

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

The Council met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2013 in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Crawford, Julich, Roether, Slater, Smith and Walburn. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent, Chief of Police Brian Dillow, Darin Petrowsky-Kansas Department of Transportation, Rick Murphy and Keith Nickell. City Attorney Fred Works was absent.

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

Motion by Julich, second by Slater to amend the agenda by tabling Agenda Item 5- Consider agreement with Allen County Animal Rescue Facility (ACARF) and Agenda Item 7-Review jet rodder repairs, and to add Agenda Item 9a.-Update from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) representative, Darin Petrowsky. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Walburn, 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 February 11, 2013
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1767 dated February 27, 2013 in the amount of \$36,887.04 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1768 dated March 11, 2013 in the amount of \$82,803.85

City Administrator Larry Tucker introduced Keith Nickell, Water Plant Superintendent, who will begin working for the City on March 12, 2013.

Two proposals were received for elevator maintenance at City Hall:

Central Plains Lifts, Arkansas City, Kansas - \$953.00 annual fee, with quarterly inspections, and Interstate Elevator Inc., Topeka, Kansas - \$465.52 annual fee, with one annual inspection.

(7:10 p.m. Councilmember Shreeve entered the meeting and was seated.)

Motion by Aikins, second by Smith to accept the elevator maintenance contract from Central Plains Lifts. There was no vote; therefore, the motion died.

Councilmember Aikins amended her motion as follows: Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to accept the contract of Central Plains Lifts with the stipulation that the cost be \$953.00 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to enter into an agreement with Enbridge Pipeline Inc. pending their acceptance of providing a \$65,000 surety bond. Motion carried unanimously. Enbridge Pipeline will be delivering pipe to their construction sites in Allen County this spring and transporting over K224 from 9th Street past the City Limits to USD 169, therefore a road use agreement was necessary, in case of damage to the highway.

Due to recent snows, there are leaks in the roof at City Hall. Rick Murphy was asked to inspect the roof and give an opinion on what repairs are necessary. He suggested the entire roof be repaired and, if the Council wanted, it could be done in two parts to avoid a large, sudden expense, repairing the north side and then the south. City Administrator Larry Tucker said there was no money budgeted for roof repairs. Councilmember Julich asked for additional estimates. The matter will be brought up again at the April Council Meeting.

Darin Petrowsky, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) gave an update on projects in Allen County, which included an overlay on 224 Highway, possibly in mid-May. Mayor Davis asked Darin Petrowsky if it would be possible that the 224 Highway project wait, or be put last on the list, until Enbridge Pipeline has completed most of their hauling of pipe, so as not to damage any new resurfacing that had been done on the highway, if there was any. Darin said he would certainly relay the request.

City Administrator Larry Tucker gave an update on various park projects. Plans are to place an open shelter at Neosho River Park on the southeast corner of the walking trail; B&W Custom Truck Beds has donated a large rock sign with Weide Monument offering the engraving of "Neosho River Park" at half the cost; funds will be raised for restrooms; and a dedication is planned for this Summer.

The City is still working to meet ADA requirements at Centennial Park.

The Franklin Street Park (the land west of the Senior Housing Project) has a pond, vegetation and a fishing area on four acres of land. Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to continue with plans to develop a fishing area at Franklin Street Park in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Parks and Wildlife. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Slater voiced his concern about any liability the City might have with unsupervised children playing around the pond, stating this is something the City should keep in mind.

The Ordinance Committee continues to meet and work on updates to the City Code Book. Two or three chapters will be given at a time to Councilmembers and the City Attorney for their review.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: HUGRO and the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce recently met to discuss the possibility of a motel in Humboldt and are now waiting on a recommendation; the annual Animal Vaccination Clinic will be held April 6 at Camp Hunter Park; Spring Clean-Up is planned for April 19 and 20 by JKS Sanitation, with the City to pick up brush on April 22; and a Bandstand Dedication will be held April 20 at 2:00 p.m.

City Administrator Larry Tucker gave Councilmembers an update on the property located at 715 New York that was offered last month at an IRS tax sale, in which the City decided not to bid, at the advice of City Attorney Works, due to the fact there was more liability than the City could afford.

Motion by Julich, second by Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk