

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2011 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 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, Hadar, and Rusher.

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 work session, and the February 22, 2011 regular Council Meeting. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the Claims for February 2011. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Public Input comments were made by Frank Zigrang of Humboldt regarding injured animals within the City limits.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$400,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011, in order to provide funds to pay costs of building, furnishing, and equipping a new fire station for the City, a general corporate purpose, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:35 PM.

The City Administrator announced that notice of the proposed issuance of the notes had been published as required by Iowa Code, and that the notes will be used to pay for a portion of the new fire station. The City Clerk noted that no petition for an election had been filed, and no other written comments or objections had been received. There were no further comments from the Mayor or Council, and there were no comments or objections from the general public in attendance.

There being no more comments or objections on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$400,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:37 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:37 PM.

The City Clerk reviewed a summary of the proposed budget. The proposed levy is \$16.13140, an increase of \$0.13144 from the previous year. \$3.97320 of that levy is for Debt Service, for payments on the Infrastructure Improvement Project bond issues, the Aquatic Center bond issue and the proposed Fire Station construction bond issue. Total revenues are projected to be \$16,770,980; proposed expenditures are \$16,967,923. A large portion of the total revenues and expenditures is due primarily to the Water Plant Renovation Project.

The City Administrator reported that the budgeted expenditures will be distributed as follows: for Public Safety (police and fire) – 4%; for Public Works (streets, airport, storm sewers) – 12%; for Culture and Recreation (library, parks, recreation, pool) – 6%; for Economic Development – 7%; for General Government – 2%; for Debt Service – 3%; for Water Utilities – 47% (due to the Water Plant Renovation and Water Tower Projects); for Street Capital Projects – 7%; for Sewer Utilities – 9%; and for Sanitation - 3%.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator, Mayor, or Council, and no written comments or objections were received. There being no more comments or objections from the general public in attendance on the proposed FY 2011-2012 Budget, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:41 PM.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve a request from the Humboldt/Dakota City Chamber of Commerce for street closures and a waiver of transient merchant fees for the Downtown Sounds events from May – September 2011. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Jorgensen to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-22: “A RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2011.”

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

Motion by Jorgensen, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-23: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$400,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2011, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-24: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Jorgensen to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-25: “A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND ESTIMATED ANNUAL SALARIES FOR HOURLY CITY EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 WITH PAYMENT OF SUCH TO OCCUR OVER 26 PAY PERIODS COMMENCING JULY 1, 2011.”

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

Motion by Jorgensen, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-26: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT

FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY CODE OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-27: “A RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE PROPOSAL OF A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH NEW COOPERATIVE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF.”

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

Motion by Boomgarden, 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 92, SECTIONS 2 AND 3 PERTAINING TO WATER RATES.”

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

The Council discussed a proposed ordinance regulating the use of waste storage containers (dumpsters) in residential areas.

Motion by Jorgensen, 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 105 PERTAINING TO WASTE STORAGE CONTAINERS.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Thanked residents in advance for their patience with upcoming projects. City Clerk – Announced that the spring brush cleanup will take place during the week of April 25, and the junk pickup will follow, the week of May 2. Mayor – Announced that the Disney Channel will now be available to Mediacom digital customers on channel 878.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to schedule Monday, March21, 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 6:14 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk