

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 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, Harklau, and Whittlesey. Absent: Dominick.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Harklau to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the August 21, 2023 regular Council meeting; 3) the minutes of the August 28, 2023 special Council meeting; 4) the August claims; 5) the August Investment Report; 6) the August Treasurer's Report; and 7) an amended Outdoor Service Area for Beilke Brewing, LLC, d/b/a TractorLift Brewery. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The City Administrator reviewed his Council Report.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve a request from St. Mary's Parish for a street closure on 4th Ave N for the St. Mary's Chicken Dinner event on Sunday, October 29, 2023. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Joey Whitehouse and Nick Frederiksen of ISG were present to discuss a proposed Pavement Management Plan for the City of Humboldt. This is a ten-year plan for street maintenance and improvements, designed to address the areas needing the most attention first. It was the consensus of the Council that this was a workable plan.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve a quote from Blacktop Service Co. for the pavement of a portion of the roads in Union Cemetery. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Harklau to approve a request from the Hardpack 30 committee for a street closure on Sumner Avenue for an event on September 16, 2023. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Harklau to approve a street closure request on 2nd Avenue North from the PATHS group for a back-to-school event on September 11, 2023 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Taft Park. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and estimated cost for the Highway 169 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project in the City of Humboldt, Iowa, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 6:07 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the proposed project for the replacement of 416 linear feet of sanitary sewer line along US Highway 169. The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost for this project is \$178,538, and the scheduled completion date for the project is November 24, 2023.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator or Council, and no written comments or objections were received.

There being no more comments or objections on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the Highway 169 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project in the City of Humboldt, Iowa Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 6:08 PM.

Motion by Harklau, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2023-74: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE HIGHWAY 169 SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Three bids were received for the Highway 169 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project, the lowest being from J&K Contracting of Ames, Iowa in the amount of \$183,150. The other bidders were Reding’s Gravel & Excavating and On-Track Construction. The engineer recommended that the bid from J&K Contracting be accepted.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2023-75: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE HIGHWAY 169 SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.”

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

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and estimated cost for the 5th Avenue Southwest Water Main Improvement Project in the City of Humboldt, Iowa, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 6:10 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the proposed project, which includes the replacement of the existing 2” water main on 5th Avenue SW from Sumner Avenue to 11th Street SW with a 6” water main. This main has had multiple recent breaks and is in poor condition. The project also includes a full asphalt reconstruction of the 5th Avenue SW from Sumner Avenue to 11th Street SW. The Engineer’s Opinion of Probable Cost for this project is \$309,722, and the scheduled completion date for the project is November 24, 2023.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator or Council, and no written comments or objections were received.

There being no more comments or objections on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the 5th Avenue Southwest Water Main Improvement Project in the City of Humboldt, Iowa, Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 6:11 PM.

Three bids were received for the Highway 169 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project, the lowest being from Reding’s Gravel & Excavating of Algona, Iowa in the amount of \$278,848.75. The other bidders were J&K Contracting of Ames, Iowa and Riley-Armstrong Plumbing of Fort Dodge, Iowa. The engineer recommended that the bid from Reding’s Gravel & Excavating be accepted.

Motion by Harklau, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2023-77: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE 5th AVENUE SOUTHWEST WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2023-78:
“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO
VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.” (Kim Jensen – Zoning Administrator)

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Harklau to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2023-79:
“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500 IN
FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR LOW-AND-MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING PURPOSES TO
THE HEART OF IOWA REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND TO PROVIDE MATCHING
FUNDS FOR AN OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Reported that the owner of the former Kum & Go property has been cited for various code violations. City Clerk – Reminded the Council of the holiday garbage collection schedule. Goodell – Asked about grant funds available for bike paths in conjunction with the upcoming street projects. There could be some funds from the Safe Routes to School program, as well as TAP grants and the State Recreational Trails (SRT) program.

Motion by Harklau, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, September 18, 2023 at 5:30 PM as the date and time for the next regular meeting of the Humboldt City Council and adjourn this session at 6:21 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk