

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2011 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 3, 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, and Rusher. Absent: Hadar.

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Rusher to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2010 Work Session, the December 20, 2010 regular Council Meeting, and the December 22, 2010 special Council Meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Jorgensen to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report and the December Treasurer's Report. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Jorgensen to approve the Claims for December 2010. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing to consider the approval and execution of a Development Agreement with Woodland Corporation, Inc., d/b/a Syntex Industries, Inc., Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:32 PM.

The City Administrator explained that this Development Agreement is for a term of five years with a maximum total payout of \$9,800. Woodland Corporation (d/b/a Syntex Industries) is constructing a 5,280 square foot addition to its original facility for the manufacture of custom made plastic parts. The current twelve employees will be retained along with two additional employees for a total of fourteen full-time employees.

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

There being no more comments or objections on the approval and execution of a Development Agreement with Woodland Corporation, Inc., d/b/a Syntex Industries, Inc., Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:33 PM.

Motion by Jorgensen, Second by Boomgarden to designate the *Humboldt Independent Newspaper* as the City of Humboldt's official newspaper. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Economic Development Director Alissa O'Connor addressed the Council on behalf of the Humboldt County Development Association. She presented a summary of the HCDA's accomplishments in 2010, and requested \$40,000 in funding for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Motion by Jorgensen, Second by Sleiter to approve a 5-Day Class C Liquor License for the Humboldt County Memorial Hospital Foundation (effective date January 28, 2011) for the 2011 Gala to be held at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed a request by Thad Naeve to purchase an 18-acre City-owned parcel of land which includes approximately ten acres of tillable farm ground. The city currently has a crop sharing agreement on the property with Mike Coleman; the City pays 50% of the expenses and receives 50% of the income from the sale of the crop each year. The Council directed staff to check the provisions of the current lease. Mr. Naeve has not yet submitted a formal offer to purchase the land.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-01: "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT AND SPECIFYING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE DEPOSITS."

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Jorgensen to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-02: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT AND WOODLAND CORPORATION, INC. (D/B/A SYNTEX INDUSTRIES, INC.)."

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-03: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, THE IOWA JOBS BOARD, AND THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE IOWA IJOBS II PROGRAM."

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

Other Items Discussed: Mayor – Reported that the sidewalk on the Sumner Avenue Bridge is in need of some repair work, and that a decision will need to be made soon on whether to pursue the pedestrian bridge construction project on the site of the former Lewis Street Bridge. He stated that it would be possible to close Lewis Street to vehicle traffic and make a pedestrian/bicycle route from the top of the Sumner Avenue Hill to 1st Avenue South. It was suggested that a push-button stoplight be used to control traffic and make the crosswalk safer at the intersection of Sumner Avenue and 4th Avenue SW. The construction of the middle school will increase the pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the area. He also discussed the possibility of making Sheriff Dean Kruger a City employee, rather than considering him a contract employee, as the arrangement with Humboldt County. He also identified problems with garbage dumpsters in front yards and illegal parking in front yards.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to schedule Monday, January 17, 2011 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 6:16 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk