

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Crawford, Julich, Roether, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Walburn. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Attorney Fred Works, City Clerk Jean Flores, Officer Warren Howerter, Sewer Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent and Utility Foreman Patricia Sanchez.

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

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to amend the agenda by moving Agenda Item 4- Consider agreement to sell water to Advanced Aquatics, Inc., to Item 12A, and move Agenda Item 5-Consider agreement with Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc. regarding engineering services for sewer collection improvements at Camp Hunter Park, to Item 10A. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Aikins, second by Slater 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 March 12, 2012
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1745 dated March 28, 2012 in the amount of \$46,289.16 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1746 dated April 12, 2012 in the amount of \$79,038.41
- c. Ordinance No. 1469-Change liquor license permit term to two years

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to purchase a diesel truck from Twin Motors, Iola, Kansas, for \$31,600.00 using funds from the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried unanimously. The truck will be used by the Public Works Department for various street repairs and improvement projects. The following bids were received:

Ranz Motor Company - Chanute, Kansas	\$31,978.00
Twin Motors - Iola, Kansas	\$31,600.00
Shields Motors - Chanute, Kansas	\$39,892.00

In addition, the Street Committee would like to look into purchasing a used utility truck to replace the current one in the Utility Department that is almost twenty years old. Not enough information was available at the meeting, so the issue will be brought back to the Council at a later date.

A citizen had requested that paint striping be done on the Neosho River Bridge. City Administrator Larry Tucker received only one bid which was from Wildcat Striping, Caney, Kansas, for \$105.00 to paint a single line on the Neosho River Bridge; \$2,123 to paint stripe the bridge and all of Bridge Street; or \$2,356.00 to paint stripe 9th Street. City Administrator Larry Tucker said the Consolidated Street and Highway Fund does not have the money to pay for the paint striping and suggested money be taken from the

Gas Utility Fund. After discussion among Councilmembers and the City Attorney, it was determined that the Neosho River Bridge was almost too narrow to be striped, most drivers cross the center line to pass over the bridge safely, and City Attorney Fred Works added that the Police Department would have to enforce crossing the center line if the yellow center line was painted. Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to table the issue of striping the Neosho River Bridge. Seven voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Julich, Roether, Shreeve, Slater and Walburn), one nay (Smith). Motion carried.

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to approve the new swimming pool rules, swimming party rates, and to add new regulations which would prohibit swimming pool employees from using electronic devices while on duty. Motion carried unanimously.

The swimming pool will open for the season on May 19, 2012, through August 22, and then will be open on weekends only through Labor Day, September 3. Pool hours will be 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day with pool parties to be scheduled from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Swimming Pool Committee also recommended that two lifeguards and one pool manager be on duty for all pool parties regardless of size, and set the rate for pool parties at \$100.

Downtown Action Team member Eileen Robertson gave an update on the City Square Bandstand improvement project, asking Councilmembers for permission to use the pagoda to hang donor plaques. Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to give the Downtown Action Team permission to use the pagoda in the City Square Bandstand to hang plaques. Motion carried unanimously.

The Personnel and Policies Committee recommended changes to the Personnel Policies and Procedures of the City of Humboldt, Kansas, Section F-4: Vacation Leave, due to the fact that occasionally an employee is unable to take all of his vacation before his anniversary date and would, therefore, lose the vacation. Currently, if this were the case, the carryover of vacation would have to go before the Personnel Committee for an extension. As no solution could be arrived at among Councilmembers, the issue was tabled. Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to table the issue of carrying over vacation hours and changing the Personnel Policies and Procedures until more legal advice can be obtained from City Attorney Fred Works. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to allow Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc. to oversee the sewer improvements at Camp Hunter to connect the new sewer lines at the additional campsites to the sewer main at a cost of \$6,650.00, to be taken from the Community Development Fund. Six voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Roether, Shreeve, Smith and Walburn), one nay (Slater), one abstained (Julich). Motion carried.

The survey estimate from Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc. is \$2,650.00 and the engineering estimate is \$4,000.00, for a total of \$6,650.00.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: The Kansas Department of Transportation has paid for and placed camping signs along the highway, promoting Camp Hunter; the Street Committee continues to meet and discuss future street improvements but are not ready at this time to recommend a plan; Excel Development will have an open house and ribbon cutting at the Senior Housing Project on Sterling Ridge Drive on Thursday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m.; the Humboldt Water Plant will conduct its semi-annual free chlorine burnout on the City's water distribution system on April 23.

Motion by Julich, second by Slater 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 fifteen minutes. Meeting will be recessed for fifteen minutes at 8:35 p.m. and will resume regular session at 8:50 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis, City Administrator Larry Tucker and City Attorney Fred Works were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 8:55 p.m. No action was taken.

Discussion was held concerning the sale of water to Advanced Aquatics of Kansas, Inc. City Attorney Fred Works said he had reviewed the contract and had some concerns about such a lengthy contract (20 years), the fact that the price would be locked in, the routes the water trucks would have to travel, the possibility of another company offering the City a better price, and possibly requiring Advanced Aquatics, Inc. to pay for the right to purchase water in addition to paying for the water itself. City Attorney Fred Works urged Councilmembers to ask some questions of the representatives of Advanced Aquatics, Inc. the next time they are in town.

Motion by Aikins, second by Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk