technologies USA, LLC in the amount of \$232,996, which was 53.1% above the engineer's estimate.

The Mayor then asked the City Clerk whether any written objections had been filed with respect to the proposed project, and the City Clerk reported that no written objections thereto had been filed. The Mayor then called for any oral objections to the adoption of the proposed plans and specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Mitigation Project in and for the City of Humboldt and none were made. Mayor Scholl then closed the public hearing 5:40 PM.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Goodell to authorize the purchase of a 900-ECO 9-yard combination sewer cleaner to be mounted on a Freightliner single axel chassis as per the estimate from Mid-Iowa Solid Waste Equipment for the City of Humboldt. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to authorize the Mayor to sign a modified Agreement for Services with Lamp-Rynearson to provide an expanded scope of work in connection with the Runway Rehabilitation Project at the Humboldt Municipal Airport. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Worthington to authorize the Mayor to sign a Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement between the City of Humboldt and the Iowa Department of Transportation as a requirement for financial assistance from the US Department of Transportation through the Federal Highway Administration. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to authorize the Mayor to sign a statement of Non-Discrimination Assurances as an additional condition to receiving federal finance assistance. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Worthington to authorize the issuance of a request for proposals to purchase and develop the City's property at 30 Taft Street N (Old Post Office). (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-12: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT MATCHING GRANT AWARD AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE PROGRAM SUMMARY FOR AWNING-SPECIFIC PROJECTS TO DON OLSON FOR THE V&S VARIETY STORE BUILDING."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-13: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE 2022 SANITARY SEWER MITIGATION PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA."

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

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-14: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE 2022 SANITARY SEWER MITIGATION PROJECT."

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

Motion by Dominick, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-15: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA AND THE CITY OF RUTLAND EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022 UNTIL MIDNIGHT JUNE 30, 2025."

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

Motion by Dominick, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-16: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET ESTIMATE, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, AND SETTING MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 AT 5:30 PM AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET."

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

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-17: "A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR THE OPEN BURNING OF LANDSCAPE WASTE."

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

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-18: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY CODE OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Motion by Worthington, Second by Dominick to approve the final 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” and directing the City Clerk to publish the aforementioned ordinance as Ordinance No. 2022-01.

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Updated the Council on several ongoing concerns: the wastewater treatment plant upgrades, contract negotiations with the police officers’ union, the Reasoner Dam project, the damaged light pole on Sumner Avenue, the senate’s tax reform bill, and his attendance later this month at the IMMI conference in Iowa City. City Clerk – Announced the upcoming brush and junk pickup dates.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to schedule Monday, March 21, 2022 at 5:30 PM as the date and time for the next regular meeting of the Humboldt City Council and adjourn this session at 6:15 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk