

MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2013 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 2013 in the Humboldt Municipal Building. Mayor Walter Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Council Members present: Goodell, Boomgarden, Rusher, and Hadar. Absent: Sleiter.

Motion by Hadar, Second by Boomgarden to approve the agenda as amended to remove discussion of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2013 regular Council meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Rusher to approve the June Treasurer's Report. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Clint Fishel of PeopleService, Inc. reported on the water plant renovation, repairs being made at the wastewater treatment plant, the recent water leaks at the pool, and the new water tower.

The Council again discussed moving two on-street parking spaces specifically for persons with disabilities from the side streets on which they are currently located to Sumner Avenue - one space near Dr. Whittlesey's office and the other space at Dollar General. The City Administrator pointed out that one more parking space would be lost at each location to provide unloading areas for vans. In addition, getting to the curb ramp will require the passenger to enter the traveled portion of the roadway. Richard Miller, Humboldt, made the original request to move the spaces, and he stated that having to enter the traveled portion of the roadway would not pose a problem.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Boomgarden to move two existing parking spaces specifically for persons with disabilities to Sumner Avenue from the side streets on which they are currently located; one on Taft Street South and the other on 6th Street North. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed a request by Rod Amlie for an adjustment of water charges for a leak at the Scandia Building apartments. No action was taken by the Council on the request.

The Council discussed a request by Gary Woodward to make street repairs on 11th Avenue South. He presented the Council with a petition signed by residents in the area.

The Council discussed a possible change to the minimum street maintenance ordinance. Currently, the ordinance specifies that the City is responsible for snow removal only, and that all other maintenance costs for those streets are the responsibility of the abutting property owners. A change to the ordinance has been proposed by the Mayor to allow for the application of additional rock and grading by City crews. The abutting property owners would be responsible for the cost of the rock applied to the streets. The Council directed City staff to draft a new ordinance for its consideration.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve a Cigarette Permit for Dad's Enterprise. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-70: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 WITH WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF GREENE, IOWA FOR THE 2012 EAGLE RIDGE ADDITION PROJECT FOR A NET ADDITION OF \$71,712.11."

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-71: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 5 FROM WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF GREENE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$161,968.99 FOR THE 2012 EAGLE RIDGE ADDITION PROJECT."

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Thanked the many volunteers and City employees who helped make the Humboldt Sesquicentennial celebration a great success. Hadar – Thanked the Green Runners group for its assistance in keeping the City clean. Boomgarden – Reported that the Project AWARE group collected \$30,000 - \$40,000 in scrap metal in the recent river cleanup event.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, August 5, 2013 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 6:36 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk