

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 MEETING OF THE HUMBOLDT CITY COUNCIL

The Humboldt City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 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, Rusher, and Hadar.

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

Motion by Hadar, Second by Boomgarden to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 regular Council meeting. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Duane Covington of PeopleService reviewed the PeopleService monthly reports. He reported that the construction projects are nearing completion, and the roof replacement at the water plant is progressing slowly.

This being the time and place for the scheduled Public Hearing on the matter of the proposal to approve and authorize execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Humboldt and Humboldt County Development Association, Inc., Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:36 PM.

The City Administrator explained that a Development Agreement has been proposed between the City of Humboldt and the Humboldt County Development Association (HCDA) to assist with improvements to a property in the Northside Urban Renewal Area. The HCDA is leasing its speculative building to Voyager Aluminum, and will make improvements to the facility to accommodate the needs of the tenant with a total investment of approximately \$175,000. The agreement will provide a rebate of tax increments over a period of five years, with a maximum cumulative total of \$60,000.

There were no further comments from the City Administrator, 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 proposal to approve and authorize execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Humboldt and Humboldt County Development Association, Inc., Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:38 PM.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Hadar to approve the hiring of Christopher Ubben as a Street Department Equipment Operator, effective September 20, 2011. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hadar, Second by Jorgensen to approve setting Monday, October 31, 2011 from 5:00 PM–7:00 PM as Trick-or-Treat night in the City of Humboldt. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Jorgensen, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-114: “A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE WRITE-OFF OF WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE, LANDFILL, AND CANOPY LIGHTING CHARGES ON FINAL UTILITY BILLS.”

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-115: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT AND HUMBOLDT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC.”

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. 2011-116: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA.”

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

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Sleiter to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-117: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF GREENE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF A NET ADDITION OF \$7,046.41 FOR THE 2011 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.”

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

Motion by Rusher, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-118: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2 FROM WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF GREENE, IOWA FOR THE 2011 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$266,267.20.”

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

Motion by Hadar, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-119: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 WITH WUNSCH CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF GREENE, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF A NET ADDITION OF \$131,047.09 FOR THE 2010 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NORTH).”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Jorgensen to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-120: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING MIDAS DISASTER CDBG REQUEST FOR PAYMENT NO. 13 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$294,926.60 FOR THE 2010 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.”

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

City Engineer Curt Martin addressed the Council regarding the 15th Street North Improvement Project. He explained the work being done, and how it would benefit the flash flood-prone area of Rainbow Drive. Rainbow Drive residents Ray Kunert and Mike Peterson also addressed the Council regarding the work being done.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-121: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2 FROM BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA FOR THE 2011 15TH STREET NORTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,151.52.”

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

The Council discussed the pending purchase of a garbage packer truck. Two bids were received: Eddy Walker Equipment of Des Moines submitted a bid for a 300 HP Pak-Mor rear loading packer made in Texas with a 75-day delivery schedule at a price of \$112,609; Elliott Equipment of Davenport submitted a bid for a New Way rear loading packer made in Iowa with a 30-day delivery schedule at a price of \$114,443. Brad Miller of Eddy Walker was present to discuss the Eddy Walker bid.

Motion by Boomgarden, Second by Hadar to approve the following proposed Resolution No. 2011-122: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A GARBAGE PACKER TRUCK FROM ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT OF DAVENPORT, IOWA AT A PRICE OF \$114,443.”

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

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to approve the final 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” and direct the City Clerk to publish the aforementioned ordinance as Ordinance No. 2011-16.

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

Other Items Discussed: City Administrator – Updated the Council on the open position of Recreation Director/Chamber Director; the status of the following projects: the 15th Street North Improvement Project; the water system improvements on Sumner Avenue SW; and the 2010 Infrastructure Project seeding. He also announced that a new computer has been ordered for the local access channel, and it will be about a month before Channel 12 is fully operational. He also thanked parents and volunteers connected with the Recreation Department’s flag football program for their assistance with that program. City Clerk – Reminded residents of the upcoming burn dates and brush collection dates, and that 5:00 PM September 22nd is the deadline for candidates to file nomination papers in the City Clerk’s office for the election November 8th. Four Parks Commission seats will be open, as well as the three ward Council seats and the Mayor. Jorgensen – Commended everyone involved in the Library Foundation’s musical program presented September 18 on a great turnout and a great show. Mayor – Reported on come Mediacom digital cable lineup changes, and thanked residents for their patience and understanding with the recent street construction projects.

Motion by Sleiter, Second by Boomgarden to schedule Monday, October 3, 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 7:12 PM. (5) Ayes, motion carried.

Walter Jensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Christensen, City Clerk