

## MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2011 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Walter Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Jorgensen, Sleiter, Boomgarden, Rusher, and Hadar.

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2011 regular Council meeting. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Jorgensen, Second by Sleiter to approve the November Treasurer's Report. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the PeopleService reports for November. The City Administrator reported that water loss in the system was up slightly last month, gave a personnel update, and reported on the status of the roof replacement project at the water plant.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing to review an application for a State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) loan, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:34 PM.

The City Administrator explained that the proposed State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan would close prior to the start of construction, and will be for approximately \$5.2 million. The loan will carry an interest rate of 3.25%, with a 1% origination fee. This final loan will have the smaller planning and design loan included in the total amount. Two payment schedules were proposed: a 20-year schedule would result in average annual payments of \$357,000; a 30-year schedule would result in average annual payments of \$274,000. A proposed water rate increase would cover the payments on the 20-year loan schedule, but not the 10% reserve requirement.

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

There being no more comments or objections on the matter of the City of Humboldt application for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:37 PM.

Dakota City Mayor Dave Lee and Mayor-Elect Don Faltinson were present to discuss setting a 10-ton load limit for the City of Humboldt portion of 1<sup>st</sup> Street North. Ownership and maintenance for the street is shared by the Cities of Humboldt and Dakota City, and there has been an increase in truck and grain wagon traffic on the street, which is not a truck route. It was the consensus of the Council that the load limit be imposed, and the Council directed staff to draft an ordinance to that effect.

The Council discussed a request by Paul Lynch for a waiver to allow burning of trees at St. Mary's Cemetery. The trees were cleared earlier this fall, but conditions during the burn weekends were too dry for the brush to be burned safely. The City Code does not allow for the burning of landscaped waste, except on pre-determined burn dates. It was the consensus of the Council to ask the Fire Department if they would like to burn the brush as part of a training exercise.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-140: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3 FROM SANDE CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$226,570.44 FOR THE HUMBOLDT FIRE & RESCUE STATION PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-141: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH SANDE CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF \$1,520.15 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE FOR THE HUMBOLDT FIRE & RESCUE CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-142: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING TASK ORDER NO. 5.2 BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT AND FOX ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR HUMBOLDT WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREEMENT.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Jorgensen to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-143: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3 FROM HENNINGSEN CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF ATLANTIC, IOWA FOR THE 2011 HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT T-HANGAR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,479.29.”

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

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Mayor Jensen, re-elected Council Members Sleiter and Boomgarden, and newly-elected Council Member Joel Goodell.

Other items discussed: City Administrator – Reported that the middle school construction project is going well. City Clerk – Reminded residents of the garbage pickup schedule for the upcoming holiday weeks. Jorgensen – Wished newly-elected Joel Goodell good luck in his Ward 3 Council seat. Sleiter – Thanked Council Member Jorgensen for his many years of service to the City of Humboldt. Mayor – Wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Motion by Hadar, Second by Boomgarden to approve entering into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues as requested by the employee as per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1) [i] at 6:00 PM.

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve ending the Closed Session and going back into Open Session at 7:00 PM.

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Jorgensen to schedule Tuesday, January 3, 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 7:00 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

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Walter Jensen, Mayor

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