

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2013 MEETING  
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Walter Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Sleiter, Scholl, Rusher, and Hadar. Absent: Goodell.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Hadar to approve the agenda as printed. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hadar, Second by Rusher to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 work session, the December 2, 2013 work session, and the December 2, 2013 regular Council Meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Hadar to approve the November Treasurer's Report. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService, Inc. reported on some recent issues with both water towers. He also introduced Steve Guthrie, the new Region Manager for PeopleService for Humboldt.

The Council reviewed a letter from the Iowa Department of Transportation announcing plans for resurfacing portions of Highway 3 from Highway 169 to the Humboldt/Wright County line.

Economic Development Director Alissa Reinholdt and Humboldt County Development Association President Jim Vermeer addressed the Council on behalf of the Humboldt County Development Association. They presented a summary of the HCDA's accomplishments in 2013, and requested \$40,000 in funding for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the renewal of a Class C Liquor License and Sunday Sales Privilege for JOD Inc., d/b/a El Valle Grocery/El Valle Grill, pending the certification of dram shop insurance. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the renewal of a Class C Native Wine Permit and Sunday Sales Privilege for Candace Robinson and Renae Dreyer, d/b/a Humboldt Engraving & Gifts. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 5:53 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to come to order as Drainage District 13A Trustees at 5:54 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing to consider the approval of the Commissioners' Reports on Drainage District 13A, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:54 PM.

Rick Hopper of Jacobson-Westergard & Associates addressed the Trustees to explain the actions taken to date in this final reclassification of parcels included in the drainage district. This

reclassification includes adjustments and exclusions of some parcels identified with the earlier reclassifications. The purpose of the reclassification is to determine the assessment amounts for each parcel to pay for the improvements made to Drainage District 13A and includes the costs incurred in two areas: the improvement project in Drainage District 80 in Dakota City, which took a large portion of land out of Drainage District 13A; and the repairs completed on Drainage District 13A itself after the flooding issues arose in 2007 and 2008. The total levy will be approximately \$1.1 million. The amounts in the current reclassification report are based on that total.

David Johnson, attorney for the Drainage Districts, reviewed four written objections received by: Leland Hamilton, Darrell Christensen, and Deb Schultz, all of Dakota City, and Roger and Pam Conlon of Humboldt. Deb Schultz and Leland Hamilton were present as well. The comments and objections were addressed and questions answered by Mr. Hopper and Mr. Johnson.

There being no more comments or objections on the Commissioners' Reports on Drainage District 13A, Mayor Jensen closed the Public Hearing at 6:31 PM.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. DD 2013-05: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE COMMISSIONERS' REPORT ON THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT 13A MAIN TILE (FOR 2009 CONSTRUCTION)."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. DD 2013-06: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE COMMISSIONERS' REPORT ON THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT 13A MAIN TILE (FOR FUTURE REPAIRS)."

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. DD 2013-07: "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FINAL AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED DRAINAGE DISTRICT 13A LEVY, AND SETTING A TIMEFRAME FOR REPAYMENT OF THE LEVIED AMOUNTS."

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

The Trustees set the total amount of the levy at \$1.1 million, as stated in the Commissioners' Report. The term of the assessment will be ten (10 years). The Trustees will work with County staff to determine the timing of the assessment.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to adjourn the session of the Drainage District 13A Trustees at 6:32 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hadar, Second by Rusher to reconvene as the Humboldt City Council at 6:33 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-125: "A RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSAL

TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH FIFTH GENERATION INVESTMENTS, LLC, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-126: “A RESOLUTION SETTING 5:30 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 AS THE TIME AND DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DISPOSITION BY SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.” (AIRPORT PROPERTY)

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-127: “A RESOLUTION SETTING 5:30 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 AS THE TIME AND DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DISPOSITION BY SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY .” (DOWNTOWN PLAZA PROPERTY)

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

Other Items Discussed – City Administrator – Reported that Humboldt County is in danger of losing its Enterprise Zone designation by the state. He has been speaking with legislators about the designation, which is an important economic development tool. City Clerk – Reminded residents of the holiday garbage collection schedule. Hadar – Expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to work together during his term on the Council. Mayor – Thanked Councilman Hadar for his service to the community.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, January 6, 2014 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 6:46 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

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Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk