

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Murrow, Walburn, Griffith, McReynolds and Julich. Councilmember Weilert and City Attorney Works were absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores and Public Works Director Craig Mintz.

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

Motion by Murrow, second by McReynolds to amend the agenda by adding Item d to the Consent Agenda, 90th birthday proclamation on behalf of Helyn Williams Kramer, and Item 7b, additional donations for additional swimming pool features. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Public Comments, Ellery Robertson, Humboldt Civil War Days, requested the use of Camp Hunter from June 11-15, 2009 for Civil War reenactments. City Administrator Larry Tucker said he would check the schedule at City Hall for the use of Camp Hunter and would put the request on the Consent Agenda at the Regular Council Meeting in February.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented with the addition of Item d. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of minutes of Regular Council Meeting December 8, 2008 and Special Council Meeting December 17, 2008
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1665 dated December 29, 2008 in the amount of \$121,712.41 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1666 dated January 12, 2009 in the amount of \$104,444.21
- c. Consider Resolution No. 01-12-09A to authorize voluntary employee deferred compensation plan with ING Company
- d. 90th birthday proclamation of Helyn Williams Kramer

(7:11 p.m. - Councilmember Crawford entered the meeting and was seated.)

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to reopen the Home Repair Grant application process to March 1, 2009 due to remaining funds being available for improvements to three to four additional houses. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Murrow to accept the parking lot design prepared by Shafer, Kline & Warren for Centennial (swimming pool) Park and to proceed with construction. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins to authorize up to \$20,000 in expenditures from Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund for park improvements at Centennial Park. Motion

carried unanimously. Park improvements include sand volleyball court, picnic tables, playground equipment and landscaping.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to add three additional water features and a pump system to the swimming pool project with money from the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund unless other monies are received (to date \$10,000 has been received in donations that will be used). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Walburn and later withdrawn that Central Street east from 9th to 10th, Central Street east from 10th to 12th, east of swimming pool complex on 8th Street north from Wulf Drive to Indiana Street, north of the swimming pool complex on Indiana east from 8th to 9th Street, and 12th Street south from Ohio Street to Wulf Drive be given priority for repairs with an asphalt overlay and that City staff be given the go ahead with other street repairs after consulting with Ken Shetlar, the City's engineer. After a brief discussion, a tentative date of February 3 was set for a special council meeting to discuss street improvements.

Motion by Walburn, second by Murrow to approve expenditures for the purchase of a salt spreader, a 2001 Ford F-150 pickup, a 2004 GMC Sierra 1500 pickup, and a 2004 Chevrolet Colorado EC pickup, with purchases to be made as soon as possible. Motion carried unanimously. The purchases will be made from the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund.

Motion by Murrow, second by Walburn to adopt Ordinance No. 1437, an ordinance amending Article IV of Chapter VIII of the Humboldt City Code relating to the cutting of weeds and vegetation by the City of Humboldt, Kansas, and providing for the notice and the assessment of charges therefor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by McReynolds to extend the demolition permits 30 days on nuisance properties at 221 New York (owner Brian Ikehorn) and 718 N. 7th (owner Scott Barnhart). Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Tucker gave a brief report on: Rebuilding the Public Square Community Conversation January 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Elementary School; Housing Surveys should be returned soon; City Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals to meet January 22 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall; Cox Communications city-school television channel will be ready soon; David Holcomb recently hired as police officer; filing deadline for Mayor and Council positions is January 27 at noon; City was recently awarded a Community Improvement grant of \$400,000 through the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program to provide needed financing for the water system improvement project.

Motion by Murrow, second by Aikins that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of real estate for 10 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 10 minutes at 8:40 p.m. and will resume regular session at 8:50 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Mayor Sharp and City Administrator Tucker were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 8:50 p.m. Motion by Murrow, second by Crawford to recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the

exception of discussion of real estate for 10 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 10 minutes at 8:50 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:00 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Mayor Sharp and City Administrator Tucker were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 9:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 14-Executive session for attorney-client matters was tabled due to the absence of City Attorney Fred Works.

Motion by Murrow, second by McReynolds to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

/s/Robert Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk