

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2012 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Walter Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Goodell, Sleiter, Boomgarden, Rusher, and Hadar.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell to approve the agenda as printed. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2012 regular Council meeting. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hadar, Second by Goodell to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Hadar to approve the July Claims. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing to review bids received for the 2012 Eagle Ridge Addition Project, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:33 PM.

The City Administrator reported that eight bids were received for the project, two of which were irregular – on one submission the proposal and bid bond were not in separate envelopes; on the second irregular bid, the bidder failed to initial the acknowledgement of receipt of Addendum #1. He explained that the plans and specifications included alternates for asphalt and concrete. The Engineer's estimate for the project was \$1,250,289, and the six conforming bids were as follows:

	Alternate I (Asphalt)	Alternate II (Concrete)
Wunsch Construction, Inc.	\$ 1,040,864.65	\$ 1,010,823.70
Rasch Construction, Inc.	\$ none	\$ 1,069,992.20
Reding's Gravel & Excavation	\$ none	\$ 1,086,304.15
H & W Contracting, LLC	\$ 1,161,795.10	\$ 1,132,606.45
Nels Pederson Co., Inc.	\$ 1,240,239.50	\$ 1,174,005.50
J & K Contracting, LLC	\$ 1,287,981.55	\$ 1,259,535.25

Derek Johnson of Schlotfeldt Engineers reported that the bids were opened on August 2nd at 2:00 P.M., in accordance with the bid documents. He summarized the bids received and addressed the issue of the irregular bids. The Council has the option of either waiving the irregularities and considering the bids or returning them to the bidders.

Motion by Boomgarden, second by Sleiter to return two envelopes containing bids for the 2012 Eagle Ridge Addition Project to the respective bidders due to irregularities with the bidding process. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The City Administrator then explained the plans for the rest of the infrastructure in the Eagle Ridge Addition.

The City Clerk reported that no written comments or objections to the project bids were received.

The Mayor then asked for public comments on the bids received for the Eagle Ridge Addition Project. Alissa Marchant, representing Blacktop Service, Inc. addressed the Council and asked that they consider awarding the contract to include asphalt paving instead of concrete. She stated that the cost difference between asphalt and concrete on the low bid is approximately 3%, and then outlined possible benefits of using a local vendor for asphalt versus a concrete vendor from outside the area. Bob Wagner, also of Blacktop Service, outlined some benefits of using asphalt instead of concrete in street construction.

The Council discussed the two alternatives, concrete and asphalt paving. Wunsch Construction, Inc. of Greene, Iowa was the low bidder for both alternatives, and the bid for the asphalt option (\$1,040,864.65) was approximately \$30,000 more than the bid for concrete (\$1,010,823.70). Both bids were considerably lower than the engineer's estimate of probable cost (\$1,250,289), and both bids were lower than the next higher bid received, which was for concrete paving (\$1,069,992.20).

There being no more comments or objections on the bids received for the Eagle Ridge Addition Project, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:51 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the matter of the proposal to vacate and convey to the Humboldt County Agricultural Society a portion of 8th Avenue North, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:51 PM.

The City Administrator reported that the Humboldt County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) owns the land on both sides of the portion of 8th Avenue North under consideration, and the street is not needed for public use. No one else has expressed an interest in obtaining the property, and the City can avoid future maintenance costs for the street by conveying ownership of the street to the Humboldt County Agricultural Society.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator, Mayor, or Council, and no written comments or objections were received. There were no comments or objections from the general public in attendance.

There being no more comments or objections on the matter of the proposal to vacate and convey to the Humboldt County Agricultural Society a portion of 8th Avenue North, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:53 PM.

