

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Crawford, Walburn, Julich and McReynolds. Councilmembers Weilert, Griffith and Murrow were absent. Also present were: City Attorney Works, City Administrator Tucker, Chief of Police Onnen and Public Works Director Mintz.

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 Crawford that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of minutes of March 10, 2008
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1647 dated March 28, 2008 in the amount of \$147,075.53 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1648 dated April 14, 2008 in the amount of \$198,484.04

Motion by Julich, second by Walburn to proclaim the month of April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Humboldt. Motion carried unanimously.

Cliff Ralstin, new owner of The Humboldt Union, was present to request the local newspaper be considered as the official city newspaper.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded by the Mayor to employees and volunteers who have worked for the City in intervals of five years or more.

A short recess was taken at 7:16 p.m. for a reception of cake and punch to honor City employees.

The Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to accept Ordinance No. 1422, an ordinance amending Article Six of Chapter IV of the Humboldt City Code relating to dangerous and unfit structures within the City of Humboldt, Kansas, and Ordinance No. 1423, an ordinance amending Article Two of Chapter VIII of the Humboldt City Code relating to the environmental code of the City of Humboldt, Kansas. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford that a letter of notification signed by the Mayor be given to Kansas Municipal Gas Agency of the City's intent to withdraw from the

current participation agreement effective April 30, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. The City does reserve the right to renew its agreement prior to April 30, 2009 and would notify KMGa within a reasonable period of time to allow continuation of service.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to enter into an agreement with Scott Shreve, EMG, Topeka, Kansas, to assist with a review of the City's natural gas supplier contract and assist with identifying new suppliers and revenue streams. Motion carried unanimously. The lump sum price for EMG to complete the Scope of Services will be \$7,500.

Motion by Julich, second by Walburn to accept the low bid of \$30,500 from J & J Construction, Inc., Iola, Kansas, for the 8th Street bridge replacement project. Motion carried unanimously. Work should begin in approximately two weeks and will take about two weeks to complete. City Administrator Tucker will notify the schools, post office, emergency personnel, etc. of the street closing.

Motion by Aikins, second by McReynolds to table a review of street improvement projects on 8th Street to the May regular council meeting to allow Ken Shetlar more time to obtain a more accurate quote on the various phases of work being proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

After a discussion on various streets in town that need improvements, it was decided to schedule a workshop on Monday, May 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. to further discuss options to improve City streets.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Crawford to accept Change Order No. 1 for additional sewer repairs in the amount of \$9,320. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the engineering contract with Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc. for a study of the water distribution system was tabled to allow Ken Shetlar more time to update his proposal.

Motion by Aikins, second by McReynolds that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment be notified of the City's interest in potential funding in the amount of \$2 million from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund to improve the City's water distribution system. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to give Jerry Naff, owner of the nuisance property at 1114 Bridge, 120 days to bring the property in compliance with City codes and show improvements, such as painting, roof repairs and to tear down the garage. Motion carried unanimously. He was also told to obtain a building permit from City Hall.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Julich to accept the low bid of LB Dirtworks, Humboldt, in the amount of \$3,200 to abate the nuisance property located at 514 South 8th (William and Karen Waggoner, owners). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by McReynolds to allow Steven Woelfel, 1222 Mulberry, 30 days to show progress on his nuisance property; allow 30 days to Stanley Shisler and Mark Melton, 1212 Mulberry to show progress on their property; take the property at 203 Neosho off the list of nuisance properties; allow Loren Modlin, 214 Osage, 60 days to make improvements to his property and have it inspected by the City's building inspector and obtain a building permit; allow 30 days to find the current owner of the property at 918 Cherokee; allow Eugene Pugh, 704 Cherokee, 30 days to make repairs or notify the City of his intent; allow Steven Yost, 410 N. 7th, 120 days to demolish his property; and allow Dennis Reynolds, 308 N. 9th, 120 days to finish demolition of his property. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to send citation letters for inoperable vehicles to Autumn Turner-616 N. 8th, Tom Hammer-1413 Charles, Jon Deal-207 Cherokee, Adam Johnson-717 Signor; and Mark Melton-1212 Mulberry. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to send citation letters for nuisance properties to Larry Taylor-908 Osage, Roger Swifter-315 Central, Scott Barnhart-718 N. 7th, and Karin Hartwig-815 S. 9th. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to adopt Ordinance No. 1424, an ordinance amending the connection and tap fees to be charged for sewer, water and gas utility services by the City of Humboldt, Kansas, and amending Section 15-207 of the Humboldt Municipal Code and repealing the existing section thereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Julich to approve sick leave pool donation and application procedures for employees for non-work related catastrophic illnesses or injuries and to add the remaining 456 hours from Clint Haigler's sick leave pool to this new pool. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmembers also discussed the possibility of paying a portion of an employee's sick leave hours to them upon retirement but no decision was made and no action was taken.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to accept the Mayor's appointment of Linda Leonard, Carl Johnson and Councilmember McReynolds to the Housing Board to assist the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission in making the final recommendations for the home repair grant program. Four voted aye (Aikins, Walburn, Julich and Crawford), one abstained (McReynolds). Motion carried.

City Administrator Tucker gave a brief report on the Community Conversation to be held April 17, the swimming pool committee town meeting to be held May 4, the small business training workshop to be held in June, and negotiations with Cox Communications to establish a local government television channel.

City Administrator Tucker mentioned that, in order to curb vandalism at Cannon Park, the restrooms will close at 9 p.m. instead of 11 p.m.

Motion by Julich, second by McReynolds that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of real estate. Meeting will be recessed for 10 minutes at 9:50 p.m. and will resume regular session at 10:00 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 10:00 p.m.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Robert Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jean M. Flores
City Clerk