

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2024 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2024 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, Harklau, 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 4, 2024 regular Council meeting; 3) the February Treasurer's Report; 4) the renewal of a Class B Retail Alcohol License for Hy-Vee, Inc., d/b/a Hy-Vee; 5) the renewal of a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Joseph Stattelman (Knotty Pine); and 6) the renewal of a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Pasquale's Italian Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Pasquale's Italian Restaurant (pending dramshop review). (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Public Input comments were made by residents Brad Boughey, Reed Burres, Robert Clapp, and Gary Naeve regarding the recent changes to spring cleanup procedures.

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.

The City Administrator reviewed his Council Report.

The Council discussed the proposed Sumner Avenue Lighting Project.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve the purchase of thirty (30) light poles and required hardware from JT Services of North Mankato, Minnesota for the Sumner Avenue Lighting Project. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing and meeting on the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and estimated cost for the Sumner Avenue Lighting Project in the City of Humboldt, Iowa, and the taking of bids for such improvements, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 6:20 PM.

Joey Whitehouse, Project Engineer, was present to discuss the project. The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Costs was \$150,000.00, and the estimated total project cost was \$304,500.00, with the light poles purchased outside of the contract. The quote for the poles was for \$154,500.00, and one bid was received for the project itself from K&W Electric in the amount of \$227,000.00. ISG recommended that the contract be awarded to K&W Electric, as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

The Mayor then asked the City Clerk whether any written objections had been filed by any City resident or property owner to the project. The City Clerk advised the Mayor and the City Council that no written objections had been filed.

There being no more comments or objections on the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and estimated cost for the Sumner Avenue Lighting Project in the City of Humboldt, Iowa, and the taking of bids for such improvements, Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 6:22 PM.

Motion by Harklau, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-37: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY APPLICATION NO. 18 WITH PETERSON CONSTRUCTION OF WEBSTER CITY, IOWA FOR THE RAW PUMPING AND NUTRIENT REMOVAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,395.80.”

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

Motion by Dominick, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-38: “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 – Sleiter, Dominick, Harklau, Whittlesey, and Goodell. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Harklau to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-39: “A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE DEPOSITS IN DESIGNATED OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-40: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE LIGHTING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-41: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE LIGHTING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Other Items Discussed: Whittlesey, Goodell, and Sleiter – Suggested that the new spring cleanup procedures be considered again at the next Council meeting. Mayor – Commended the Meals from the Heartland participants for their recent project.

Motion by Harklau, Second by Whittlesey to schedule Monday, April 1, 2024 at 5:30 PM as the date and time for the next regular meeting of the Humboldt City Council and adjourn this session at 6:34 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk