

MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2013 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 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, Sleiter, Rusher, and Hadar. Absent: Boomgarden.

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

Motion by Goodell, Second by Hadar to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2013 work session and the April 15, 2013 regular Council meeting. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hadar, Second by Goodell to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report and the April Treasurer's Report. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Hadar to approve the Claims for April 2013. (4) Ayes, motion carried.

Seth Zimmerman of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources reviewed plans for a river cleanup planned for early July for both the east and west forks of the Des Moines River. He explained that the AWARE Program is a group of volunteers sponsored by the DNR. They are conducting a 94-mile river cleanup from Algona to Lehigh July 6-13 and volunteers from the area are welcome. There will also be informational programs open to the public at the group's campsite each evening.

Clint Fishel presented the PeopleService monthly reports, including update on the water plant renovation project and some additional repairs at the water and sewer plants.

Councilmember Boomgarden arrived at 5:48 PM.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to authorize the Mayor to sign a Supplies and Services Agreement with WasteZero, Inc. of Raleigh, North Carolina for City garbage bags. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the condition of 3rd Street South. The City Administrator reported that there is a discrepancy on City maps regarding the actual width of the street right-of-way. After the recent snow storm, City plows were only able to clear one lane for traffic. Elvin Collins, a resident of the street, asked that something be done to widen the street for two-way traffic. The Council directed staff to investigate the options available and present some options to alleviate the situation.

The City Administrator reviewed options for addressing safety issues with the sidewalk on the Sumner Avenue hill. One option was to install a barrier along the curb to protect pedestrians on the sidewalk at an estimated cost of \$278,000. The other option would be to install a new sidewalk behind the existing retaining wall at an estimated cost of \$207,000. In addition to the cost savings, the second option would make snow removal easier for city crews. There are grant funds available for this type of project. The project could be completed along with the Sumner Avenue Bridge Replacement project, and will take three to five months to finish.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the renewal of a Class B Beer Permit and Sunday Sales Privilege for NPC International, Inc., d/b/a Pizza Hut #4331. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to approve the renewal of a Class C Liquor License for Pasquale's Italian Restaurant., d/b/a Pasquale's Pizza. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Goodell to approve the renewal of a Class E Liquor License, a Class C Beer Permit, a Class B Wine Permit, and Sunday Sales Privilege for Hy-Vee, Inc., d/b/a Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goodell, Second by Hadar to approve a new Retail Cigarette/Tobacco Permit for William Habhab, d/b/a Dad's Enterprise. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-41: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT ESTIMATE, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SET MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013 AT 5:30 PM AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT."

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2013-42: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 10 FROM INDUSTRIAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY, INC. OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$520,746.82 FOR THE 2012 HUMBOLDT WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT."

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Announced that City staff is making progress with the General Fund balance, and that the new City web site is up and running. He also announce that storm cleanup from the recent snow storm is nearly complete. He informed that Council of some tools available to improve the collection of delinquent utility bills, including the imposition of a higher rental deposit for properties for which the landlord provides written notice of the renters' responsibility for bills, and participation in the state's Income Offset Program. He reported that the recent Eagle Ridge lot auction was a success, with seven lots sold. There are still lots available for purchase from the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation. Rusher – Commented on the condition of the culverts on 11th Avenue South. Hadar – Reported on a junk collection complaint. Boomgarden – Reported that the number of building permits issued is on the rise. Mayor – Discussed the Sumner Avenue building demolition project.

Motion by Rusher, Second by Goodell to schedule Monday, May 20, 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 6:44 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk