

MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2022 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 16, 2022 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, and Dominick. Absent: Worthington and Whittlesey.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

1) the agenda as printed; and 2) the minutes of the May 2, 2022 regular Council meeting; 3) the April Treasurer's Report; and 4) the renewal of a Class C Liquor License and Sunday Sales Privilege for El Sol de Mexico LLC (pending dram certification). (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Ryan Miller of PeopleService, Inc. reviewed the April 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.

Dr. Cindy VanSickler was present to request a street closure on June 17th for a block party on Sumner Avenue.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve a request from Cindy VanSickler and the Small Business Owners Committee for a street closure and waiver of vendor fees on Sumner Avenue for the Summer Block Party event on June 17, 2022. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Dominick, Second by Sleiter to approve the distribution of Requests for Proposals for General Nuisance Abatement Work. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Amendment, Mayor Scholl opened the Public Hearing at 5:45 PM.

The City Clerk reviewed the proposed budget amendment, which included a net decrease in budgeted revenues of \$905,960, due to the timing of the anticipated receipt of grant funds for some federally-funded projects. There is a net increase in expenditures totaling \$930,400, largely due to capital projects expenditures which were not anticipated at the time the original budget was adopted.

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 2020-2021 Budget Amendment, Mayor Scholl closed the Public Hearing at 5:49 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the 2022 Raw Pumping and Nutrient Removal Improvements for wastewater treatment in the City of Humboldt and the taking of bids for such improvements, Mayor Scholl opened the Public Hearing at 5:50 PM.

Engineer Jennifer Ruddy reviewed the proposed project for improvements to the pump system at the main lift station and nutrient removal improvements at the wastewater treatment plant. The

Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost for this project was \$3,182,400. The scheduled completion date for the project is October 27, 2023. One bid was received from Peterson Construction of Webster City, Iowa in the amount of \$3,877,300, which was 22% above the engineer's estimate.

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 plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the 2022 Raw Pumping and Nutrient Removal Improvements for wastewater treatment in the City of Humboldt and the taking of bids for such improvements, Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 5:51 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the disposition of a parcel of public property locally known as 30 Taft Street North (old US Post Office Building), Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 6:52 PM.

The City Administrator reported that two proposals were received in response to the City's request. One bid was from GDL Property Management, LTD of Humboldt. The proposed use is office space and storage and included a plan for \$30,000 in improvements to the building and a purchase price of \$5,000.

The second response to the request for bids was from Harvey Remodeling Company of Clare, Iowa. The proposed use includes a cabinetry shop and retail show room and included a plan for \$83,000 in improvements to the building and a purchase price of \$1.00.

Since Councilmember Goodell is one of the interested parties in this issue, he will abstain from voting on the acceptance of a proposal. With that abstention, there was not a quorum available for a vote at this meeting, and a resolution will be presented at the June 6 meeting to accept a proposal.

The Mayor then asked the City Clerk whether any written objections had been filed by any resident or property owner of the City to the sale of the property. The Clerk advised the Mayor and the Council that no written objections had been filed. The Mayor then called for oral objections to the sale of the property, and none were made. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the time for receiving oral and written objections to be closed and closed the public hearing at 5:53 PM.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-31: "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-32: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR RAW PUMPING AND NUTRIENT REMOVAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2022-33: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR RAW PUMPING AND NUTRIENT REMOVAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Clerk – Reported that the junk pickup is complete and reminded residents that whatever is left by the curb needs to be disposed of. Mayor – Reminded the Council that this is National Law Enforcement Week.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, June 6, 2022 at 5:30 PM as the date and time for the next regular meeting of the Humboldt City Council and adjourn this session at 6:06 PM. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk