

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

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 February 8, 2010
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1694 dated February 25, 2010 in the amount of \$69,703.34 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1695 dated March 8, 2010 in the amount of \$88,671.65
- c. Approval of cereal malt beverage license for Cleto Coronado, Jr., d/b/a Chilada's Steakhouse

Motion by Walburn, second by Julich to award Phase 1 of the new City Hall facility renovations to Hofer & Hofer at \$139,990 with the carpet replacement and bathroom installation to be addressed after more information is obtained from the contractor at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Murrow to approve the purchase of two outside signs for the new City Hall building from Luminous Neon as presented, at a cost of \$2,839.71. Motion carried unanimously.

At the recommendation of City Attorney Works, a motion was made by Aikins and seconded by Walburn that the City enter into an agreement with American Municipal Services debt collection service to collect past due court fines. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins to approve Personal Service Insurance, Humboldt, as agent to provide property, casualty, liability, bonds and Workers Compensation insurance to the City for 2010-2011, with the location of the water tower as described in the guidelines corrected to 113 South 7th. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to approve Robert Sharp, Sean McReynolds, Larry Tucker and Craig Mintz as negotiating committee to select a consulting engineer for the Central-Bridge-13th Street project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Julich to begin the process to abate the nuisance properties at 202 Central, owner Mike Dillon, and 319 Sycamore, owner Rita Shults. Motion carried unanimously. Chief of Police Dan Onnen said the nuisance property at 203 Neosho, owners Guy and Mitzi Ellsworth, is already in the court system; City Administrator Larry Tucker said the nuisance property at 914 Sycamore, owner John Hole, will be demolished, demolition permit needed; and Phillip Gutierrez, owner of the nuisance property at 320 Sycamore, was present to request additional time to demolish his property. Councilmembers requested that he obtain a demolition permit within 30 days and, with the demolition permit being valid for three months, that would give him four months to complete the project.

City Administrator Larry Tucker gave a brief report: Housing Action Team will meet March 9; Business Action Team workshop will be held March 25; Rebuilding the Public Square to meet, date to be announced; River Park project is making progress; City auction proceeds, after expenses, \$1,389.43; Planning Commission to meet March 24, John Riggs, Riggs & Associates, to attend; Thrive Allen County signs were presented to Community In Action to be placed at the north and south ends of town; and City Hall now has a recorded message after hours directing callers to either dial 911 for utility or police emergencies or call back during regular business hours.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Walburn that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of attorney/client matters for 10 minutes and non-elected personnel issues for 10 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 20 minutes at 8:20 p.m. and will resume regular session at 8:40 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Mayor Sharp, City Attorney Works and City Administrator Tucker were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of non-elected personnel issues for an additional five minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 5 minutes at 8:40 p.m. and will resume regular session at 8:45 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Mayor Sharp, City Attorney Works and City Administrator Tucker were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 8:45 p.m. No action was taken.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

/s/ Robert Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores, City Clerk