

CITY OF HUMBOLDT  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007 - 7:30 P.M.  
(Meeting to be held at Humboldt Public Library)

6:00 PM – The City Council will meet with the Humboldt School Board at 801 New York Street starting at 6 PM. A list of the agenda topics is enclosed. The Council will then adjourn their meeting with the school board and proceed to the Humboldt Public Library to start their regular meeting.

1. Reciting of Pledge of Allegiance and invocation by Councilmember Walburn
2. Public comments on non-agenda items - Individuals are requested to limit their presentation to five minutes on each single subject
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:** All items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.
  - a. Approval of minutes of September 10 and Special Workshop September 24, 2007
  - b. Warrant Ordinance (expenditures)
4. Street Improvements – Ken Shetlar
5. Request for Horseshoe Pits at Cannon Park – Humboldt Recreation Commission
6. Coli form Bacteria Water Notice – John Hodgden
7. Amend Ordinance Establishing Sewer Rate Utility Charges – Larry Tucker
8. Consider Contract for Swimming Pool Design Services – BG Consultants
9. Consider Lease-Purchase of Skid Steer equipment for Public Works – Larry Tucker
10. Consider Use of Credit Card Merchant Services - Larry Tucker
11. Police Chief Report – Update of Activities
12. Kansas Municipal Gas Agency – Board Appointment
13. November Regular Council Meeting – Change Date

14. City Administrator's Report
  - A. Water/Sewer Plant Operator Position
  - B. Growth Committee Meeting Report
  - C. Civil War Living History Tour
15. Executive Session – Real Estate
16. Consider Bid on Purchase of Property
17. Executive Session – Personnel
18. Consider Request for Unpaid Leave for City Employee
19. Adjourn



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The Council met in regular session on Monday, October 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room following a joint workshop at 6:00 p.m. with the Board of Education at 801 New York. Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Julich, McReynolds, Murrow, Griffith, Weilert and Walburn. Councilmember Crawford and City Attorney Works were absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Walburn gave the invocation.

A public comment was made by Shawn Johns who requested she be notified by the City each time mosquito fogging is done so she and her husband can leave town due to her husband's medical problems.

Motion by Aikins, second by McReynolds that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of minutes of September 10 and Special Workshop September 24, 2007
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1635 dated September 27, 2007 in the amount of \$22,153.27 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1636 dated October 8, 2007 in the amount of \$134,037.19

The Mayor moved Item 4-Street Improvements-Ken Shetlar, down on the agenda and replaced it with Item 11-Police Chief Report-Update of Activities, as Chief Onnen needed to leave early to attend the school board meeting. Onnen gave an update on police department activities, issues they deal with on a daily basis, staffing and overtime information.

Ken Shetlar, Shafer, Kline & Warren, said the structural engineer is still working on the details to widen the concrete box on north 8th Street. City Administrator Tucker said the Council had already authorized a specific dollar amount to be spent on this project and if the work exceeds this amount a special council meeting might be necessary next week in order to complete this project before winter.

Motion by Julich, second by Murrow to direct Ken Shetlar to obtain more information on Items 1 through 5 of his review and recommendations regarding street work around the high school and present his findings at the November council meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Items 1 through 5 are:

- 1) Mill 10th Street from Bridge to New York prior to 2" overlay
- 2) Research the pavement thickness in the intersection of 10th and New York
- 3) 10th Street - New York to Cherokee
- 4) Cherokee, 10th to 11th

5) New York, 12th - 11th, then 11th south to Cherokee

Motion by Aikins, second by McReynolds to work with the Humboldt Recreation Commission in placing horseshoe pits at Cannon Park and to consult with the City Administrator and Utility Foreman on an appropriate location. Six voted aye (Aikins, Griffith, McReynolds, Murrow, Walburn and Weilert), one nay (Julich.) Motion carried.

John Hodgden, Water Plant Superintendent, informed the Mayor and Councilmembers of a Coli Form bacteria violation that recently occurred. He stated the situation had been corrected and the City is required by the State to notify all water customers which will be done by sending out a notice with the October utility bills.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to adopt Ordinance No. 1411, an ordinance amending the rates to be charged for sewer service by the City of Humboldt, Kansas, and amending Section 15-323 of the Humboldt Municipal Code and repealing the existing section thereof. Six voted aye (Aikins, Griffith, McReynolds, Murrow, Julich and Walburn), one nay (Weilert). Motion carried.

Motion by Murrow, second by McReynolds to contract with BG Consultants, Manhattan, Kansas, swimming pool design engineer/architects, for suggestions on updating the swimming pool. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Walburn to adopt Resolution No. 10-8-07, a resolution approving and authorizing a lease/purchase agreement with Community National Bank of Iola, Kansas to lease-purchase a backhoe and related attachments for the City's Public Works Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by McReynolds to authorize City Administrator Tucker to pursue the use of a credit card/debit machine for City Hall wherever he can obtain the best rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to appoint City Administrator Tucker as board representative and Councilmember Murrow as alternate to the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency Board of Directors. Six voted aye (Aikins, Griffith, McReynolds, Julich, Weilert and Walburn), one abstained (Murrow). Motion carried.

Motion by Aikins, second by Murrow to change the date of the November Regular Council Meeting to Monday, November 19, 2007, due to November 12 being observed as Veterans Day by City offices. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Tucker reported on the water/sewer plant operator position; Growth Committee meeting; and the Civil War living history tour.

Motion by Julich, second by McReynolds that the Governing Body recess to executive session for discussion of real estate matters for 10 minutes, with the Mayor, Councilmembers and City Administrator requested to be present. Meeting will be

recessed at 9:07 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 9:17 p.m.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Griffith to make an offer of \$3,800, to be matched by a private donor, to the owners of the property just north of the existing ball complex at Sweatt Field for purchase of this land, to be leased to the Humboldt Recreation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Weilert that the Governing Body recess to executive session for discussion of personnel matters for 5 minutes, with the Mayor, Councilmembers and City Administrator requested to be present. Meeting will be recessed at 9:20 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 9:25 p.m.

City employee Clint Haigler was injured in a motorcycle accident on September 12 and had requested an unpaid leave of absence as he had no accrued leave available. Several City employees offered to donate sick leave time to this employee and 1,280 hours were donated for the Council's approval of this sick leave pool. Motion by Aikins, second by Murrow to allow the 1,280 donated sick leave hours to be given to Clint Haigler for his recovery. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Assistant City Clerk