Sheriff Dean Kruger introduced Andrew Shillington to the Council. He explained that Police Officer Brad Thiele has been called to active duty with the National Guard for one year, starting in November, and Mr. Shillington will fill in for him during his deployment. The City Administrator reported that he will attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy beginning September 5th, and will be available for full-time duty by the time Officer Thiele departs. It is understood that this is a temporary position until Officer Thiele returns. The City Administrator stated that a standard contract for the repayment of Mr. Shillington's academy costs will be drawn up, but repayment will be waived upon satisfactory completion of his temporary duties.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the hiring of Andrew Shillington in a temporary position as Police Officer, effective September 4, 2012, pending the completion of entrance exams. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed various options available for the use of the vacant space resulting from the demolition of the building at 611/613 Sumner Avenue. Representatives from I & S Group, Tony Chevalier and Justin Steffl, reviewed plans for a green space in the vacated area. Options for the

space include water features, planters, paving, and trees and other plantings. The proposed Humboldt Public Plaza would provide pedestrian access to the Humboldt Public Library, and would provide a focal point for the downtown area. Proposed design elements include a fountain, splash pad, an option for a large planter instead of a fountain, and options for trees and other plantings. The Council directed staff to continue the planning, keeping in mind that future building on the site is possible. I & S will bring plans and specifications for the site to the August 20th Council meeting.

The Council further considered the paving options for the Eagle Ridge Addition.

Motion by Hadar, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-88, awarding the contract to Wunsch Construction, Inc., using Alternate II (concrete paving option), in the amount of \$1,010,823.70: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2012 EAGLE RIDGE ADDITION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hadar and Boomgarden. Nays – Goodell, Sleiter, and Rusher. Motion failed.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-88, awarding the contract to Wunsch Construction, Inc., using Alternate I (asphalt paving option), in the amount of \$1,040,823.70: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2012 EAGLE RIDGE ADDITION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Goodell, Sleiter, and Rusher. Nays – Hadar and Boomgarden. Motion carried

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-89: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF EIGHTH AVENUE NORTH DESCRIBED AS: THE EAST 165 FEET OF THE 400 BLOCK OF 8TH AVENUE NORTH, HUMBOLDT, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, IOWA.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Boomgarden, Rusher, Hadar, and Goodell. Motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-90: “A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DISPOSAL OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Boomgarden, Rusher, Hadar, Goodell, and Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadar, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-91: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH HENNINGSEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. OF ATLANTIC, IOWA FOR THE 2011 HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT T-HANGAR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FOR A NET INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$47,606.10.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Rusher, Hadar, Goodell, Sleiter, and Boomgarden. Motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-92: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO THE ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CLAPSADDLE-GARBER ASSOCIATES, INC. OF MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE T-HANGAR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT THE HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hadar, Goodell, Sleiter, Boomgarden, and Rusher. Motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-93: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR THE \$1,550,000 (DOLLAR AMOUNT SUBJECT TO CHANGE) GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2012”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Goodell, Sleiter, Boomgarden, Rusher, and Hadar. Motion carried.

Alissa Reinholdt, HCDA Director, reviewed plans for the proposed Humboldt Business Park. Funds from the federal earmark and Tax Increment Financing will pay for planned infrastructure improvements at the site. She also explained the options available for storm water runoff management, including a possible retention pond along the south side of the site.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-94: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE HUMBOLDT BUSINESS PARK PROJECT, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND LETTING AND SET 5:30 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2012 AS THE TIME AND DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW BIDS RECEIVED.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sleiter, Boomgarden, Rusher, Hadar, and Goodell. Motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:26 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Sleiter to come to order as Drainage District 13A Trustees at 6:26 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. DD 2012-02: “A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL LANDS INTO DRAINAGE DISTRICT 13A.”

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Boomgarden, Rusher, Hadar, Goodell, and Sleiter. Motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to adjourn the session of the Drainage District 13A Trustees at 6:28 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Boomgarden to reconvene as the Humboldt City Council at 6:28 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Reminded the Council that the auction for the first set of lots at the Eagle Ridge Addition, Lots 11-19, will be held at 1:30 PM on Sunday, September 23rd. He also noted that the first Flick & Float event at the Humboldt Family Aquatic Center was a huge success. City staff recently participated in a bond rating review with Standard & Poor’s personnel, and we are waiting for the results of that meeting. Hadar – Reported that the Dam Skunk Race was

well attended again this year. That event is funded in part by the Regional Recreation Council, and that council is always looking for new events to fund.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, August 20, 2012 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 6:31 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk