

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2021 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in special session on Monday, September 20, 2021 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, Dominick, and Whittlesey. Absent: Worthington.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the October 4, 2021 regular Council meeting; 3) the amended minutes of the September 7, 2021 regular Council meeting; 4) the September Treasurer's Report; and 5) a street closure request from St. Mary's for a chicken dinner on Sunday, November 7, from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM (or until the dinner is complete) on 3rd Avenue North. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Ryan Miller of PeopleService, Inc. reviewed the September PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on current and upcoming repairs and maintenance issues for the water and wastewater treatment systems.

Fire Chief Jim Gronbach addressed the Council to recommend that Kolton Gillespie be approved as the newest volunteer firefighter. The fire department's bylaws have been amended to allow for 25 (instead of 21) total firefighters, and Kolton's appointment brings the total to 22.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the appointment of Kolton Gillespie as a volunteer firefighter. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Dominick to authorize the Mayor to sign a Municipal Advisor Services Agreement with D A. Davidson & Co. for financial analysis services relating to the Sewer Treatment Utility System/State Revolving Loan Fund loan. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing to review an application for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and to make available to the public the contents of an environmental information document and the City's project plan, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 5:47 PM.

The City Clerk reviewed the Environmental Information Document for the proposed Humboldt Wastewater Treatment Improvements Project. She outlined the scope of the currently proposed project and outlined other improvements which were identified at the treatment facility and main lift station to be completed as a future Phase II project. She reviewed costs and funding sources for the project and reported that the IDNR has conducted an environmental review of the project and found that there is no reason to believe the project will have a significant environmental impact. IDNR coordinated with many other organizations to make this determination, including several IDNR agencies, US Army Corp of Engineers, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, The State Historical Society of Iowa, and several Native American tribes. To date, no adverse comments were received from any agencies.

No written comments or objections to the rezoning were received, and there were no questions, comments, or objections from the general public in attendance.

There being no more comments or objections on the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and the contents of an environmental information document and the City's project plan, Mayor Scholl closed the Public Hearing at 5:53 PM.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-71: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT (EID) FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-72: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT MATCHING GRANT AWARD AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE PROGRAM SUMMARY FOR ROOF IMPROVEMENTS TO DOM'S CAFE."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-73: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 8 WITH BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR THE 2020 ROADWAY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,056.30."

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

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-74: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR THE 2020 ROADWAY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF AN INCREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE OF \$207,091.45."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-75: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 9 (FINAL) WITH BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR THE 2020 ROADWAY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-76: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 6 WITH BRIAN NETTLETON EXCAVATING, INC FOR THE HIGHWAY 169 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,310.88."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-77: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH BRIAN NETTLETON EXCAVATING, INC OF JOICE, IOWA FOR THE HIGHWAY 169 WATER

MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF A NET DECREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE OF \$8,879.07.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-78: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 7 (FINAL) WITH BRIAN NETTLETON EXCAVATING, INC FOR THE HIGHWAY 169 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,158.78.”

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

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2021-79: “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.”

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

Other Items Discussed – City Clerk – Reminded the Council of the upcoming meeting to discuss the Reasoner Dam, announced that the downtown merchants will hold a Trick or Treat night on Sumner Avenue on October 28 from 3:30 – 6:00 PM. She also updated the Council on the City Administrator search process.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Goodell to adjourn this session at 6:11 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk