

CITY OF HUMBOLDT  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2010 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, Crawford, Julich, McReynolds, Murrow and Walburn. Councilmembers Griffith and Weilert and City Attorney Fred Works were absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores and Chief of Police Dan Onnen.

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

There were no public comments.

Motion by Murrow, second by Julich to amend the agenda by adding 10a-sewer lift station. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn 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 January 11, 2010
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1692 dated January 26, 2010 in the amount of \$96,259.80 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1693 dated February 8, 2010 in the amount of \$289,599.74

Motion by McReynolds, second by Crawford to allow JMZ Corporation to assume the existing contract the City currently has with Kwikom LLC for wireless internet services. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Julich asked if it would be possible to have internet service at the Fire Barn and voiced disapproval, along with Councilmember McReynolds, of internet service available at the swimming pool, stating lifeguards and the guardhouse should not be allowed to work on laptop computers while on duty at the swimming pool.

Debt collection services from American Municipal Services (AMS), Carrollton, Texas, were tabled due to the absence of the City Attorney, who will research local companies within the State of Kansas.

Motion by Walburn, second by Julich to table Agenda Item 6-Consider exterior signage for City Hall building, and instruct City Administrator Larry Tucker to obtain pricing for lettering only for outside signage, as opposed to the City Seal, to cover up the "HNB" and also so both entrances to the new City Hall building will be clearly marked as City Hall and Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to approve the following transfers for 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

\$60,000 from Water Surplus Account to Water Utility Fund  
\$46,000 from Sewer Replacement Account to Sewer Utility Fund

Motion by Walburn, second by Murrow to approve the 2009 transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund-Fire Department to the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund for the future purchase of a new fire truck. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Murrow to accept the Mayor's appointment of Travis McCall to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals due to the resignation of Gregg Korte. Motion carried unanimously.

A review of nuisance properties included 718 Cherokee in which the owner was cited in Humboldt Municipal Court, has taken no action to clean up the property, the issue to be reviewed again with the City Attorney in court on February 10, and the nuisance property at 916 Cherokee, owner Roy Fritch was present, stating he was unsure what the problem was at his property. City Administrator Larry Tucker said he would have Code Compliance Officer Craig Mintz contact him to let him know what items need to be cleaned up at 916 Cherokee.

City Administrator Larry Tucker said certified letters had been mailed out to property owners who are in violation of the city code with abandoned signage, etc. There has been no response from 812 Bridge; a covering has been placed on the signage at 507 N. 9th; and the carport at 117 N. 7th has been sold and will be removed. A discussion followed as to whether abandoned signs should be permitted. It was the consensus of the Council they should not be permitted (as stated in the new Zoning Regulations) and coverings should not be allowed on the signs, they need to be permanently removed. Owners that received the certified letters to remove abandoned signage will be allowed more time to get them taken down.

Chester Hibbs, H & H Small Engines, asked the City to purchase and install a lift station at his lawnmower repair shop at 1107 N. 9th. Motion by Murrow, second by Aikins to purchase a lift station from ASC Pumping Equipment, Olathe, Kansas, for \$3,308 and the City to pay the cost of installation at approximately \$400, all out of the Community Development Fund. Four voted aye (Aikins, McReynolds, Murrow and Walburn), two nay (Crawford and Julich). Motion carried.

City Administrator Larry Tucker gave a brief report: KHRC Housing Conference he recently attended in Hutchinson; City Hall renovations-bid date of March 2, 2010 at noon; Business Action Team meeting February 10; CDBG grant application for the community center came up short; Indiana Street project is complete and open to traffic; city auction at old Emprise Bank building had approximately 50-60 people in attendance and 90% of items were sold with a gross amount of approximately \$2,000.

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

Motion by Walburn, second by Crawford to give authority to the Mayor and City Administrator to negotiate options for the sale or lease of the old City Hall building at 701 Bridge, subject to Council approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

/s/Robert Sharp  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores  
City Clerk