

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. 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, Julich, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Walburn. Councilmember Roether was absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Attorney Fred Works, City Clerk Jean Flores, Wastewater Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent and Officer Jeff Collins.

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 and add Item 6a.-Raymond Barnett, building permit fees; correct Item 7-Adoption of a resolution, not an ordinance; and add Item 11a.-Executive session for non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Walburn, second by Shreeve 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 14, 2012
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1749 dated May 30, 2012 in the amount of \$37,948.33 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1750 dated June 11, 2012 in the amount of \$109,658.34

Motion by Crawford, second by Aikins to elect Councilmember Shreeve as President of the Council 2012-2013. Six voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Julich, Slater, Smith and Walburn), one abstained (Shreeve). Motion carried.

Chris Bauer and Vada Aikins, Healthy Eco-Systems, requested a name change from River Park to Neosho River Park. Motion by Shreeve, second by Aikins to change the name of River Park to Neosho River Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to run a water line to Neosho River Park and to consider backflow safety when doing so. Six voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Walburn), one nay (Julich). Motion carried. The one inch water line will be placed on the west side of the property and the water hydrant will be used to water flowers and plants and can be used by the public for drinking or hand washing.

Discussion was held on the possibility of entering into a Wastewater Treatment Plant engineering contract with Shafer, Kline & Warren to design electrical improvements to the Sewer Plant. Roger Vincent, Wastewater Plant Superintendent, was present to answer questions and was asked by the Mayor if he is comfortable with using Shafer, Kline & Warren, in which he said he is. Councilmember Julich suggested contacting other engineering firms for recommendations and prices. Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to accept the contract with Shafer, Kline & Warren for the basic scope of services and to add \$3,000 for lift station improvements. Motion carried unanimously. This would include an override to shut down the electrical pumps at the Sewer Plant in

case there is not enough electrical power flowing into the system, also includes design improvements to dissolved oxygen meter system, and to design improvements at the lift stations to reduce the risk of damage that could be caused by electrical problems.

Raymond Barnett, DBA Reb's Place, 820 Bridge, was present to ask the Council to consider waiving building permit fees in the amount of \$60.00 for ADA improvements to his business, which included a ramp and ADA restrooms, and to request approval for the placement of a ramp in front of his business. A motion was made by Julich to waive the \$60.00 building permit fees but the motion died for lack of a second. It was decided that waiving building permit fees would set a precedence and this was something that the Council did not want to do. City Attorney Fred Works suggested Barnett apply for a variance to construct the ramp and then the matter could go before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Walburn, second by Julich to adopt Resolution No. 6-11-12, a resolution to submit to the qualified electors of the City of Humboldt, Kansas, the proposition of levying a one-half of one percent (.50%) retailers' sales tax in the City of Humboldt, Kansas, (in addition to the present City sales tax of one and one-fourth percent (1.25%) for a total of one and three-fourths percent (1.75%) for a period of 15 years for the purpose of funding improvements and maintenance to the City's streets, curbs and guttering, and storm water drainage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Slater to place stop signs on 7th street at the intersection of 7th and Charles. Six voted aye (Aikins, Julich, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Walburn), one nay (Crawford). Motion carried.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to issue court citations for nuisance properties owned by Don Meyer (323 Sycamore) and Gail Cheney (1109 Pecan), and issue nuisance orders to Tracy Litherland (1007 Osage) and Donna Jean Shepard (312 North 9th), and for City Administrator Larry Tucker to estimate the cost to abate the nuisance property at 218 Charles owned by Nellie Ketcherside. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: Plans continue for sewer line improvements at Camp Hunter; work continues on the bandstand in the City Square, thanks to the many volunteers and B&W Custom Truck Beds; discussion still continues on street improvements with hot patching to be done this summer with machinery borrowed from the City of Chanute; spraying for mosquitoes has started on Tuesday and Thursday evenings; and work continues on the directional signs that will be placed around town.

Motion by Shreeve, second by Slater that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 10 minutes at 8:21 p.m. and will resume regular session at 8:31 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis, City Attorney Works and City Administrator Tucker were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 8:34 p.m. and a motion was made by Aikins, seconded by Shreeve that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of non-elected personnel for an additional 5 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 5 minutes at 8:35

p.m. and will resume regular session at 8:40 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis, City Attorney Works and City Administrator Tucker were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

(8:39 p.m. City Administrator Larry Tucker left the executive session)

The meeting resumed regular session at 8:45 p.m. and a motion was made by Aikins, seconded by Crawford that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of non-elected personnel for an additional 15 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 15 minutes at 8:45 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis and City Attorney Works were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 9:01 p.m. and a motion was made by Aikins, seconded by Shreeve that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of non-elected personnel for an additional 10 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 10 minutes at 9:01 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:11 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis and City Attorney Works were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 9:12 p.m. Motion by Walburn, second by Smith to extend Larry Tucker's contract as City Administrator through May 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Slater, second by Aikins to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Jean M. Flores
City Clerk