

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2015 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday April 20, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Walter Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Goodell, Sleiter, Scholl, and Rusher. Absent: Davis.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the agenda as printed. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015 regular Council Meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService, Inc. presented the March PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on the water plant project, the water towers, and repairs needed at the wastewater treatment plant.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the matter of the Humboldt Waste Water Treatment Plant Sludge Holding Tank Cover Project, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:38 PM.

The City Administrator summarized the proposed project, which includes the construction of a cover for the sludge holding tank at the waste water plant. He explained that the cover will protect the digester from freezing in the winter and will improve the removal process at the plant by insulating the tank. The engineer's estimate of cost for the project is \$88,000.00. The bids will be opened on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM, and the contract will be awarded at the May 4th regular Council meeting.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator, Mayor or Council, and no written comments or objections to the matter have been received. There were no further comments or objections from the general public in attendance.

There being no more comments or objections on the matter of the Humboldt Waste Water Treatment Plant Sludge Holding Tank Cover Project, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:40 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the matter of the Application for Federal Assistance for the purchase of Fire Department equipment with the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Program, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:40 PM.

The City Administrator explained that the Fire Department has applied for federal grant funds available through the USDA Rural Development office to assist with the purchase of portable radios and a new fan to help fight structure fires. The total equipment cost is expected to be \$8,720; the total grant would be 15% of that cost, or \$1,308.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator, Mayor or Council, and no written comments or objections to the matter have been received. There were no further comments or objections from the general public in attendance.

There being no more comments or objections on the matter of the Application for Federal Assistance for the purchase of Fire Department equipment with the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Program, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:42 PM.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to approve a new Class B Native Wine Permit for Sister's Home Style Entrees, Inc., d/b/a Sister's Home Style Entrees. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed proposals received for the construction of a new storm sewer intake near Jet Company on 11th Street North, to improve drainage issues in the area. Two bids were received:

Schoon Construction & Excavation (Cherokee, IA)	\$35,640
Reding's Gravel & Excavating (Algona, IA)	\$34,940

Motion by Rusher, Second by Scholl to approve the submitted proposal from Reding's Gravel & Excavating Co. of Algona, Iowa in the amount of \$34,940 for the construction of a new storm sewer intake near Jet Company on 11th Street North. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the "Rat Hole" area on 6th Avenue North where it intersects with the Three Rivers Trail bridge. Water flowing downhill from Dakota City is undermining the street, which is only one lane in that area because of the bridge supports. Schlotfeldt Engineering submitted an estimate of approximately \$230,000 to repair the street a few years ago. Mel Smith, a Dakota City resident, addressed the Council and asked if anything could be done. It is possible that a less expensive solution could be found, and the matter could be addressed within the next street maintenance project, in the FY 2016-2017 budget year.

The Council discussed the popcorn stand on Sumner Avenue, west of the H&R Block office along Taft Street South. The building needs to be maintained or removed from the right-of-way area. The Council directed the City Administrator to investigate the situation and to pursue legal options available to the City.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-31: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SLUDGE HOLDING TANK COVER AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA, AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Goodell, Sleiter, Scholl, and Rusher. Motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-32: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA AND THE CITY OF DAKOTA CITY; AND GROVE, CORINTH, BEAVER, WEAVER, AND RUTLAND TOWNSHIPS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 UNTIL MIDNIGHT JUNE 30, 2017."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Scholl, Rusher, and Goodell. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-33: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Scholl, Rusher, Goodell, and Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-34: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3 WITH BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR THE ROADWAY SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,047.20.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Rusher, Goodell, Sleiter, and Scholl. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-35: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A WHEEL LOADER FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT STREET DEPARTMENT.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Goodell, Sleiter, Scholl, and Rusher. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-36: “A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE VACATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT LOCATED IN LANDOVER LANDS SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, IOWA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS LOT 5 LANDOVER LANDS SECOND ADDITION, AND AFFIXING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Sleiter, Scholl, Rusher, and Goodell. Motion carried.

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Announced that the airport hangar project is nearing completion; punch list items are currently being addressed. He has also been working on Property Maintenance Ordinance enforcement, concentrating on dilapidated and/or vacant properties. He is still waiting to hear whether the grant applications for the fire truck and the housing rehabilitation program have been approved. Finally, he announced that the Building Trades program will be constructing a home in the Eagle Ridge Addition next school year. City Clerk – Reminded residents of the upcoming brush and junk cleanups. Scholl – Asked if there would be another burn day, since it rained for part of the day. The City Administrator stated that there was enough time for burning in the morning before the rain.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to schedule Monday, May 4, 2015 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 6:12 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk