

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2017 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 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: Sleiter, Vermeer, Davis, and Whittlesey. Absent: Goodell.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the Minutes of the September 18, 2017 regular Council Meeting; 3) the September Investment Report; 4) the September Claims; and 5) a new 5-day Class C Liquor License and Outdoor Service Area for Pheasants Forever, Inc., d/b/a Humboldt County Pheasants Forever (November 8 – 12, 2017). (4) Ayes, motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the sale of a parcel of land locally known as 901 Taft Street North, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:33 PM.

The City Administrator reported that no bids or proposals were received for the aforementioned property. The Council discussed the options available for removing the existing structure from the lot either by demolishing it or conducting a controlled burn by the fire department. The estimated cost for either option would be approximately \$10,000 - \$12,000. An abutting property owner stated that he would prefer the property be demolished rather than burned down. The City Administrator will investigate the available options.

The City Clerk stated that no written comments or objections had been received and there were no further comments from anyone in attendance.

There being no more comments or objections on the sale of a parcel of land locally known as 901 Taft Street North, Mayor Scholl closes the Public Hearing at 5:42 PM.

The Council discussed options for amending the City's winter parking ordinance. It was the consensus of the Council to add a provision for towing vehicles which have not been moved after 24 hours' notice. An ordinance will be ready for the Council's consideration at the next meeting.

The Council discussed a program offered by the National League of Cities which offers insurance to property owners for sewer and water service line repairs and replacement. While there is no cost for the proposed program to the City, the promotional materials would include the City's logo. The consensus of the Council was that residents have the opportunity for obtaining this coverage through their own homeowners' insurance policy.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Sleiter to approve a proposal from SCE, LLC of Cherokee, Iowa in the amount of \$39,935.00 for the replacement of six (6) gate valve assemblies and six (6) water manholes. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve a proposal from Tremco, Inc. for the Tremcare Preventative Maintenance Program for City buildings for October 2017 through September 2018. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2017-90: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET TRANSFERS."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Davis to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2017-91: “A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE 2017 ROADWAY SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROJECT IN AND FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST, AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS.”

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

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2017-92: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 1 WITH DENVER UNDERGROUND AND GRADING, INC. OF DENVER, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,553.10 FOR THE EAGLE RIDGE ADDITION – PHASE III PROJECT.”

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

No action was taken on the following proposed Resolution No. 2017-93: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY LOCALLY KNOWN AS 901 TAFT STREET NORTH, HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

Other items discussed: City Administrator – Reported on the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference, attended by himself, the Mayor, and the City Clerk. Reminded residents of the brush pickup and burn dates. Whittlesey – Reported that a resident had suggested that ATV/UTV operation should be prohibited on Taft Street. Vermeer – Asked about adding an additional junk pickup or some other way for residents to dispose of large items, including appliances.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Whittlesey to schedule Monday, October 16, 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 6:25 PM.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk