

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2012 MEETING
OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL**

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2012 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, Sleiter, Boomgarden, and Rusher. Absent: Hadar.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the agenda as amended to remove a public hearing and consideration of the corresponding resolution regarding a development agreement with Jet Co., Inc. and J.C. 2, LLC. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2012 regular Council meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Public input comments were made by Ron Reidinger regarding the City's animal control ordinance.

The City Administrator reviewed the PeopleService monthly reports, noting that a remanufactured CO2 tank has been purchased for the water plant, warranty roof repairs have been completed at the main sewer lift station, and a pre-bid meeting has been held for the Water Plant Renovation Project.

The Council discussed vehicle speed on Elmhurst Avenue. There has been a problem with speeding on that street after school, and there are concerns by residents that the problem will become worse with the proposed new subdivision. It was suggested that the problem stems from drivers trying to avoid the four-way intersection at Wildcat Road and Highway 169. City staff will investigate the situation with the intersection, and report back to the Council.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the proposed form of contract and estimated cost, and to review bids received for the 2012 500,000-Gallon Elevated Storage Tank (Water Tower) Project, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 6:00 PM.

The City Administrator reported that five bids were received for the project, two of which were irregular – the bid and bid bonds were not in separate envelopes. The Engineer's estimate for the project was \$1,668,543, and the three conforming bids were as follows:

Chicago Bridge & Iron, Inc.	\$1,225,900
Maguire Iron, Inc.	\$1,226,000
Caldwell Tanks, Inc.	\$1,288,000

Curt Martin of Schlotfeldt Engineers reported that the bids were opened on May 15th at 2:00 P.M., in accordance with the bid documents. He summarized the bids received and addressed the issue of the irregular bids, explaining that the bid bond and the bid itself were supposed to be placed in separate envelopes per the bid specifications. The Council has the option of either waiving the irregularities and opening the bids or returning them to the bidders unopened.

Motion by Sleiter, second by Rusher to return two sealed envelopes containing bids for the 2012 500,000-Gallon Elevated Storage Tank (Water Tower) Project to the respective bidders due to irregularities with the bidding process. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Martin then recommended that the low bid in the amount of \$1,225,900 be accepted and that the contract be awarded to Chicago Bridge & Iron, Inc. of Plainfield, Illinois.

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

There being no more comments or objections on the matter of the 2012 500,000-Gallon Elevated Storage Tank (Water Tower) Project, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 6:10 PM.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-50: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID FROM AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2012 500,000-GALLON ELEVATED STORAGE TANK (WATER TOWER) PROJECT TO CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON OF PLAINFIELD, ILLINOIS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON OF PLAINFIELD, ILLINOIS FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,225,900."

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

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the proposed Petition for Vacation of Lots 1, 4, and 5, Northwest Industrial Park, City of Humboldt, by the Humboldt County Development Association, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 6:12 PM.

The City Administrator explained that the aforementioned lots in the Northwest Industrial Park are being subdivided to accommodate smaller buildings and industries. The Planning and Zoning Commission will now meet to consider the replat.

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

There being no more comments or objections on the proposed Petition for Vacation of Lots 1, 4, and 5, Northwest Industrial Park, City of Humboldt, by the Humboldt County Development Association, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 6:13 PM.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-51: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF LOTS 1, 4 AND 5, NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL PARK, CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA."

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

The City Administrator announced that the Loan Review Committee has received an application from Jim Gronbach and Mike Plagge for a loan from the Central Business District Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$115,000 to purchase More Than Floors and expand the inventory.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-52: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE COMPLETION OF A LOAN FROM THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REVOLVING LOAN FUND."

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

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the matter of a guarantee of certain indebtedness of the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 6:17 PM.

The City Administrator explained that the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation has requested a City guarantee for a loan from Corn Belt Power, the Humboldt County REC, and Homeward to fund the construction of the 11th Building Trades Program home.

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

There being no more comments or objections on the matter of a guarantee of certain indebtedness of the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 6:18 PM.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-53: "A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE GUARANTEE OF CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION." (Building Trades home construction)

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

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the matter of a guarantee of certain indebtedness of the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 6:18 PM.

The City Administrator explained that the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation has requested a City guarantee for a loan from Corn Belt Power, the Humboldt County REC, and the Humboldt County Development Association to fund the development of the Eagle Ridge Addition. The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider the TIF amendment to the South Side Urban Renewal Area at its next meeting. A Consultation Hearing with the other taxing entities was held and no objections to the amendment were raised.

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

There being no more comments or objections on the matter of a guarantee of certain indebtedness of the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 6:19 PM.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-54: "A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE GUARANTEE OF CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION." (Subdivision development)

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

This being the time and place for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget Amendment, Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 6:20 PM.

The City Clerk reviewed the proposed budget amendment, which included a net decrease in budgeted revenues of \$4,027,000 and a net decrease in expenditures of \$2,423,900. The majority of the amendment is due to the removal of the DD 13A improvement project, the postponement of the water plant renovation, and the refinance of the existing wastewater treatment plant construction Sewer Revenue Bonds.

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 6:24 PM.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-55: "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012."

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

The City Administrator announced the intent to appoint Steve Boomgarden as Zoning Administrator and T. J. Van Horn to the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-56: "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS."

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-57: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REHABILITATION MATCHING GRANT AWARD AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE PROGRAM SUMMARY." (Kevin Skow/Curves)

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-58: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REHABILITATION MATCHING GRANT AWARD AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE PROGRAM SUMMARY." (Kevin Skow/Humboldt Realty)

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-59: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 WITH SANDE CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF \$1,940.38 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE FOR THE HUMBOLDT FIRE & RESCUE CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT."

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2012-60: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF SEWER MAINS, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND LETTING AND SET 5:30 PM, MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012 AS THE TIME AND DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW BIDS RECEIVED.”

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Announced that one of the police officers would soon be returning to active National Guard duty for a term of at least one year. There is a local person who would be interested in filling the vacancy temporarily until the officer returns from duty. He also reported that the animal control program is going well, and there is a shortage of space to house the dogs and cats that are picked up. There are some recent donations pledged to construct a proper shelter for them. Finally, he requested the Council’s approval to hire a temporary employee in the City Clerk’s office to help for the summer. City Clerk – Reminded residents that City offices will be closed for Memorial Day. Mayor – Thanked everyone who helped with the recent move to the new middle school. He also asked for volunteers to help organize a celebration for Humboldt’s Sesquicentennial in 2013.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Sleiter to schedule Monday, June 4, 2012 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 6:50 PM. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk