

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2018 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 16, 2018 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, Vermeer, Worthington, and Whittlesey.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Worthington to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the April 2, 2018 regular Council Meeting; 3) the March Treasurer's Report; and 4) the renewal of a Class C Liquor License, Catering and Sunday Sales Privileges, and Outdoor Service Area for S & M Nelson, LLC d/b/a Gordy's at Rustix. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService, Inc. presented the March PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on current and upcoming repairs and maintenance issues at the water and wastewater plants.

The Council discussed the property at 30 Taft Street North (former post office building). The building is currently owned by a family in New York, and has been sitting empty for several years. A recent application for a Community Catalyst Grant through the Iowa Economic Development Authority from the City to rehabilitate and renovate the building was not approved. Iowa Code Chapter 657A provides for the abatement by rehabilitation of abandoned or unsafe buildings by local governments.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to authorize the City Administrator to pursue the acquisition and rehabilitation of the building located at 30 Taft Street North, under the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 657A. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Worthington to approve the purchase of a 20RL New Way Cobra 20 yard rear load garbage packer from Elliot Equipment Co. in the amount of \$82,850.00. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2018-17: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR THE 2017 ROADWAY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF A NET INCREASE OF \$60,556.60."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2018-18: "A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE GUARANTEE OF CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION."

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

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Goodell to approve the first reading of the following proposed ordinance: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STORM WATER SYSTEM UTILITY."

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

Other Items Discussed – City Administrator: Reminded the Council that sewer system blockages are often caused by residents flushing items which should not be flushed, including “flushable” wipes, hygiene products, shop rags, and even an occasional t-shirt. The City is not liable for damages caused by sewer backups resulting from blockages in the mains, and stated that sewer backup insurance is available to homeowners. Residents were not able to burn yard waste on the designated day because of a snow storm, and City Code does not allow for a “makeup day” for burning. There is, however, a regular brush pickup the week of May 7th. Junk pickup is still scheduled the week of April 30th, with the hope that the ground will not be too soft from the recent snow and rain. He reported that he and the City Clerk attended the Iowa Employment Conference recently. Finally, he reported that there seem to be an increased lack of civility by residents in speaking and otherwise interacting with City employees. He asked residents to remember that City employees are neighbors and fellow citizens as well. Mayor – Mentioned that funds have been budgeted for increased security measures in City Hall. He also congratulated Officer Andrew Lane on his completion of the Police Academy. Whittlesey – Shared an invitation to the Council for the upcoming Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking ceremony and a fundraising dinner to follow.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, May 7, 2018 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 6:15 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk