

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2016 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 16, 2016 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, Rusher and Davis.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Davis to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the May 2, 2016 regular Council Meeting; and 3) the April Treasurer's Report. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService, Inc. presented the April PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on current and upcoming repairs at both the water and wastewater plants. He also explained that increased pumping at the wastewater plant is due primarily to inflow and infiltration (I &I) of ground water from heavy rains. He stated that in the future service connections will be included along with the main lines when sliplining is done to alleviate some of that I & I.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Amendment, Mayor Scholl opened the Public Hearing at 5:40 PM.

The City Clerk reviewed the proposed budget amendment, which included a net increase in budgeted revenues of \$2,032,450 and a net increase in expenditures of \$2,961,140. The majority of the amendment is due to timing issues with several capital projects and a large debt refinance.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator or Council, and no written comments or objections were received.

There being no more comments or objections on the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Amendment, Mayor Scholl closed the Public Hearing at 5:44 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the plans, specifications, and form of contract for the proposed purchase of snow removal equipment at the Humboldt Municipal Airport, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:45 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the plans and specifications for the snow removal equipment to be used at the Humboldt Municipal Airport. The City's share of the cost of the equipment will be 10%; an airport improvement grant will cover 90%.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator or Council, and no written comments or objections were received.

There being no more comments or objections on the plans, specifications, and form of contract for the proposed purchase of snow removal equipment at the Humboldt Municipal Airport, Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 5:46 PM.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Vermeer to approve the publication and distribution of a Request for Proposals for the purchase of a mini-excavator for the Parks, Cemetery, and Street departments. (5) Ayes, motion carried

Motion by Rusher, Second by Davos to authorize the Mayor to sign a Release of Airport Property for the sale of approximately 3.82 acres of land at the Humboldt Municipal Airport to Nick Johnson. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the replacement of fifty-one 250-watt HPS street lights and fifty-eight 400-watt HPS street lights located on and around Sumner Avenue with LED lights. The cost to replace the 109 street lights is approximately \$100 per unit, for a total of \$10,900. The cost of the new lights will be recouped in the form of lower electricity bills in a relatively short period of time. Street lights in the other areas of town will be replaced as needed by MidAmerican.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Vermeer to authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal from MidAmerican Energy for the replacement of existing HPS street lights with LED street lights. (5) Ayes, motion carried

Motion by Goodell, Second by Davis to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2016-35: "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016."

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

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2016-36: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH JEFF WEISS, D/B/A WEISS SEPTIC PUMPING & HAULING OF BARNUM, IOWA FOR THE DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT INTO THE CITY SANITARY SEWER TREATMENT SYSTEM."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2016-37: "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2016-38: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PURCHASING POLICY FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Davis to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2016-39: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MIKE DOYLE, D/B/A DOYLE EXCAVATION OF FORT DODGE, IOWA FOR THE DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT INTO THE CITY SANITARY SEWER TREATMENT SYSTEM."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the second reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 28, SECTION 03, PERTAINING TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Reminded residents that grass must be mowed before it reaches a height of ten inches, and that grass clippings may not be blown into the street. Vermeer – Noted that the grass on Sumner Avenue Hill between the street and the retaining wall needs to be mowed.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, June 6, 2016 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 6:02 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk