

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2013 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, Manion, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Stephens. Councilmember Roether and City Attorney Works were absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores, Utility Foreman Patricia Sanchez, Maintenance Worker Chaz Sanchez, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent, Ellery Robertson, Darrin Petrosky-Kansas Department of Transportation, and Bruce Boettcher-BG Consultants, Inc.

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

Motion by Aikins, second by Stephens to amend the agenda by tabling Item 9-Review City Code changes for Chapters 1-3, and add Agenda Item 11a-Veterans' Wall in Chanute, and 11b-Exemption letter for concealed carry. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Public Comments, Ellery Robertson asked the Council to reconsider restricted items that can be taken to the Brush Dump as he trims many ornamental grasses, etc. around town and there is no place to take them. The Mayor said the City is not licensed at this time to accommodate this type of debris but has filed for a permit so it can be done.

Darrin Petrosky, area engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Iola, gave an update on various projects. He said the K47 overlay project has started and should take about two weeks to complete and then work will begin on Highway 224, possibly by the end of June. He said B & B Construction is progressing on the patching work on Highway 169. In closing, he said that the State is looking to turn over all spur routes to the county.

Also under Public Comments, Mayor Davis commended the Humboldt Volunteer Fire Department, Humboldt EMS and Officer Jeff Collins for their response to a fatality accident on Highway 169 last week.

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 Regular Council Meeting May 13, 2013
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1773 dated May 29, 2013 in the amount of \$17,947.70 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1774 dated June 10, 2013 in the amount of \$168,596.34

The following City employees were recognized with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for their years of service: 30 years-Patricia Sanchez; 25 years-Kent Barfoot; 20 years-Jean Flores, Sean McReynolds and David Wells; 15 years-James Barton, Jeffrey Bowman, Chris Ellsworth, Mark Slater and Donald Vanleeuwen; 10 years-Larry Mendoza; and 5 years-John Hole, Wayne Carson, Jason Hegwald, Chaz Sanchez and Larry Tucker.

City Administrator Larry Tucker said a token of appreciation for those employees working 10 years or more will be ordered from the League of Kansas Municipalities and presented in October, as approved previously in the budget.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to approve local artist, Harvey Peck, to paint a mural on the wall in the Community Room at City Hall (see attached design in council packets). Motion carried unanimously. Peck will provide the labor and paint at no charge.

Two engineering bids were received for the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements as follows:

BG Consultants, Inc., Emporia, Kansas	\$10,100.00
Wilson & Company, Salina, Kansas	\$8,550.00

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Mayor, Council, City Administrator and Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent that, even though the bid of BG Consultants, Inc. was a little higher, this would be their company of choice as BG Consultants, Inc. are familiar with the project and have been closely involved thus far. Motion by Slater, second by Stephens to accept the bid of BG Consultants, Inc. of \$10,100.00. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker said security cameras, with access to the internet for review are now, or soon will be, in place at Cannon Park, Neosho River Park, Centennial Park and the Brush Dump/Firing Range and, due to numerous requests and complaints, asked if the Brush Dump can now be left unlocked for public use. Motion by Shreeve, second by Slater that, effective immediately, the Brush Dump be left unlocked, even though the security cameras are not completely installed yet. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker asked the Council if they wanted to place any further restrictions on the Firing Range other than what the Special Use Permit required. He said the City's insurance agent, Loren Korte, recommended \$500,000 liability insurance for the operator of the commercial business involved, Crosshair Firearms (owner, Jeff Collins). Motion by Aikins, second by Manion to accept the Special Use Permit for Jeff Collins to operate his gun safety classes at the Firing Range once a month on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the gate be closed and locked during this class, with a requirement of \$250,000 in liability insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmembers asked that a sign be posted advising residents that the Brush Dump will be closed during these two hours that classes are in session.

The City has received a \$3,000 grant from the Kansas Health Foundation to place bike route signs connecting the new Southwind Trail, which comes into Humboldt on Highway 224, to the Neosho River Park. Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to place the signs starting from 14th Street to Signor, then west to 12th Street south to Central Street, then west to 9th Street and south to Bridge Street, then west to the Neosho River Park (this route also known as Route C.) Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor made the following appointments:

Humboldt Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals:

Don Becannon 2013-2016

Clint Hillmon 2013-2016

Travis McCall 2013-2016

Mark Criger 2011-2014

Joe Works 2011-2014

Lorene Ellison 2012-2015

(Position of Shirley Breiner 2013-2016, who resigned, left open)

Humboldt Housing Authority:

Judith Blauer - Expires 2015

Nan Newman - Expires 2017

John Smith - Expires 2017

Ellie Walburn - Expires 2016

Lorene Ellison - Expires 2014

Humboldt Public Library:

Ron Jarred - President

Craig Knavel - Vice-President

Jean Ranabarger - Treasurer

Mary McCullough - Secretary

Jenelle Johnson - New Trustee

Michelle Umholtz - New Trustee

Tom Rutledge - New Trustee

Fraud Risk Committee:

Public Library - Jean Ranabarger

Historical Society - Roland Thompson

Housing Authority - Nan Newman

City of Humboldt - Vada Aikins

City Staff Member - Larry Tucker

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to accept the Mayor's appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Manion had recently requested a review of the swimming pool operations and expenses to be discussed at tonight's council meeting. Several comments were made concerning the pool operations such as: Councilmember Shreeve said she was happy that pool rules are being followed this year; Councilmember Stephens agreed that the new management seemed to be focused on enforcing pool rules, lifeguards are in place as they should be, and the City is saving on the purchase of chemicals now that USA Pools is providing them within their contract. City Administrator Larry Tucker said the pool is not a money-making project and the City will lose money on the swimming lessons at \$5.00 each. He also reminded Councilmembers that preparations for the 2014 budget will begin soon and this will be an opportunity to give their input on pool operations, pool budget, etc.

Mayor Davis said he was approached by George Culbertson in Chanute to see if the City might be interested in contributing \$500.00 to the new Veterans' Wall at the baseball diamonds on South Santa Fe Street in Chanute. After a short discussion, it was the

consensus of the Council that there is currently no interest in contributing to this project. Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to table the issue. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislature passed and Governor Brownback signed HB 2052 which authorizes the carrying of concealed weapons in state and municipal buildings. In order for the City of Humboldt to have time to assess its buildings and make specific determinations, an exemption letter can be sent to the Attorney General, which would give the City until January 1, 2014 to make such determinations as to removing the no-carry signs, provide metal detectors at each public entrance, or establish a security plan for all buildings. Motion by Aikins, second by Manion that the City send a Letter of Exemption to the Kansas Attorney General which will end January 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: The Neosho River Park dedication was held June 8 with approximately 150 in attendance and thank you notes will be sent to those who donated bottled water, hot dogs, etc.; the Housing Conversation was a success with approximately 30 in attendance; the Franklin Street Park, including the pond, is progressing and hopefully will be stocked with fish by the Fall; and the first session of swimming lessons was cancelled and rescheduled to July 8 due to cool temperatures.

Motion by Shreeve, second by Slater that the Public Works Department open the Brush Dump at 7 a.m. and the Police Department close it at dusk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Slater, second by Shreeve to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk