

MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2024 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 2024 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, Dominick, Harklau, and Whittlesey.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Dominick to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the July 3, 2024 regular Council meeting; 3) the June Treasurer's Report; 4) a new Special Class C Retail Alcohol License (BW) for Shaylyn Fiddler d/b/a Night Owl Books. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Public Input comments were made by Gary Woodward regarding flood mitigation efforts and Geff Mickelson regarding recent employee turnover in the police department.

Ryan Miller of PeopleService, Inc. reviewed the June PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on current and upcoming repairs and maintenance issues for the water and wastewater treatment systems.

City Administrator Cole Bockelmann reviewed his Council Report.

The Council discussed making the temporary berm constructed during the recent flooding emergency into a permanent berm. The Council unanimously agreed that it would be beneficial to keep the berm, and staff will work on a plan for that.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Harklau to approve the sale of a retired Fire Department tanker truck to the Humboldt County Conservation Board for \$2,500.00. The Fire Department will reserve the right to use the truck in case of emergency. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Harklau, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-80: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY APPLICATION NO. 22 WITH PETERSON CONSTRUCTION OF WEBSTER CITY, IOWA FOR THE RAW PUMPING AND NUTRIENT REMOVAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,403.48."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-81: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR THE 2024 ROADWAY SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROJECT FROM ISG AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL."

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

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Harklau to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-82: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR THE 4TH AVENUE NORTH WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT FROM ISG AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2024-83: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET TRANSFERS."

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

Motion by Harklau, Second by Goodell to approve entering into Closed Session to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent as per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1) [c] at 6:14 PM.

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Dominick to approve ending the Closed Session and going back into Open Session at 6:47 PM.

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve a Separation Agreement and General Release by and between the City of Humboldt and John Rodriguez.

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to schedule Monday, August 5, 2024 at 5:30 PM as the date and time for the next regular meeting of the Humboldt City Council and adjourn this session at 6:50 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk