

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2017 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 21, 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, and Whittlesey. Absent: Sleiter and Davis.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Vermeer to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the Minutes of the August 7, 2017 regular Council Meeting; 3) the July Treasurer's Report; and 4) an ownership change and the renewal of a Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit (Carryout Wine), and Sunday Sales Privilege for Shopko Stores Operating Co., LLC d/b/a Shopko Hometown #664. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService, Inc. presented the July PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on current and upcoming repairs and maintenance issues at the water and wastewater plants. He also discussed needed valve replacements, the roof replacement at the wastewater plant, and some issues with the exterior of the south water tower.

The Council discussed plans for the third annual Cy-Hawk Rivalry event, to be held on Thursday, September 7th.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Goodell to approve changes to the original street closure request, based on recommendations to be made by Sheriff Dean Kruger and the City Administrator after further discussion with the Chamber of Commerce Director. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council tabled a proposal to approve a fireworks permit request from 4Gs Pyrotechnics for a display on September 7, 2017 in connection with the Cy-Hawk Rivalry event, citing safety concerns with the plan to discharge fireworks from the Sumner Avenue Bridge. The matter will be discussed further at an upcoming special meeting.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to approve a funding request for \$1,500 to pay for portable toilets and banners from the Humboldt-Dakota City Chamber of Commerce for the annual Cy-Hawk Rivalry event. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed options for enabling residents to water lawns and fill swimming pools without incurring sewer charges on that water usage. The City Administrator demonstrated a sample meter contained in a lockable toolbox which could be attached to an outdoor spigot and garden hose. The water usage from that meter could be subtracted from the total usage to calculate a credit for sewer charges. The meters could be used for short-term, such as filling a swimming pool, or for the entire season. Another option considered would be to utilize a winter averaging program for sewer charges in the summer for all residents. The Council directed staff to draft an ordinance addressing irrigation metering.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Goodell to approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Parks Department one-ton dump truck. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Goodell to approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the disposition of the property located at 901 Taft Street North. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Whittlesey to approve an Engagement Agreement for the services rendered by Ahlers & Cooney, PC in its capacity as Bond Counsel to the City of Humboldt for the issuance of \$910,000 (dollar amount subject to change) General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2017. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2017-75: “A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$600,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2017.”

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

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Goodell to approve the third 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)” and to direct the City Clerk to publish the aforementioned ordinance as Ordinance No. 2017-07.

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

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Whittlesey to approve the second reading of the following proposed ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND ATVs/ORVs ON CITY STREETS.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey 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 160, PERTAINING TO FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS.”

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

Other items discussed: City Administrator – Updated the Council on the Sumner Avenue Bridge project pending pay estimates. An agreement has been reached with the contractor regarding liquidated damages, and a special meeting will be scheduled to approve the final pay requests. He also updated the Council on the See Click Fix program, the Business Park prairie grass issue, and the pool schedule for the rest of the month. City Clerk – Reminded residents of the Labor Day week garbage schedule. Goodell – Asked about responsibility for weeds in the cracks of sidewalks in the downtown area, and mentioned a nuisance property that needs to be cleaned up. Vermeer – Suggested a “Clean Up Humboldt” campaign to address derelict properties and unsightly areas. Mayor – Asked about the cleanup of another property on which the house has been demolished.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Sleiter to schedule Tuesday, September 5, 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 7:02 PM. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk