

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2014 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2014 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, Rusher, and Davis.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the agenda as printed. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the minutes of April 21, 2014 regular Council Meeting. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Scholl to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report and the April Treasurer's Report. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the claims for April. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on bids received for the proposed Sumner Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:33 PM.

The City Administrator reported that two bids were received for the Sumner Avenue Sidewalk Project:

Hovey Construction, Fort Dodge, Iowa - \$301,742.00

Godbersen-Smith Construction, Ida Grove, Iowa - \$398,716.00

The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost for the project was \$273,245.50.

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

There being no more comments or objections on bids received for the proposed Sumner Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:35 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the matter of the proposed vacation and subsequent conveyance of a parcel of land known as Knight's Boulevard, Blackbird First Addition, City of Humboldt, State of Iowa, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:35 PM.

The City Administrator reported that the adjoining property owners wishing to purchase the property are not ready with a formal offer. They requested that the scheduled public hearing be continued to the next regular Council meeting, to be held on May 19, 2014.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator, Mayor or Council, and no written comments or objections to the sale 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 proposed vacation and subsequent conveyance of a parcel of land known as Knight's Boulevard, Blackbird First Addition, City of Humboldt, State of Iowa, Mayor Jensen continued the public hearing until 5:30 PM on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 5:37 PM.

The Council discussed a request by David Lee, working with the Humboldt Community Schools and the Humboldt Area Arts Council, to place a rock to be painted by Humboldt High School students as a monument to honor veterans in Worthington Park. He has requested that the monument, to be repainted every few years as needed by students, be placed near the large flag pole at the park. There would be little or no cost to the City for the project.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the placement of a rock to be painted by Humboldt High School students as a monument to honor veterans in Worthington Park. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the possibility of making the intersection of 8th Street and 1st Avenue North an all-way stop intersection until the Sumner Avenue Bridge Project is complete. Traffic is being detoured through that intersection with the closing of the bridge, and there are some safety concerns because the east-west traffic on 1st Avenue North is not required to stop. There are currently stop signs for the north-south traffic on 8th Street North at the intersection.

The Council directed staff to draft an ordinance to be considered at the next meeting, and will watch the intersection in the meantime to determine if a temporary all-way stop is needed there.

The Council then discussed the placement of water meters on some fire hydrants to be used for bulk water sales. Contractors sometimes require bulk water for various projects in the area, and normally can obtain the water from NEW Cooperative. There have been occasions when water was supplied to contractors through hydrants, but this can cause problems in the system, including water hammering and rusty water. The Council directed staff to draft an ordinance allowing bulk water sales in special circumstances, to be approved by the City Administrator and/or Street Superintendent with an appropriate charge for the service.

The Council discussed the possible use of Low-to-Moderate Income funds to assist in the demolition of the recently burned house located at 907 3rd Avenue North. It does not appear that the current property owners have the resources to demolish the building themselves. The Housing Development Corporation may be interested in heading up the demolition project and building a small home in the footprint of the current structure.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the purchase of a 2014 Dodge Charger police car from Shimkat Motors, Fort Dodge, IA. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the renewal of a Class E Liquor License, a Class C Beer Permit, a Class B Wine Permit, and Sunday Sales Privilege for Hy-Vee, Inc., d/b/a Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve an application for a transfer license for Renae Dreyer and Candy Robinson d/b/a Humboldt Engraving & Gifts from 724 Sumner Avenue to 617 Sumner Avenue, effective May 5, 2014. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-48: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT.”

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

The Council tabled action on the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-49 until the public hearing is concluded (continued until May 19, 2014): “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF PLATTED KNIGHT’S BOULEVARD AND ACCEPTING AN OFFER FROM ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS TO PURCHASE SAID PROPERTY WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS: A PARCEL OF LAND BEING KNIGHT’S BOULEVARD AS SHOWN ON BLACKBIRD FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, IOWA AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY RECORDER IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 1, PAGE 311.”

Motion by Goodell, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-50: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET AMENDMENT ESTIMATE, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SET MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014 AT 5:30 PM AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET AMENDMENT.”

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

The Council considered Requisition No. 28 for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. It included the following invoices, totaling \$54,761.13:

• R & J Williams, Inc.	Construction	\$24,542.00
• Dick Collins Construction	Construction	\$29,526.00
• MIDAS	Technical Services	\$ 120.00
• MIDAS	Lead Testing	\$ 133.13
• Homeowner	Reimbursement	\$ 440.00

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-51: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING MIDAS REQUISITION NO. 28 FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS, INSPECTION AND TECHNICAL SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,761.13 FOR THE CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-52: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 22 FROM INDUSTRIAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY, INC. OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,957.08 FOR THE 2012 HUMBOLDT WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-53: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 1 FROM GODBERSON-SMITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,924.50 FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2014-54: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 10 FROM CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON OF PLAINFIELD, ILLINOIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,119.76 FOR THE 2012 500,000-GALLON ELEVATED STORAGE TANK (WATER TOWER) PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the third and final reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1 PERTAINING TO CODE OF ORDINANCE STANDARD PENALTIES,” and directing the City Clerk to publish the aforementioned ordinance as Ordinance No. 2014-01.

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the first reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, SECTION 16, PERTAINING TO CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Updated the Council on the 7th Avenue South Addition water and sewer line improvements, and announced that a Cemetery Walk will be held in July at Union Cemetery. He also updated the Council on the pending DNR fine for the water plant renovation. The original fine, set forth in a DNR Consent Order dated April 4, 2014, was \$10,000. The City appealed that fine, and the DNR has lowered it to \$2,000. If the water plant project is not substantially complete (using the definition supplied to the DNR in the City’s response to the Consent Order) by June 1, 2014, the fine will increase to \$10,000. It is expected that the plant will be fully operational by then. The \$2,000 fine is slated to go toward a DNR Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) in Humboldt, to be determined at a later date. City Clerk – Reminded residents that junk cleanup is taking place this week. Mayor – Reported that the Webster County Landfill has been assessed a fine, and announced the latest Mediacom channel lineup changes.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Davis to schedule Monday, May 19, 2014 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 6:33 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk