

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, February 14, 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, Griffith, Julich, McReynolds, Murrow and Walburn. City Attorney Fred Works was 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.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Murrow, 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 January 10, 2011
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1716 dated December 17, 2010 in the amount of \$17,974.40, Warrant Ordinance No. 1717 dated January 31, 2011 in the amount of \$33,437.67, Warrant Ordinance No. 1718 dated February 14, 2011 in the amount of \$98,246.35, Water Line Project expenses in the amount of \$359.31 and City Hall Improvement Project expenses in the amount of \$269,023.11

Agenda Item No. 4-Consider change orders to the Water Line Improvement Project, was tabled. Due to inclement weather last week, NPL Construction Company was unable to meet with the City. Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins to table Agenda Item No. 4 and to schedule a Special Council meeting Friday, February 18, 2011 at 12:00 noon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Walburn to adopt Ordinance No. 1458, an ordinance authorizing the issuance and delivery of \$1,100,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, Series 2011A, of the City of Humboldt, Kansas; 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 amending Resolution No. 081009; Ordinance No. 1459, an ordinance authorizing the issuance and delivery of \$170,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, Series 2011B, 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; Resolution No. 021411A, a resolution prescribing the form and details of and authorizing the delivery of \$1,100,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, Series 2011A, of the City of Humboldt, Kansas, previously authorized by Ordinance No. 1458 of the City; and Resolution No. 021411B, a resolution prescribing the form and details of and authorizing the delivery of \$170,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, Series 2011B, of the City of Humboldt, Kansas, previously authorized by Ordinance No. 1459 of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Murrow, second by Julich to waive animal registration fees for 2011 for animals that have been microchipped and can show proof. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Murrow, second by Crawford, beginning in 2012, to waive all first time animal registrations that have been microchipped. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember McReynolds requested that the stray cat issue be addressed. It was the consensus of the Council to further discuss the problem and find a solution.

Paul Finney, chairman of the Downtown Action Team, presented the final streetscape design plans for the downtown area. He also explained the Historic Preservation District grant that is available. Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford that the City give \$1,000 from the Community Development Fund towards the grant. Seven voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Griffith, Julich, McReynolds, Murrow and Walburn), one nay (Carson). Motion carried. Deadline for the grant application is March 15, 2011.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn that a committee be formed to explore all options for a new fire station/ambulance garage, to be composed of a representative from Allen County Ambulance, a representative from the rural fire districts, the Humboldt Fire Chief, City Administrator, and the Council Safety Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 9-Consider changes in sewer rate charges, was tabled, as City Administrator Larry Tucker was not ready at this time to pursue an increase.

Motion by Walburn, second by Julich to approve the following 2010 year end transfers: \$42,000 from Gas Utility Fund to Swimming Pool Utility Fund; \$18,750 from the Sanitation Fund to the Swimming Pool Reserve Fund; and \$20,000 from the Sanitation Utility Fund to the Drainage Utility Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: Planning Commission continues to meet the first Wednesday of each month to discuss extra-territorial zoning; groundbreaking for the Senior Housing Project is planned for this summer; an animal clinic will be held at Camp Hunter on February 16 from 2-7 p.m. for vaccinations and microchipping; a buyer is ready to purchase the City owned lots at 6th and Sycamore; an electrician will soon reset the stop light at 9th and Bridge to blink as a caution light between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.; the City-wide spring cleanup by JKS Sanitation is planned for April 15-16; and the City recently received \$15,000 in grant money for a storm siren.

Councilmember Julich asked that the seatbelt law be enforced for all City employees. He also asked to review the City's vehicle inspection logs.

City Administrator Larry Tucker asked that Agenda Item 12-Consider sale of real estate, be tabled for further discussion at the advice of City Attorney Fred Works. Councilmember Walburn said the Council had already voted, given their approval for the sale of this land (12.7 acres adjacent to the Neosho River on the northwest side of town which was recently deeded back to the City from the County), it is a moot point, and needs no further discussion or approval.

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

/s/ Robert Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk