

d. Open council position

13. Adjourn

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2014, in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Crawford, Evans, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Stephens. Also present were City Attorney Fred Works, City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent, Chief of Police Brian Dillow, Karen Weathers and Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants.

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

Motion by Stephens, second by Aikins to amend the agenda by adding: Item 4A-Discuss generator at Wastewater Treatment Plant; Item 11A-Executive session for non-elected personnel; 11B-Request for extended unpaid leave of absence; 11C-Mayor's appointments; and to table Agenda Item 8. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford 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 Monday, December 9, 2013
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1787 dated December 30, 2013 in the amount of \$36,681.90 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1788 dated January 13, 2014 in the amount of \$170,362.42
- c. Approval of Resolution 01-13-14A to waive Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures (GAAP) for the year 2013

Motion by Smith, second by Crawford to approve the contract between the City of Humboldt and City of Iola to provide the existing ambulance building and space for them to maintain the ambulance service in Humboldt. Motion carried unanimously. City Attorney Fred Works said there is no change in the contract, only a name change from Allen County to City of Iola.

Karen Weathers and Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants, were present to give an update on Phase 1 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. They said work on the five lift stations is complete but there is still a punch list for the treatment plant itself. They advised the City to pay all but 10% of the invoices received. Roger Vincent, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, was present and said the generator at the plant quit working and asked if the price of a new one could be incorporated into Phase 2 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. It was suggested that the City get an electrical engineer to look at the generator before any decision is made to replace it. The City was also told that the State could incorporate money into the loan to pay for the generator.

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to rent the old City Hall building, 701 Bridge, to Weide Cemetery at \$250 per month plus 100% cost of utilities for the year 2014 with the option of extending the contract another year in 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker presented a grant application to Councilmembers to replace the waste tire materials at the City Parks, with the City to pay \$6,577.00 and the State to pay \$8,077.00. Mayor Davis suggested the Council put this project aside for a while as there are bigger issues and purchases that require City funds. Motion by Slater, second by Evans to

table Item 7-Grant application with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for waste tire materials for City parks. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shreeve, second by Slater that the City discontinue using an outside company to do random drug and alcohol testing of City employees and that it be done by City staff. Motion carried unanimously. Police Chief Brian Dillow, Jeff Collins and Staci Johnson have been trained to perform this random testing. City Attorney Fred Works suggested that whenever testing is done, another person be present and that Chief Dillow should not be the one who does the random selection.

Motion by Aikins, second by Slater to adopt Resolution No. 01-13-14B, a Resolution authorizing the Internal Revenue Service Section 125 Employee Flexible Benefits Plan for the City of Humboldt, Kansas, and allow a \$500 annual carryover amount for any unused reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Slater that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of non-elected personnel. Meeting will be recessed for ten minutes at 8:08 p.m. and will resume regular session at 8:18 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis, City Attorney Fred Works and City Administrator Larry Tucker were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 8:18 p.m. Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to grant Eugene Lundine a six month unpaid leave of absence. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Nobby Davis appointed Joann Evans to the Finance Committee and Mark Slater to the Personnel Committee. Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to accept the Mayor's appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: City Hall Day will be February 5 in Topeka, in which he will attend; the Housing Action Team will meet January 14; the outcome of the USDA grant for sidewalk improvements will not be known until February; and the Ward 2, Position 3 council position is still open due to the recent resignation of Bryan Manion.

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk