

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 in the Board of Supervisors meeting room at the Humboldt County Courthouse. Mayor Walter Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Goodell, Sleiter, Rusher, and Davis. Absent: Scholl

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Davis to approve the agenda as printed. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2015 regular Council Meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the August Investment Report and the August Treasurer's Report. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the claims for August. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Scholl arrived at 5:32 PM.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the appointment of Trent Olsen to the Humboldt Fire Department. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve a street closure request from the Humboldt-Dakota City Chamber of Commerce for the Downtown Sounds/Chili Cook-off on October 9, 2015 from 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Rusher to approve the renewal of a Class C Liquor License and Outdoor Service Privilege for Sylvia and Thomas Greene, d/b/a Sit-N-Bull Saloon. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the replacement of street lights in the downtown area and Sumner Avenue Hill with LED lights. MidAmerican is replacing the existing lights with LED lights as needed. The replacement can be accelerated for those lights, at a cost of \$100 per fixture. The high-power fixtures have a pay-back of approximately 3 years, while the low-power lights have a significantly longer pay-back period. The street lights on Sumner Avenue downtown and on the hill are high-power; there are a few low-power lights at the top of the hill.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with MidAmerican Energy to replace approximately fifty-one high-power street lights on and around Sumner Avenue and some low-power street lights as needed in the same area, at a cost of \$100 per fixture. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed a possible tax abatement program for the portion of the Eagle Ridge Addition not currently included in the urban revitalization area. In order for the lots located on the south side of Eagle Ridge Drive to be eligible for tax abatement, the Urban Revitalization Plan will need to be amended. A development agreement will be drafted between the City and the developer of the area to establish minimum requirements and specifications for building on the lots.

It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the process to amend the Urban Revitalization Plan and authorize tax abatements to the properties located south of Eagle Ridge Drive.

The Council discussed a recommendation by the City's bond counsel, Ahlers and Cooney PC, that the services of a financial advisor be used for the upcoming bond issue. The cost would be approximately \$7,000 for this issuance. D. A. Davidson is the City's underwriter for the issue, and underwriters are not allowed to serve as financial advisors as well. The financial advisor would serve to verify that the underwriter is providing a fair interest rate for the issuance. It was the consensus of the Council that a financial advisor is not needed at this time.

The Council discussed the implementation of a penalty for the late filing of building permit applications. The Council directed staff to draft an ordinance addressing this issue.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Scholl to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-68: "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS." (Sue Hett and Tricia Gargano to the Library Board of Trustees, and Jim Mertz to the Planning and Zoning Commission)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Goodell, Sleiter, Scholl, Rusher, and Davis. Motion carried.

Motion by Scholl, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-69: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 14 FROM GODBERSON-SMITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,973.11 FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Scholl, Rusher, Davis, and Goodell. Motion carried.

Motion by Scholl, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-70: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 15 FROM GODBERSON-SMITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,075.70 FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Scholl, Rusher, Davis, Goodell, and Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Davis to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-71: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 7 FROM BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR THE ROADWAY SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,845.03."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Rusher, Davis, Goodell, Sleiter, and Scholl. Motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-72: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2 FROM GRUNDMAN-HICKS, LLC OF CHEROKEE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,562.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SLUDGE HOLDING TANK COVER AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Davis, Goodell, Sleiter, Scholl, and Rusher. Motion carried.

Motion by Scholl, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2015-73: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH GRUNDMAN-HICKS, LLC OF CHEROKEE, IOWA FOR A NET DECREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$1,700.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SLUDGE HOLDING TANK COVER AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Goodell, Sleiter, Scholl, Rusher, and Davis. Motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Sleiter 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 23, SECTION 02 PERTAINING TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TERM OF OFFICE."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Scholl, Rusher, Davis, and Goodell. Motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Scholl to approve the first reading of the following proposed ordinance: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY REPEALING CHAPTER 26, PERTAINING TO THE AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Scholl, Rusher, Davis, Goodell, and Sleiter. Motion carried.

Other Items Discussed: Scholl – Asked for an update on the library's roof repairs. The City Administrator reported that it has been difficult to obtain quotes for the project, as contractors are all very busy. He also asked about the recent field flooding near the high school, and about the vacancy on the Police Department. Applications for that position are currently being accepted. City Administrator – Updated the Council on the plans for WHO-TV's visit to Humboldt for its RVTV event. Plans are going well for the event, to be held on September 9th. He also updated the Council on the 5th Avenue South Water Main Replacement Project, the Airport Hangar Replacement Project, the Water Treatment Plant Renovation Project, and the Eagle Ridge Phase II Project.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Scholl to schedule Monday, September 21, 2015 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 7:26 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk