

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2009 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, Walburn and Weilert. Councilmember Griffith was absent. Also present were: City Attorney Fred Works, City Administrator Larry Tucker, Chief of Police Dan Onnen, City Clerk Jean Flores, Public Works Director Craig Mintz and Jacob Manbeck.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Crawford 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 9, 2009
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1669 dated February 26, 2009 in the amount of \$73,630.04 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1670 dated March 9, 2009 in the amount of \$299,847.26

Mayor Sharp presented Anna Setter a certificate of recognition as the winner of the League of Kansas Municipalities' annual "If I Were Mayor" contest that was held at City Hall Day in Topeka on January 29.

Councilmember Walburn introduced Jacob Manbeck, member of the Humboldt High School Youth Council Group. He will participate in the council meeting but will have no voting rights.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins that the City handle any legal work and costs involved in acquiring the land north of town owned by Roy Fritch, 8th Street Auto, to place a Walter Johnson sign as proposed by Dick Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sharp presented Dick Davis a certificate of recognition for his involvement in promoting baseball history in Humboldt.

Plans for street improvements on Indiana Street in front of the swimming pool were tabled as State funds might be available at a later date.

Motion by Aikins, second by Murrow to submit a project to the Kansas Department of Transportation requesting Federal stimulus funding for street repairs which include Bridge from 9th to 13th, 13th from Bridge to Central, and Central from 13th to 14th with the City to match the funding at 10%. Five voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, McReynolds, Murrow and Weilert), two nay (Julich and Walburn). Motion carried.

Motion by Murrow, second by Crawford to accept the bid from Iola Insurance Associates as the City's insurance agent for EMC Insurance for property, casualty and workers

compensation insurance for 2009-2010. Five voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Julich, Murrow and Walburn), one nay (Weilert), and one abstained (McReynolds). Motion carried.

(Mayor Sharp requested a short break from 8:45 to 8:50 p.m.)

A representative from DC&B Supply was present to demonstrate new technology in wireless gas and water meter reading devices.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to adopt Ordinance No. 1438, an ordinance amending the zoning district map of the City of Humboldt, Kansas, that the zoning designation for the following described real property be changed from R-1, Residential, to B-1, Central Business District, to-wit: Lots Three (3), Four (4), Five (5) and Six (6), Block Fifty-two (52), City of Humboldt, Allen County, Kansas (900 Block of New York Street); Section 2, that the zoning designation for the following described real property be changed from B-2, Commercial, to B-1, Central Business District, to wit: Lots Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9), Block Fifty-two (52), City of Humboldt, Allen County, Kansas (900 Block of New York Street). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by McReynolds to adopt Resolution No. 03-09-09A, a Resolution consenting to participate in a Kansas Enterprise Zone nonmetropolitan region and confirming support for the qualifying regional strategic plan and requesting that the Secretary of Commerce approve the County of Allen as a Kansas Enterprise Zone designated nonmetropolitan business region. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Crawford to accept the bid of John O'Mara for \$1,850.00 to clean up the nuisance property at 220 S. 3rd. Motion carried unanimously. City Attorney Works reported that all deeds have been signed by the Shults family members and returned to the City and the City now has ownership of the property.

Motion by Murrow, second by Aikins to cite Charles Stoll, owner of the nuisance property at 1302 Osage, in Humboldt Municipal Court. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Tucker reported on the following: Home Buyer Workshop March 11; Rebuilding the Public Square meeting March 23; JKS Sanitation City-wide cleanup March 27 and 28; City Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals meeting March 25; the Cox Communications City TV channel is now in operation; progress is being made on the Sweatt/Manion baseball field complex; and a Special City Council meeting will be held March 30.

Motion by Weilert, second by Aikins that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of real estate for 20 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 20 minutes at 9:25 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:45 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 9:45 p.m.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Crawford that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of

discussion of real estate for an additional 10 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 10 minutes at 9:45 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:55 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 9:55 p.m.

Motion by Weilert, second by Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Robert Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jean M. Flores
City Clerk