

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 5, 2016
WORK SESSION
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in special session on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Daniel Scholl called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Council Members present: Goodell, Sleiter, Vermeer, and Rusher. Davis arrived at 4:45 PM. City staff present: City Administrator Travis Goedken, City Clerk Gloria Christensen, Deputy City Clerk Sierra Vorland, and Bill Goldy (ISG).

The Council reviewed an analysis of City utility rates completed by Bill Goldy of ISG. The report proposed rate increases for water and sewer utilities in order to adequately cover bond covenants and future operating and capital expenditures, and included a provision for an annual increase in rates to account for increased costs.

It was suggested that there may be a benefit to offering winter averaging for sewer charges during the summer months to encourage water usage.

The Council directed staff to move forward with the recommended water and sewer rate increases and to further investigate the possibility of winter averaging for sewer charges during the summer months.

The Council also discussed the possibility of instituting a Storm Water utility for the costs of repairing and maintaining the City's storm sewer system. Those expenses are currently paid from Road Use Tax revenues.

The Council directed staff to evaluate the anticipated expenditures for the Storm Water department, and determine the need for a separate utility after one year.

The Work Session ended at 5:30 PM.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria Christensen, City Clerk