

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 30, 2013
SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in special session on Monday, December 30, 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: Goodell, Sleiter, Scholl, Rusher and Hadar. Others present: City Attorney Eric Eide, City Administrator Aaron Burnett, and City Clerk Gloria Christensen.

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

The Council discussed the duties and obligations of the City Administrator for the various boards on which he serves (Chamber of Commerce, Mid Iowa Growth Partnership, Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation, Humboldt County Development Association, Building Families, and the Humboldt County Community Foundation), and the time commitments required for his membership on those boards. The City Administrator estimated that board activities can take up to sixty percent of his work time. The Council also discussed the occasional conflicts the boards could have with each other and with the interests of the City.

The Council directed the City Administrator to cut back on the time spent on the various boards, and to decrease his leadership roles on those boards to become more of a liaison for the City. The City Administrator was also urged to improve communication with the Mayor and Council with regard to City issues and projects.

The Council discussed the Seventh Avenue South Addition project, suggesting a few ways to decrease costs of the project. It was suggested that curb and gutter on the proposed new street (8th Avenue South) be eliminated from the plan, as well as a storm sewer extension. In addition, a 2-inch asphalt lift could be applied to 7th Avenue South, and a minimum section of 8th Avenue South could be paved with an asphalt lift as well. These changes would trim another \$100,000 from the project cost.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to adjourn this session at 6:30 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk