

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2023 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2023 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, Harklau, and Whittlesey.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Goodell to approve the following Consent Agenda items: the agenda as printed; 2) the minutes of the December 4, 2023 regular Council meeting; 3) the November Treasurer's Report; and 4) the renewal of a Class C Retail Alcohol License for WFO Investments, LLC, d/b/a WFO (716 Main)(pending dram shop certification). (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Public Input comments were made by Jeff Christensen and Trisha Schachtner regarding the possible keeping of chickens within the City limits.

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

The City Administrator reviewed his Council Report.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Dominick to approve a copier lease agreement with Access Systems. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The City Administrator reviewed two bids received for the interior and exterior remodeling of the Humboldt Community Center. The two bids received for the project were higher than expected, and it was the consensus of the Council to focus on the interior improvements to the building for now.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Sleiter to approve a quote for interior remodeling of the Humboldt Community Center from Harvey Construction in the amount of \$86,400.00, and to rebid the exterior concrete work in the spring. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Harklau, Second by Goodell to postpone the consideration of quotes for the construction of sidewalks in Taft Park pending further investigation regarding ADA compliance by staff. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and estimated cost for the 2024 Sumner Avenue Improvements Project, Mayor Scholl opened the public hearing at 6:15 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the proposed project, to include mill and overlay of the Sumner Avenue roadway from approximately 5th Avenue SW, through the downtown area and to the City limits near the NEW Coop. The project will also include the replacement of curb and gutter where needed. The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost for the project is \$1,324,624.70.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator or Council, and no written comments or objections were received.

There being no more comments or objections on the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and estimated cost for the 2024 Sumner Avenue Improvements Project, Mayor Scholl closed the public hearing at 6:17 PM.

Motion by Whittlesey, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2023-105: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Harklau to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2023-106: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE SUMNER AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.” (to Blacktop Service Company of Humboldt, Iowa in the amount of \$1,390,088.89)

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

Motion by Dominick, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2023-107: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT 1 TO TASK ORDER NO. 2442-20A.2 FROM STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE RAW PUMPING AND NUTRIENT REMOVAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE HUMBOLDT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AFOREMENTIONED AMENDMENT.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Whittlesey to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2023-108: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY APPLICATION NO. 15 WITH PETERSON CONSTRUCTION OF WEBSTER CITY, IOWA FOR THE RAW PUMPING AND NUTRIENT REMOVAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,436.00.”

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Dominick to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2023-109: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE ATTACHED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM DATA SHEETS FOR POSSIBLE FY 2025-2029 FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANTS, AND CERTIFYING THAT THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH IS AVAILABLE FOR EACH PROGRAM AWARDED A GRANT.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Clerk – Reminded the Council of the office schedule for Christmas and New Year’s.

Motion by Harklau, Second by Goodell to schedule Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5:30 PM as the date and time for the next regular meeting of the Humboldt City Council and adjourn this session at 6:25 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Daniel E. Scholl, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk