

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2019 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Pro Tem Sleiter called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Sleiter, Dominick, Worthington, and Whittlesey. Absent: Goodell.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Dominick to approve the following Consent Agenda items: 1) the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the December 2, 2019 regular Council meeting; and 3) the November Treasurer's Report. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

AJ Flurey of PeopleService, Inc. reviewed the November PeopleService reports. He updated the Council on current and upcoming repairs and maintenance issues for the water and wastewater treatment systems.

Alissa O'Connor provided a report of the activities of the Humboldt County Development Association. The report outlined the HCDA Strategic Plan, including a detailed list of specific program areas and the objectives for each area as well as two-year and cumulative statistics pertaining to capital investment, new and retained jobs, and added taxable valuation. The presentation included a budget request for \$50,000 in general funding and \$25,000 in funding for the Small Business Initiative for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to approve a wage increase to \$15.00 per hour for snow removal at the Humboldt Municipal Airport. (3) Ayes, (1) abstention (Sleiter). Motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the disposition of a parcel of public property locally known as 30 Taft Street North, Mayor Pro Tem Sleiter opened the public hearing at 5:47 PM.

The City Administrator reported that one proposal was received for the purchase of the property located at 30 Taft Street North, commonly known as the former US Post Office. This proposal is from Don Olson and Larry Beilke, and includes plans to develop the property into a microbrewery. This project includes a planned \$250,000 renovation to the building. The project is contingent on the developers' receipt of a \$100,000 Community Catalyst Grant.

There being no more comments or objections on the disposition of a parcel of public property locally known as 30 Taft Street North, Mayor Pro Tem Sleiter closed the Public Hearing at 5:55 PM.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2019-137: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY LOCALLY KNOWN AS 30 TAFT STREET NORTH, HUMBOLDT, IOWA."

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Announced that MIDAS Council of Governments is seeking feedback on the "Super 2" design of Highway 169 between Humboldt and Fort Dodge. The consensus was that the highway is much safer than it used to be, but some of the painted lines

are difficult to see at night and when the pavement is wet. He also announced that wrapping paper is not recyclable and that a vendor has been found to provide video services for council meetings. He reminded the Council of a meeting on December 18 to address the dissolution of the Chamber of Commerce and explore the formation of a Community Betterment Group.

Motion by Worthington, Second by Whittlesey to schedule Monday, January 6, 2020 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 6:05 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

John Sleiter, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk