

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 2012 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, Roether, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Walburn. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, Chief of Police Brian Dillow and City Clerk Jean Flores. City Attorney Fred Works was absent.

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

A public comment was made by Merle Sterling who asked if a yellow stripe could be painted down the center of the River Bridge. City Administrator Larry Tucker said he would take care of this.

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 13, 2012
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1743 dated February 28, 2012 in the amount of \$21,276.62 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1744 dated March 12, 2012 in the amount of \$168,500.24
- c. Fair Housing Proclamation - April 2012
- d. Approval of cereal malt beverage licenses for Raymond E. Barnett dba Reb's Place, 820 Bridge

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to accept the design and location layout chosen by the Humboldt Pride Committee, Humboldt High School staff and students and representatives from B & W Custom Truck Beds for the directional signage project with funds to be taken from the Bike Route Grant Fund and Street Department in the General Fund, with modifications as just discussed to brace the bottom of the posts in the concrete for stability. Motion carried unanimously.

The sale of water to Advanced Aquatics of Kansas, Inc., was tabled due to the absence of the City Attorney.

Sunny Shreeve and Vada Aikins, members of the Humboldt Healthy Eco Systems, presented a plan to improve River Park with the \$5,000 grant that was received. Improvements include a 50-seat amphitheatre made of stones on the west open area of the park, development of a nature walking trail in the wooded area, and improve emergency access to the road leading down to the river. Motion by Julich, second by Slater to allow the Humboldt Healthy Eco Systems to proceed with improvements to River Park. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Aikins added that City Staff would be involved in the project.

B & W Custom Truck Beds has offered to donate up to \$49,000 to improve the RV and camping facilities at Camp Hunter. Beth Barlow, representing B & W Custom Trucks Beds, was present to explain their proposal which includes 8 sites with water, sewer and 50 amp electricity. She asked if work could be done to the 4 posts at the entrance of the

park because it is so narrow and difficult for campers to navigate. Councilmember Julich asked if an additional dump station could be added instead of individual sewer hook-ups for each camper and Ms. Barlow agreed that it might be more feasible. Motion by Aikins, second by Roether to allow B & W Custom Truck Beds to make improvements to Camp Hunter, working and consulting with City Staff and the Public Works Department. Motion carried unanimously.

The Humboldt Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan was presented to the Council for their approval. Several members of the rural community were present with questions and concerns. Layne Sterling read a letter from the Allen County Farm Bureau Association concerning landowner's rights. Mayor Davis said that he would appoint a committee consisting of two members from the rural area, two members of the Planning Commission, and attorneys from each group, he said nothing could be done tonight in the absence of the City Attorney, and the matter would be tabled.

Motion by Aikins, second by Slater to approve Sheri Modlin and Tricia Greve as co-managers of the swimming pool for the 2012 season. Motion carried unanimously.

At the suggestion of the Swimming Pool Committee and due to the fact that the Schaneman-Rourk Charitable Fund can not continue to match the funds for the season passes (will donate \$3,000 this season), a motion was made by Julich, second by Walburn to increase the swimming pool rates. Motion carried unanimously.

Swimming pool rates will increase as follows:

Season Passes

	<u>Full Price</u>	<u>1/2 Price - USD 258 Residents</u>
Child (ages 6-13)	\$45.00	\$22.50 (\$2.50 increase)
Adult (ages 14 and over)	\$55.00	\$27.50 (\$2.50 increase)
Seniors (ages 55 and over)	\$45.00	\$22.50 (\$2.50 increase)
Family	\$90.00	\$45.00 (\$5.00 increase)

Pool Party \$90.00
 Pool Party (over 20 people) \$100.00

(Pool party includes use of the pool for two hours after closing)

Daily Admissions

Preschool (ages 0-5) Free
 Child (ages 6-13) \$1.50 (no change)
 Adult (ages 14 and over) \$2.00 (25 cent increase)
 Seniors (ages 55 and over) \$1.50 (no change)

Motion by Shreeve, second by Slater to purchase a chemical feeder (chlorinator) for the swimming pool from Farney & Associates, Wichita, Kansas, for \$4,116.25, which includes installation. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker said the pool would open Memorial Day, would be open weekends only after school starts in late summer, and would probably close after Labor Day. Councilmember Julich asked why the pool could not open earlier than Memorial Day, possibly mid-May when school is out. Mayor Davis asked why the co-managers are paid a full month's salary instead of a partial month's salary when the season ends,

and Councilmember Shreeve requested that the Police Officer on duty be called every night to stand by when the pool is closing and pool proceeds are taken off the premises.

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to grant 30 additional days to Richard Gryzbowski for Donny VanLeeuwen to make improvements to his nuisance property at 206 N. 3rd. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to grant 90 additional days to Don Meyer (323 Sycamore) and Gail Cheney (1109 Pecan) to make necessary improvements to their nuisance properties. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker said the issue of the nuisance property belonging to Patricia Litherland at 1007 Osage would be deferred until he consults with the City Attorney. He also said there has been no response from notices sent to Nellie Ketcherside for the nuisance property located at 218 Charles .

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: JKS Sanitation has provided a recycle bin which is located at Moon's Hometown Market and is ready for use; open house for the Sterling Ridge Senior Housing Project will be April 12 or 13; the Downtown Action Team will be making improvements to the bandstand in the City Square with the help of volunteers and donated materials; the City was recently awarded a KCA/KDOT Excellence in Partnering Award for the Central/13th Street/Bridge Street project; and the Street Committee continues to meet to discuss street improvements.

Motion by Slater, second by Julich to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

/s/ N. Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk