

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. 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, Julich, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Walburn. Councilmember Roether was absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker and City Clerk Jean Flores.

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

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to amend the agenda and table Item 6-Consider contract with Allen County Animal Rescue Facility (ACARF), and add Agenda Item 12b-Executive session for acquisition of real estate. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Public Comments, Clay Bettis, 1012 Charles, asked what the City's guidelines are concerning possible neglect of City equipment, if there are active maintenance logs in place, and why was the City purchasing a new backhoe when the current one should have lasted longer. Councilmembers assured Mr. Bettis that maintenance logs are in place.

(7:05 p.m. City Attorney Fred Works entered the meeting.)

Motion by Aikins, second by Slater 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 14, 2013 and Special Council Meeting January 28, 2013
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1765 dated January 29, 2013 in the amount of \$36,634.74 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1766 dated February 11, 2013 in the amount of \$203,785.20

On behalf of Logan Pals, Clayton and Calvin Schoendaller were present to ask permission to put "Logan Pals Welcomes you to Humboldt" signs on the north and south ends of town, with the assistance of City crews. Motion by Walburn, second by Julich to honor their request to place the welcome signs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Smith to enter into a contract for one swimming pool season this year with USA Pools to manage the Humboldt Municipal Pool at a cost of \$45,730.00. Six voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Julich, Shreeve, Smith and Walburn), one nay (Slater). Motion carried.

Motion by Julich, second by Slater to adopt Ordinance No. 1476, an ordinance amending Chapter XV, Article 2, of the Humboldt City Code by creating a new Section 15-212 establishing a requirement for the installation of an excess flow valve on all new or replaced residential gas service lines. Six voted aye (Crawford, Julich, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Walburn), one nay (Aikins). Motion carried.

The engine on the jet rodder machine needs to be replaced. Councilmember Slater suggested only temporary, basic repairs be made, and Councilmember Julich said he could not vote on something not knowing whether the equipment had been properly maintained. Motion by Walburn, second by Julich to table replacement of the engine on the jet rodder pending more information. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to accept the Mayor's appointment of Staci Johnson as Assistant City Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance Committee members Aikins and Smith have been meeting with the City Administrator to revise the City Code Book and the first three chapters were presented to Councilmembers tonight for discussion only of the revisions. City Attorney Works suggested Councilmembers look it over and email their concerns or suggestions to either the City Administrator or City Clerk and then get together at a later date for updates and review.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the VITA income tax service (Thrive Allen County) offering free income tax service for anyone with \$57,000 or under in annual income; the Animal Clinic that will be held February 23 at Camp Hunter from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; the Bandstand Dedication to be held April 20 by the Downtown Action Team, with the Humboldt High School band to perform; the Neosho River Park Dedication to be held June 8 at 5:00 p.m.; and Councilmember Aikins gave an update on City Hall Day in Topeka in which she and Larry Tucker attended.

Motion by Julich, second by Slater that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of possible acquisition of real estate for fifteen minutes. Meeting will be recessed for fifteen minutes at 8:15 p.m. and will resume regular session at 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis, City Administrator Larry Tucker and City Attorney Fred Works were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 8:34 p.m.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of possible acquisition of real estate for an additional five minutes. Meeting will be recessed for five minutes at 8:35 p.m. and will resume regular session at 8:40 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis, City Administrator Larry Tucker and City Attorney Fred Works were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Walburn, second by Julich to give the Mayor and City Administrator the authority to bid to acquire the property at 715 New York, which will be auctioned off at a tax sale. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis,
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores,
City Clerk