

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. 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, Shreeve, Slater and Smith. Councilmembers Roether and Walburn were absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Attorney Fred Works, City Clerk Jean Flores, Chief of Police Brian Dillow, Officer Jeff Collins and Fire Chief Kent Barfoot.

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

Motion by Aikins, second by Slater to amend the agenda by adding Item 8a-Resolution No. 051412, Safe Routes to School. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Public Comments, Police Chief Brian Dillow presented a certificate to Officer Wayne Carson for his completion of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Academy and Mayor Nobby Davis recognized Councilmember Otis Crawford by presenting him with a plaque for his years of service to the City of Humboldt.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins 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 April 9, 2012
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1747 dated April 27, 2012 in the amount of \$118,444.00 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1748 dated May 14, 2012 in the amount of \$103,772.72
- c. Appointment to Judicial District #31 Advisory Board

Motion by Smith to paint stripe Bridge Street. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Aikins gave an update on the River Park improvements, asking the Council's permission for a fire pit. She said those wanting to use the pit would have to make a request to City Hall to reserve it. Ellery Robertson was present to ask the Council's permission to place two Purple Martin houses at River Park that will be placed on poles. He has agreed to take care of any maintenance needed. Motion by Julich, second by Aikins to put up two Purple Martin houses with the use of the City's bucket truck and to allow the installation of a fire pit at River Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Milada Klimes and Dale Keidel were present to give an update on Civil War Days which will be held at Camp Hunter on June 8, 9 and 10. Requests included: Road closing at 1st and Pine and the access road into the park; limited access into the park on this road; off-duty police officers for security; extra picnic tables; mowing and cleaning of the park and buildings (removal of wasp's nests) before the event; mowing and cleaning of the twelve point sites; make sure the restrooms at Camp Hunter are open during the event; and extra trash cans. Recreational vehicles are encouraged but Milada Klimes asked that those wanting to park an RV contact her. A permit from City Hall and the appropriate fees are still required. Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to agree to the recommendations made by the Civil War Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Milada Klimes thanked Larry Tucker for his cooperation and eagerness to help with this event.

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve that the Park Committee and the City Administrator explore options for the use of Outlot B and C, the land south and west of Sterling Ridge Housing Units, and bring back suggestions to the Council, along with a way to fund the development, and further to survey the public as to what type of recreation they would prefer for the area. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmembers Julich and Slater, Street Committee, have been meeting for the past 5-6 months to explore options for street improvements and have looked at equipment and funding to form a Street Department within the City for repairs and rebuilding, with the hiring of one additional employee, and are suggesting a one-half cent sales tax increase for the next 15 years to fund the project. The Street Committee is recommending a mail ballot to decide the sales tax question. City Attorney Fred Works was asked to draft an ordinance for the sales tax question to be put on the June council meeting agenda.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to adopt Resolution No. 051412, a Resolution of Support and Administration, declaring the eligibility of the City of Humboldt to submit an application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for use of safe routes to schools funds set forth by Safetea-lu for the Humboldt USD 258 project in Humboldt and authorizing Nobby Davis, Mayor, to sign this application. Five voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Julich, Slater and Smith), one abstained (Shreeve). Motion carried.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to allow up to \$24,500 for the purchase of a new utility tool truck with funds to be used from Gas, Water and Sewer Utility Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor made the following 2012 appointments:

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

SEK Community Action Program and Chamber of Commerce Representative

Don Walburn

SEK Regional Planning Commission Representative

Dan Julich

Swimming Pool, Parks and Buildings

Otis Crawford and Sunny Shreeve

Ordinances, Insurance and Claims

Wayne Smith and Vada Aikins

Utilities (Utility Hearing, Gas, Water and Sewer)

Otis Crawford and JoAnn Roether

Public Safety (ADA, Fire, Police, Animal Control)

Don Walburn and Vada Aikins

Finance and Licenses

Vada Aikins and Dan Julich

Personnel

Dan Julich, Wayne Smith and Don Walburn

Growth Committee

Sunny Shreeve, JoAnn Roether and Vada Aikins

Street Committee

Dan Julich and Mark Slater

OTHER COMMITTEES (TERM APPOINTMENTS)

City Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals

Don Becannon - 2010-2013
Shirley Breiner - 2010-2013
Clint Hillmon - 2010-2013
Travis McCall - 2010-2013
Mark Criger - 2011-2014
Joe Works - 2011-2014
Lorene Ellison - 2012-2015

Humboldt Housing Authority

Judith Blauer - Expires 2015
Nan Newman - Expires 2013
John Smith - Expires 2013
Ellie Walburn - Expires 2016
Lorene Ellison - Expires 2014

Humboldt Public Library

Ron Jarred - Expires 2014
Mary McCullough - Expires 2014
Craig Knavel - Expires 2014
Judy Arbeiter - Expires 2013
Peg Smith - Expires 2013
Rosemarie Jay - Expires 2013
Jean Ranabarger - Expires 2016

Fraud Risk Committee (Annual)

Public Library - Jean Ranabarger
Historical Society - Roland Thompson
Housing Authority - Nan Newman
City of Humboldt - Don Walburn
City Staff Member - Larry Tucker

Official City Newspaper - The Humboldt Union

Official Depositories - Emprise Bank, Community National Bank, Kansas Municipal Investment Pool

City Attorney - Fred Works

City Treasurer - Audrea Johnson

City Clerk - Jean Flores

Assistant City Clerk - Lora Hunt

Chief of Police - Brian Dillow

Fire Chief - Kent Barfoot

1st Assistant Fire Chief - Roger Vincent

2nd Assistant Fire Chief - Donnie VanLeeuwen

Municipal Judge - Ron Call

Motion by Julich, second by Slater to accept the Mayor's 2012 appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Davis said City Administrator Larry Tucker was not included in the appointments as this is not an appointment that is made by the Mayor, but a position under contract and voted on by the Council.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: The Swimming Pool will open May 19 at 1 p.m. for a Free Splash Day; the directional street signs are almost finished and will be put into place in June, thanks to the help of B&W Custom Truck Beds and the Humboldt Pride Committee; the Humboldt Planning Commission continues to meet and make minor changes to the comprehensive plan and designate certain streets for heavy truck traffic; City Staff will be meeting with an engineer this week to discuss sewer improvements at Camp Hunter to accommodate the recreational vehicles; the Downtown Action Team and volunteers are making repairs to the City Square bandstand, the ceiling is now complete, light fixtures will be put up this weekend and volunteers from Monarch Cement Company will scrape and paint the peak. The Mayor asked permission from the Council for use of the City's bucket truck so that he can be raised up to help paint the peak of the bandstand. Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to allow the Mayor to use the City's bucket truck to paint the peak on the bandstand. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

/s/Nobby Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk