

MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2013 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 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, Boomgarden, and Rusher. Absent: Hadar and Sleiter.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Boomgarden to approve the agenda as printed. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2013 regular Council Meeting. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Public input comments were made by Mark Daggy, Ray Stockdale, and Bob Wagner regarding the pending Drainage District 13A assessments.

The City Administrator reviewed the PeopleService reports for April. He updated the Council on the water plant renovation project and the water tower construction project.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Amendment, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:46 PM.

The City Clerk reviewed the proposed budget amendment, which included a net increase in budgeted revenues of \$1,549,015 and a net increase in expenditures of \$3,599,500. The majority of the amendment is due to the addition of several capital projects, including the Eagle Ridge Project, the Downtown Demolition Project, and the Humboldt Business Park Project. The Water Plant Renovation Project was moved from the Business-Type Activities program to the Capital Projects program. There were also additional expenditures in Public Safety, and a decrease in Public Works for the postponement of the DD13A assessments.

There were no oral or written comments or objections to the proposed amendment.

There being no more comments or objections on the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget Amendment, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:52 PM.

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing to consider the designation of a Revitalization Area for residential tax abatement and the adoption of a Revitalization Plan for Residential Tax Abatement for the Area, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:52 PM.

The City Administrator reviewed the area to be included in the updated Revitalization Plan. New homes constructed in the Revitalization Area will be eligible for a tax abatement of 100% of the first \$75,000 of assessed value for five years. Additions in the area will now be eligible for tax abatements as well, at a rate of 50% of the improved value up to \$150,000 (\$75,000 maximum) for five years.

There were no oral or written comments or objections to the proposed Revitalization Plan for Residential Tax Abatement.

There being no more comments or objections on the designation of a Revitalization Area for residential tax abatement and the adoption of a Revitalization Plan for Residential Tax Abatement for the Area, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:57 PM.

The City Administrator reported that the Humboldt County Development Association is working with a business prospect that may want to build a facility in Humboldt. In connection with this project, a Development Agreement could be offered. It would be a tax rebate for approximately \$200,000. The business would employ fourteen people in the manufacture of agricultural tanks made of fiberglass and steel.

It was the consensus of the Council that a Development Agreement with this company would be beneficial to all parties involved.

The City Administrator reviewed the plans for the upcoming Humboldt Sesquicentennial Celebration, to be held July 4 – 7, 2013. He reported that there are several items that need additional funding, including an increased fireworks display and some kids' activities such as inflatables. He asked the Council for permission to use approximately \$5,000 in Cable TV franchise fees for these events. It was the consensus of the Council that this would be a good use for those Cable TV fees not currently budgeted for other uses.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-43: "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-44: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 6 FROM PETERSON CONTRACTORS, INC. OF REINBECK, IOWA FOR THE 2012 HUMBOLDT BUSINESS PARK PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,960.00."

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-45: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 7 FROM CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON OF PLAINFIELD, ILLINOIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,743.75 FOR THE 2012 500,000-GALLON ELEVATED STORAGE TANK (WATER TOWER) PROJECT."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-46: "A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIRPORT FENCING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST, AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-47: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE INCOME OFFSET PROGRAM."

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-48: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF GREENE, IOWA FOR THE 2012 EAGLE RIDGE ADDITION PROJECT FOR A TIME EXTENSION."

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Rusher to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-49: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3 FROM WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF GREENE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,073.45 FOR THE 2012 EAGLE RIDGE ADDITION PROJECT."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-50: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 1 FROM WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF GREENE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,876.70 FOR THE 2013 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT."

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-51: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 1 FROM SANDE CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY, INC. OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,709.70 FOR THE 2013 DOWNTOWN DEMOLITION PROJECT."

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the first reading of the following proposed ordinance: "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A REVITALIZATION AREA FOR RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA AND ADOPTING A REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE AREA, PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 404."

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell 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 92, SECTIONS 07 AND 09, PERTAINING TO LIEN EXEMPTIONS FOR NONPAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY AND CUSTOMER DEPOSITS."

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell 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 99, SECTIONS 07 AND 09, PERTAINING TO LIEN EXEMPTIONS FOR NONPAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY AND CUSTOMER DEPOSITS."

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Reviewed the Street Department report on the recent storm cleanup. Reported on a leak at the Aquatic Center; and reminded residents that grass may not be more than ten inches in height, and may not be thrown into the street. He also reported that there was a good turnout for the recent Building Trades Program open house. City Clerk – Reminded residents of the holiday garbage pickup schedule.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, June 3, 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 6:24 PM. (3) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk