

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2019 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 5, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Daniel Scholl called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Sleiter, Worthington, and Whittlesey. Absent: Goodell and Myers.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Worthington to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the July 15, 2019 regular Council meeting; 3) the July Investment Report; 4) the July claims, and 5) a new Class B Native Wine Permit for Kathy Davis, d/b/a Personali-Tees. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Worthington to accept the resignation of Merri Hansen as Animal Control Officer and thereby terminate the Animal Control Officer Employment Contract. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the possible funding of a proposed animal shelter. It was the consensus of the Council to move ahead with a plan for an annual contribution of \$7,500. This would be in addition to the one-time \$2,500 already pledged for the purchase of a parcel of land.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to approve the distribution of Requests for Proposals for a proposed sanitary sewer pipe lining project. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2019-84: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT MATCHING GRANT AWARDS AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE PROGRAM SUMMARIES FOR THE HUMBOLDT MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Worthington, and Whittlesey. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2019-85: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT MATCHING GRANT AWARDS AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE PROGRAM SUMMARIES FOR HOAG'S PLUMBING & HEATING."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Worthington, Whittlesey, and Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2019-86: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT MATCHING GRANT AWARDS AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE PROGRAM SUMMARIES FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Whittlesey, Sleiter, and Worthington. Motion carried.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2019-87: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT MATCHING GRANT AWARDS AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE PROGRAM SUMMARIES FOR V & S VARIETY STORE."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Worthington, and Whittlesey. Motion carried.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2019-88: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL ASSESSMENT PLAT AND SCHEDULE FOR THE 2019 WATER/SEWER SERVICE LINE REPAIR ASSESSMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF LIENS FOR THOSE ASSESSMENTS NOT PAID WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY TREASURER AT A RATE OF 4% ANNUALLY UNTIL PAID IN FULL."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Worthington, Whittlesey, and Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2019-89: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET TRANSFERS."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Whittlesey, Sleiter, and Worthington. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2019-90: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2 WITH DENVER UNDERGROUND & GRADING INC. OF DENVER, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$171,425.70 FOR THE HIGHWAY 169 & SUMNER AVENUE INTERSECTION PROJECT."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Worthington, and Whittlesey. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Worthington to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2019-91: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 6 WITH DENVER UNDERGROUND & GRADING INC. OF DENVER, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,169.43 FOR THE RECREATION CENTER INFRASTRUCTURE - PHASE I PROJECT."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Worthington, Whittlesey, and Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2019-92: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 1 WITH SANDE CONSTRUCTION OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,900.37 FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Whittlesey, Sleiter, and Worthington. Motion carried.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to approve the second 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."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Worthington, and Whittlesey. Motion carried.

The Council considered suspending the rules and waiving the third reading of the proposed ordinance. Pending a verification of the rules for doing this without a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the Council present (which would require four of the five members to be present), the Council proceeded with the vote.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of the aforementioned Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Worthington, Whittlesey, and Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Sleiter to approve the final reading of the aforementioned Ordinance and direct the City Clerk to publish the Ordinance as Ordinance No. 2019-04.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Whittlesey, Sleiter, and Worthington. Motion carried.

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Mentioned that there has been some interest by a few individuals in purchasing the decorative lights to be removed from downtown. They will be sold at auction. He also explained that some of the new colored concrete was removed and replaced because the color was not what was intended. He also announced that, due to vandalism, the windows in the Taft Shelter have been boarded up for now. The matter is being investigated by the Police Department. Whittlesey – Asked about the possibility of planting trees between the Recreation Center and the neighboring properties to cut down on noise from the air conditioner system. Sleiter – Asked the City Administrator to address some negative comments and misinformation contained in a recent letter to the editor in the *Humboldt Independent*. The City Administrator addressed comments regarding the purchase of tablets to replace paper Council packets, the purchase of a television approximately five years ago, decreased spending and increased revenue trends during the past four years and the City's resulting bond rating upgrade. He also explained that the downtown revitalization project will be funded with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues from the property owners in the Central Business District Urban Renewal Area. The county and school property taxes (less school debt service and PPEL levies) paid by those property owners will be routed to the City for the bond payments. The tax rates for those property owners (or any other property taxpayers) will not increase due to the project. Sleiter also thanked the Messenger

Motion by Worthington, Second by Sleiter to schedule Monday, August 19, 2019 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 6:12 PM. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk