

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2021 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 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, Dominick, Worthington, and Whittlesey.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Worthington to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the March 1, 2021 regular Council meeting; 3) 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; 4) a new Class C Liquor License and Sunday Sales Privilege for Familia, LLC, d/b/a Imperio Discotek, pending certification of dram shop insurance; and 5) a new 6-month Class C Liquor License and Outdoor Service Area for The Pour House Lounge LLC, d/b/a The Pour House. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Ryan Miller of PeopleService, Inc. reviewed the February 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 for a proposed real estate lease for the property commonly known within the City of Humboldt as the Beck Building, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:51 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the provisions of the five-year lease to the Kiwanis Club of the Beck Building, more commonly known as “Christmas Land.” The lease provides for a rent payment of \$1.00 per year.

There were no further comments from the Mayor or Council, and no written comments or objections were received. There being no more comments or objections from the general public regarding a proposed real estate lease for the property commonly known within the City of Humboldt as the Beck Building, Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 5:52 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:53 PM.

The City Clerk reviewed the proposed levy for Fiscal Year 2022, which totals \$15.78 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation, a decrease of \$0.39 from the 2021 levy. The Debt Service levy is the main reason for that decrease, at \$3.48 per thousand, it is a decrease of \$0.38 per thousand from the FY 2021 levy. Total revenues are projected to be \$13,293,357; budgeted expenditures are \$12,795,396.

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 Budget, Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 5:56 PM.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for nuisance mowing. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-22: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-23: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A STRUCTURE RESTING ON PORTIONS OF LOTS TEN AND ELEVEN IN BLOCK TWENTY-FOUR, ORIGINAL TOWN OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA, KNOWN LOCALLY AS THE BECK BUILDING, TO THE NOON KIWANIS CLUBS AS STIPULATED IN THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2021.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-24: “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 – Dominick, Worthington, Whittlesey, Goodell, and Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-25: “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 FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOR 419 SUMNER AVENUE.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Announced that the compost site will be closed until an access can be installed at the new location. He urged residents to delay accumulating yard waste as long as possible. City Clerk – Announced the upcoming junk and brush cleanup dates, and the spring burn date. Whittlesey – Asked for clarification for downtown merchants and property owners regarding snow removal on the sidewalks. A written policy will be developed to clarify the procedure to be followed and the responsibilities of the property owners. Mayor – Asked for an update on the rock dam issue.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, April 5, 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 6:25 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk