

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2011 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 6, 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 Hadar. Absent: Rusher.

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2011 regular Council Meeting and the May 20, 2011 special Council Meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

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

Motion by Jorgensen, Second by Boomgarden to approve the claims for May 2011. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Romaine Lee, 227 Sumner Avenue, addressed the Council regarding the condition of the curb and gutter on the corner on which he lives and the deterioration of some of the sidewalks.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the matter of the vacation of a parcel of land located in the Northwest Industrial Park II, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:37 PM.

Alissa Reinholdt, Humboldt County Development Association Director, addressed the Council to explain that the HCDA wishes to vacate a small parcel of land in the Northwest Industrial Park II which is adjacent to the main airport runway. The process for this transaction was started in 2007, but the final proceedings were never completed. Ms. Reinholdt stated that all of the abutting property owners have been properly notified.

There were no further comments from the 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 vacation of a parcel of land located in the Northwest Industrial Park II, Mayor Jensen closes the public hearing at 5:38 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing to review bids received for the 2011 Water System Improvement Project, Mayor Jensen opens the public hearing at 5:38 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the bids received for the 2011 Water System Improvement Project. He explained that this project will replace or abandon several old water mains on 7th Avenue North, 8th Street North, and Sumner Avenue, and improve control of the water distribution system. Four bids were received, as follows:

Wunsch Construction (Greene, IA)	\$498,015.90
Reding's Gravel & Excavating (Algona, IA)	\$532,397.00
Nettleton Excavating (Joice, IA)	\$595,159.80
Hovey Construction, Inc. (Fort Dodge, IA)	\$610,663.06

There were no irregularities in the bid proposals submitted, and the Engineer's opinion of probable cost for the project was estimated as \$560,688.00.

There were no further comments from the 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 bids received for the 2011 Water System Improvement Project, Mayor Jensen closes the public hearing at 5:40 PM.

The Council discussed the possibility of changing the fuel contract bidding procedure. Currently, state rack average prices are used as a base, and fuel prices are adjusted weekly by the supplier based on that rack average. It has been proposed that bids could be based a simple discount off the pump price instead.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for fuel bids based on a discount per gallon below the advertised pump price for each type of fuel used. The other bid requirements would remain the same. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council considered a request to pay out unused vacation time which would otherwise be forfeited for the City Clerk, due to the extraordinary circumstances and increased workload in the office over the past year.

Motion by Jorgensen, Second by Hadar to approve the payout of 84.5 hours of vacation time to the City Clerk, for vacation accrued but not used prior to April 17, 2011. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Hadar to approve the City of Humboldt Sign Maintenance Policy. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Jorgensen to approve a street closure request from the Downtown Humboldt Enrichment Group for July 1 – 3, 2011 for the Downtown Humboldt Pork & Putt Classic. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve an Outdoor Service Area for Larry Davidson, d/b/a Rustix Restaurant and Reception, pending the certification of dram shop insurance. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hadar, Second by Jorgensen to approve a 5-Day Class B Beer Permit and Outdoor Service Privilege for Downtown Sounds, pending the certification of dram shop insurance. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Sleiter to approve a Special Class C Liquor License (Beer/Wine) and Sunday Sales Privilege for D. Nilles Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Godfather's Pizza, pending the certification of dram shop insurance. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the proposed standards for water and sewer service lines. The current ordinance requires the use of copper pipe instead of plastic pipe, which is considerably less expensive than copper. City staff will draft a new ordinance adopting the proposed standards and allowing the use of plastic pipe.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-61: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE HUMBOLDT URBAN REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR COMMERCIAL TAX ABATEMENT PURPOSES."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Jorgensen to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-62: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMERCIAL TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH NEW COOPERATIVE, INC., OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-63: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID FROM AND AWARDDING THE CONTRACT TO HUMBOLDT INSURANCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, INC. OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR MUNICIPAL INSURANCE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 - 2014 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, INC. OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR MUNICIPAL INSURANCE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 – 2014."

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Jorgensen to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-64: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID FROM AND AWARDDING THE CONTRACT TO T. P. ANDERSON & COMPANY, P.C. OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011 - 2013 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH T. P. ANDERSON & COMPANY, P.C. OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011 – 2013."

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

Motion by Jorgensen, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-65: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3 FROM VOLTMER ELECTRIC, INC. OF DECORAH, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,071.15 FOR THE ELECTRICAL VAULT RELOCATION PROJECT AT THE HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-66: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING MIDAS REQUISITION NO. 23 FOR INSPECTIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,021.00."

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Jorgensen to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-67: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL PARK II."

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

Motion by Hadar, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-68: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID FROM AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2011 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF GREENE, IOWA AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF GREENE, IOWA FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$498,015.90.”

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-69: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF GREENE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF A NET ADDITION OF \$9,835.29 FOR THE 2010 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NORTH).”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Jorgensen to approve the second reading of the following proposed Ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 09, PERTAINING TO RETURNED CHECK FEES.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the first reading of the following proposed Ordinance: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 69, SECTION 13, PERTAINING TO OFF-STREET PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Clerk – Reminded residents that grass should not be blown into the street. Mayor – Reminded residents that grass needs to be mowed on a regular basis.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Jorgensen to schedule Monday, June 20, 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 6:17 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk