

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2017 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 16, 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, Sleiter, Vermeer, Davis, and Whittlesey.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Vermeer to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the Minutes of the October 2, 2017 regular Council Meeting; 3) the September Treasurer's Report; 4) setting Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM as Trick-or-Treat night in the City of Humboldt; 5) a request for a street closure and waiver of transient merchant fees from the Humboldt-Dakota City Chamber of Commerce for the Harvest Moonlight Madness event to be held on October 26, 2017; and 6) for the Humboldt Area Arts Council for the "Dial M for Murder" and "Have a Heart for Art" events, effective November 9 through November 13. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService, Inc. presented the September PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on current and upcoming repairs and maintenance issues at the water and wastewater plants.

Public Input comments were made by Michelle McKenna and Janell Lowe regarding a request for a digital sign to be installed at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Engineer's Estimate of Cost for the 2017 Roadway System Maintenance Project, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:54 PM.

David Doxtad of ISG reviewed the plans and specifications for the proposed street maintenance project. The Engineer's estimate for the construction cost is \$411,370.00; with contingencies and non-construction costs, the total Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost is \$542,370.00.

The City Clerk stated that no written comments or objections had been received and there were no further comments from those 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 closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 PM.

The Council discussed the proposed purchase of water circulation equipment for the south water tower. This equipment will lengthen the amount of time between required cleanings and extend the life of the exterior coating on the tower.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Sleiter to authorize the purchase of water circulation equipment for the south water tower. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2017-93: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE 2017 ROADWAY SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Davis 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 69, SECTION 12, PERTAINING TO SNOW ROUTES.”

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

Other Items Discussed – City Administrator: Reminded the Council of the October and November burn dates, and also reminded those who use the Cottonwood Trail to stay on the trail.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Goodell to approve entering into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues as requested by the employee as per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1) [i] at 6:14 PM.

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve ending the Closed Session and going back into Open Session at 7:22 PM.

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to approve a proposed 2-year contract renewal for City Administrator Travis Goedken effective January 10, 2018, to include a raise in annual base pay to \$86,500 with a merit pay raise of not to exceed three (3) percent with a favorable performance evaluation in one year. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Vermeer, Second by Whittlesey to schedule Monday, November 6, 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 7:24. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk