

## **MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2017 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 17, 2017 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, Vermeer, Davis and Whittlesey. Absent: Sleiter.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Vermeer to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the Minutes of the July 3, 2017 regular Council Meeting; and 3) the June Treasurer's Report. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService, Inc. presented the June PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on current and upcoming repairs and maintenance issues at the water and wastewater plants

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Central Business District Urban Renewal Plan, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:36 PM.

The Mayor first asked for the report of the City Administrator with respect to the consultation held with the affected taxing entities to discuss the proposed plan. The Council was informed that the consultation was duly held as ordered by the Council, and that no written recommendations were received from affected taxing entities. The report of the City Administrator was placed on file for consideration by the Council.

The Mayor then asked the City Clerk whether any written objections had been filed with respect to the proposed amendment, and the City Clerk reported that no written objections thereto had been filed. The Mayor then called for any oral objections to the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Central Business District Urban Renewal Plan and none were made.

There being no more comments or objections on the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Central Business District Urban Renewal Plan, Mayor Scholl closed the Public Hearing at 5:40 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the South Residential Urban Renewal Plan, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:41 PM.

The Mayor first asked for the report of the City Administrator with respect to the consultation held with the affected taxing entities to discuss the proposed plan. The Council was informed that the consultation was duly held as ordered by the Council, and that no written recommendations were received from affected taxing entities. The report of the City Administrator was placed on file for consideration by the Council.

The Mayor then asked the City Clerk whether any written objections had been filed with respect to the proposed amendment, and the City Clerk reported that no written objections thereto had been filed. The Mayor then called for any oral objections to the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the South Residential Urban Renewal Plan and none were made.

There being no more comments or objections on the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the South Residential Urban Renewal Plan, Mayor Scholl closed the Public Hearing at 5:44 PM.

The Council reviewed a proposed ordinance regulating the operation of all-terrain vehicles, off-road vehicles, and golf carts on City streets with City Attorney Eric Eide. A draft of the ordinance will be ready for the Council's consideration at the next meeting.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Goodell to approve a request from the Humboldt-Dakota City Chamber of Commerce for a street closure on Sumner Avenue for the Cy-Hawk Rivalry on September 7, 2017. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council considered making changes to the City's fireworks ordinance. Changes to the hours and days when discharging fireworks is allowed and prohibiting the use of fireworks in certain areas was discussed. The Council directed City staff to gather more information before an ordinance is drafted.

The Council discussed the residency requirements for City employees set forth in the Personnel Policy. Currently, police officers, fire fighters, the Street Superintendent, the Assistant Street Superintendent, street maintenance workers, and the City Clerk are required to live within the city limits of Humboldt or Dakota City. The City Administrator is required to live in Humboldt. All other employees are required to live within ten miles of City Hall. A police officer has requested that the rule be changed to allow officers to live outside the city limits. The Council directed staff to draft a resolution allowing police officers to live within ten miles of City Hall.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2017-60: "RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN AREA OF THE CITY TO BE A BLIGHTED AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA, AND THAT THE REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, OF SUCH AREA IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; DESIGNATING SUCH AREA AS APPROPRIATE FOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS; AND ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT URBAN RENEWAL PLAN."

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

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2017-61: "A RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN AREA OF THE CITY TO BE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA, AND THAT THE REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, OF SUCH AREA IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; DESIGNATING SUCH AREA AS APPROPRIATE FOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS; AND ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE SOUTH RESIDENTIAL URBAN RENEWAL PLAN."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Davis to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2017-62: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FROM THE HUMBOLDT-DAKOTA CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ALLOW THE CONSUMPTION OF WINE AND BEER ON A PUBLIC STREET WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR A SPECIAL EVENT."

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

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2017-63: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH DENVER UNDERGROUND OF DENVER, IOWA FOR THE LEWIS STREET STORM SEWER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR A NET INCREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE OF \$4,400.00.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2017-64: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2 WITH DENVER UNDERGROUND OF DENVER, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,563.55 FOR THE LEWIS STREET STORM SEWER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”

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

The Council discussed the rezoning of the property known as 901 Taft Street North. It was the consensus of the Council to add a restriction to the zoning change limiting the allowed construction on the lot to either a single-family home or a two-unit structure (duplex) at the request of neighboring property owners.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Vermeer not to approve the third reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY RE-CLASSIFYING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE FROM AN R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO AN R-3 MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT.”

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

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Goodell to approve the third reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, SECTION 12 PERTAINING TO USES IN THE C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT,” and directing the City Clerk to publish the aforementioned ordinance as Ordinance No. 2017-05.

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

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Goodell to approve the first reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 00-05, 2013-16 AND 2015-07, PROVIDING THAT GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED AND COLLECTED EACH YEAR ON ALL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE AMENDED SOUTH RESIDENTIAL URBAN RENEWAL AREA, IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF IOWA, BY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE OF IOWA, CITY OF HUMBOLDT, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, HUMBOLDT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS, BE PAID TO A SPECIAL FUND FOR PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON LOANS, MONIES ADVANCED TO AND INDEBTEDNESS, INCLUDING BONDS ISSUED OR TO BE ISSUED, INCURRED BY THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMENDED SOUTH RESIDENTIAL URBAN RENEWAL AREA (AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE SOUTH RESIDENTIAL URBAN RENEWAL PLAN).”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Reminded residents of the definition of “Recreational Fire” provided in the City Code. In no case is the burning of treated lumber, including building or fence materials, or garbage allowed. He also updated the Council on the ongoing discussion regarding liquidated damages from the Sumner Avenue Bridge Project. Mayor – Relayed thank-you notes from Fareway and Adams-Knight & Associates, and reminded the Council of the upcoming Community Visioning presentation. He also reminded the Council of the grand opening of the new Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Center and commended Police Officer Brad Thiele for recent life-saving efforts. Vermeer – Asked about alternate entries to the new Fareway Store.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, August 7, 2017 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 7:22 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

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Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk