

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2020 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 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, Worthington, and Whittlesey.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Goodell to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the March 2, 2020 regular Council meeting; 3) the February Treasurer's Report; and 4) 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. (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. He also let the Council know that PeopleService founder and CEO, Alan Meyer has passed away. Funeral services are pending. Miller also reassured the Council that the drinking water in Humboldt will be safe to drink during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the virus can not live in chlorinated water.

The City Administrator outlined the steps taken so far to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 virus in Humboldt. The recreation center and library will both close to the public on Tuesday, March 17. Recreation center memberships will be frozen so that no members lose the remaining time on their paid memberships. Kiddie Kats daycare will remain open with shortened hours of operation.

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

The Council discussed a salary adjustment for Paxton Petersen while she is acting Recreation Director. She would be paid the hourly rate of the previous recreation director, retroactive back to his termination date, and going forward until a that position is filled. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve a salary adjustment for Paxton Petersen for the position of acting/interim Recreation Director. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the canopy removal portion of the Downtown Revitalization Project. The discussion centered around the options for awnings and/or canopies that will be appropriate. No action was taken, and the original plan will remain in effect.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Worthington to approve the purchase of a sound system for the Humboldt Recreation Center from Modern Sound Engineering of Fort Dodge, Iowa in the amount of \$43,714.71. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed proposed changes to the City's organizational chart, mainly dealing with the Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Center, Recreation Center, Cemetery, Streets and Sanitation departments. No action was taken.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 7:16 PM.

The City Clerk reviewed the proposed levy for Fiscal Year 2021, which totals \$16.17 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation. Total revenues are projected to be \$13,840,910; budgeted expenditures are \$13,076, 721; and transfers total \$2,20,527.

No written comments or objections were received. There being no comments or objections from the general public in attendance on the proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget, Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 7:18 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed plans and specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the Tenth Street North/Twelfth Avenue North Reconstruction Project in and for the City of Humboldt, Mayor Scholl opens the public hearing at 7:19 PM.

City Engineer Nick Frederiksen reviewed the proposed project, which will include improvements to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and adjacent 10<sup>th</sup> Street North.

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 Tenth Street North/Twelfth Avenue North Reconstruction Project in and for the City of Humboldt and none were made. The public hearing was then closed at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-26: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-27: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2 (FINAL) WITH AMERICAN FENCE COMPANY OF IOWA FOR THE 2019 FENCING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT THE HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,695.62, AND AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE FINAL PAYMENT 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACCEPTANCE.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-28: “A RESOLUTION SETTING MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020 AT 5:30 PM AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO A REVIEW REZONING REQUEST AS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-29: “A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF

INTENT AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE HUMBOLDT FIRE DEPARTMENT.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-30: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT MATCHING GRANT AWARDS AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE PROGRAM SUMMARIES FOR CHANG’S CHINESE KITCHEN.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-31: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE TENTH STREET NORTH/TWELFTH AVENUE NORTH RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-32: “A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CONSTRUCTION OF STORM SEWER 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, Worthington, Whittlesey, and Goodell. Motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2020-33: “A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE VACATION OF AN EASEMENT IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT LOCATED IN THE PROPOSED CREEKSIDE DRIVE ADDITION AND AFFIXING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.”

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

Motion by Worthington, Second by Sleiter 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 7:45 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

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Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

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