

CITY OF HUMBOLDT  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 725 Bridge. Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Carson, Crawford, Julich, McReynolds, Murrow and Walburn. Councilmember Griffith and City Attorney Fred Works were absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, Chief of Police Dan Onnen and City Clerk Jean Flores.

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

Motion by Murrow, second by McReynolds to amend the agenda by adding Item 10b- Commercial property/floodplain. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comments were made by Joe Weiner, who stated that he, among others, are against the extra-territorial zoning that is being discussed by the Humboldt Planning Commission. He also said he would like to become involved in Economic Development with the City. Another public comment was made by Layne Sterling, also against the extra-territorial zoning.

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

- a. Approval of minutes of Regular Council Meeting December 13, 2010
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1714 dated December 29, 2010 in the amount of \$31,830.37, Warrant Ordinance No. 1715 dated January 10, 2011 in the amount of \$127,396.16, Water Line Project expenses in the amount of \$1,158.47 and City Hall Project expenses in the amount of \$1,400.00

Motion by Julich, second by Walburn to adopt Ordinance No. 1457, an ordinance authorizing the issuance and delivery of \$200,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, Series 2011, of the City of Humboldt, Kansas; and providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due, and Resolution No. 011011, a Resolution prescribing the form and details of and authorizing the delivery of \$200,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, Series 2011, of the City of Humboldt, Kansas, previously authorized by Ordinance No. 1457 of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins to approve Change Order No. 5 of the Water Line Improvement Project in the amount of \$24,701.95. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda item No. 6-Consider Ordinance No. 1458 relating to changes to animal registration, capture and impoundment fees, was tabled due to the absence of the City Attorney.

Discussion was held on the proposal by Tom Carlson of Carlson Gardner, Inc., to purchase modular houses built by the Department of Corrections. The houses would be placed on lots provided by the City. The City would also provide utility hookups at the site and if the house did not sell within six months, it would be transferred to the City in exchange for payment of real estate taxes for five years. It was the consensus of the Council that the City should not get into the real estate business if these houses do not sell, Tom Carlson should take on more responsibility, and that more information is needed before a decision is made on this proposal.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on: Planning Commission continues to work on extra-territorial zoning with the next step being additional planning on infrastructure; the Neighborhood Revitalization District was approved by the Attorney General's office effective February 1 (the old plan expires March 1); the Housing Action Team will tentatively meet January 19 to continue their discussion on housing with Bill Cation; the Downtown Action Team will meet January 20 to discuss historic districts in Humboldt; the filing deadline for Mayor and Council positions is noon on January 25; and the final design for downtown development by Land Works will be January 27 at City Hall.

Councilmember Julich said he had discussions with Fire Chief Kent Barfoot about a new fire station and asked that financing plans for the new fire station be put on the February agenda. He said a committee will be formed.

Councilmember Julich asked if the stop lights at 9th and Bridge could be set to flash after hours, maybe 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. City Administrator Larry Tucker said this could be put on the February agenda to be discussed further.

The executive session for attorney/client matters was tabled due to the absence of the City Attorney.

City Administrator Larry Tucker said he had been approached by an individual interested in purchasing the City lots at 504 S. 6th (City paid \$2,900) and Sycamore and 6th (City paid \$800). Larry Tucker mentioned the school is not interested in purchasing them for houses to be built by the Building and Trades class and asked Councilmembers if they are interested in selling them, and at what price.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins that the City sell both lots to this interested individual for a total of \$3,800. Motion carried unanimously. Larry Tucker said he would have the City Attorney draw up the paperwork. He also mentioned that the City owns one remaining lot, located at 918 Cherokee.

Larry Tucker told Councilmembers that he was recently notified that the City owns 15 acres of land located near the River (within the city limits, in the floodplain) that we were not aware of. It was originally thought that Stockebrands owned the land. An offer of \$10,000 has been made to purchase this land. Motion by Julich, second by Crawford that the City sell this 15 acres of land for \$10,000. Six voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Julich, McReynolds, Murrow and Walburn), one nay (Carson). Motion carried.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

/S/ Robert Sharp  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/S/ Jean M. Flores  
City Clerk