

CITY OF HUMBOLDT  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 2013 in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Crawford, Julich, Roether, Slater, Smith and Walburn. Councilmember Shreeve was absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent, Chief of Police Brian Dillow, Officer Jeff Collins, Loren Korte, Bruce Boettcher-BG Consultants, Dr. Sean McReynolds, Jerry Stephens and Bryan Manion.

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

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to table Agenda Item 6-discuss jet rodder repairs, and Agenda Item 10-approve amendments to City Code for Chapters 1 to 3. Motion carried unanimously.

(7:05 p.m. City Attorney Fred Works entered the meeting)

There were no public comments.

Mayor Davis recognized and thanked outgoing Councilmembers Julich and Walburn for their years of service and presented them with certificates of appreciation.

Motion by Julich, second by Slater to remove Item D of the Consent Agenda, sale of Public Works used tractor, for further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Walburn that Items A, B and C of 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 March 11, 2013
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1769 dated March 27, 2013 in the amount of \$122,739.62 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1770 dated April 8, 2013 in the amount of \$110,506.31
- c. Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Councilmember Julich requested that when the City has items for sale, they be put out for bid by advertising in the newspaper. Motion by Julich, second by Smith to advertise the sale of the Public Works tractor for two weeks in the Humboldt Union, with the bid deadline being the following Friday, April 26. Motion carried unanimously.

Loren Korte, Personal Service Insurance, presented the 2013 insurance review. Motion by Aikins, second by Smith that the City continue with EMC Insurance. Motion carried unanimously. City Administrator Larry Tucker thanked Loren Korte for his help and prompt service, especially during the recent hailstorm on April 7.

Bruce Boettcher of BG Consultants, and Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent reviewed the recent study that has been done on the Wastewater

Treatment Plant improvements and gave their recommendations. Motion by Walburn, second by Julich to use the \$100,000.00 set aside in the budget to make the improvements to the Wastewater Treatment facility as outlined in the 2013 report. Motion carried unanimously.

Loren Korte suggested any action on roof repairs that are needed at City Hall wait until after the insurance adjustor comes again to inspect the recent hail damage and makes his recommendation. Motion by Julich, second by Slater to table roof repairs until the insurance adjustor has made an inspection. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Brian Dillow and Officer Jeff Collins proposed a Firearms and Archery Park near the Brush Dump at Camp Hunter, to be open to the public and used by the students in Collins' concealed carry classes. Dr. Sean McReynolds, 505 S. 2nd, voiced his opposition against opening the firing range to the public because of the noise and also safety issues. City Attorney Fred Works voiced strong concerns at the site being within the City Limits, too close to a camping area, a high risk to insure, a violation of zoning rules and regulations, and a conflict of interest between Collins being a City employee and owner of the business conducting the concealed carry class. Collins stated that he already had classes scheduled for the next 30-45 days and they would need to be cancelled if the City did not allow him to use the firing range for his students. In order to accommodate Collins' request, Mayor Davis asked City Attorney Works if temporary approval could be granted to Collins until a permanent solution to this open firing range request could be arrived at. With reservations, City Attorney Works said he would help Councilmembers with wording for a motion, if he was so directed.

Motion by Aikins, second by Slater to authorize the use of the Police Department firing range for the purpose of teaching the concealed carry class for the next 45 days provided Mayor Davis, City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Attorney Fred Works and the City's insurance agent Loren Korte are satisfied with the liability issue and that landowners within 200 feet of the City boundaries and 1,000 feet in the county are contacted for their consent, that there are no violations in zoning, and the target practice would only be allowed on Saturdays for one hour, from 11 a.m. to noon.

(9:11 p.m. Councilmember Julich exited the meeting).

Discussion continued on the issue of the firing range with the motion and second still on the table.

(9:15 p.m. Councilmember Julich re-entered the meeting).

Six voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Roether, Slater, Smith and Walburn), one nay (Julich). Motion carried.

In discussing the firing range, the issue of the Brush Dump being unlocked at all times was brought up with part of the problem being individuals coming and going without permission to target practice there, unauthorized drivers that 4-wheel on the grounds, and illegal dumping of trash and debris in violation of State codes. It was the consensus of the Council to change the lock on the Brush Dump/Firing Range, the Water Plant would check out a key to anyone wanting to drop off brush, register their name and date, and properly inspect the load for brush only.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins that Patricia Sanchez be elected as delegate and Roger Vincent as alternate delegate to the Kansas Municipal Utilities annual meeting on May 10 in Wichita. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: April 20 concert at the City Bandstand beginning at 2:00 p.m.; USA Pools, Inc. has requested that the City have the swimming pool filled with water and ready to go by April 22; Thrive Allen County is still offering free income tax service to anyone with a gross income of \$57,000 or less; and training for new Councilmembers will be held May 6 at 6 p.m. with all Councilmembers, new and old, encouraged to attend.

Motion by Slater, second by Julich to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores  
City Clerk