

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Nobby Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Carson, Crawford, Julich, Murrow, Shreeve, Smith and Walburn. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Attorney Fred Works, City Clerk Jean Flores and Chief of Police Brian Dillow.

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

Loretta Julich made a public comment, asking if the agenda could be published in the local newspaper. City Administrator Larry Tucker explained that the agenda is not finalized until Wednesday the week before Council Meeting and would not meet the publication deadline. He did mention that the agenda is always posted on the City's website. Also under Public Comments, Councilmember Carson asked what the Police Department intends to do with the police car that has been parked behind the old City Hall building, 701 Bridge.

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to add to the agenda Item 5a.-Consider selling police car. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to remove Item b. of the Consent Agenda-Warrant Ordinance (expenditures) and Water Line Project Expenditures, for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to accept Consent Agenda Item a.-Approval of minutes of Regular Council Meeting June 13, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Murrow to accept Consent Agenda Item b.-Warrant Ordinance No. 1727 dated June 28, 2011 in the amount of \$41,125.45 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1728 dated July 11, 2011 in the amount of \$154,337.45. Motion carried unanimously. There were no Water Line Improvement Project expenditures to be approved.

John McRae, Iola Industries, was present to invite Councilmembers or members of the community to join his organization in Economic Development, seeking potential business sites, strengths throughout Allen County, matching new business to those strengths, and recruiting a director to help.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to adopt the Standard Operating Procedures for the Humboldt Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Walburn to advertise for sale by sealed bids the 2000 Crown Victoria owned by the Police Department, with a closing date for bids being August 15. Motion carried unanimously.

During the 2010 audit by Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips, it was determined that the City exceeded the threshold of \$500,000 in grant funds and requires additional procedures under the single audit guidelines. The proposal for the revised audit contract for 2010 will be \$6,300, which includes \$1,700 to perform the related single audit procedures for the required grant funds. The amount approved for the audit last year was \$4,600. Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to accept the contract of Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips for the additional \$1,700 for a total of \$6,300. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shreeve, second by Aikins that the City purchase a CO2 emissions chamber, CO2 bottle and a freezer in order to comply with legal disposal methods of feral cats. Motion carried unanimously. City Administrator Larry Tucker will see if the animals could be buried in the City's tree and brush dump.

City Attorney Fred Works suggested that the contract with Carson and Sons for animal control be renegotiated.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the Mayor's suggestion of hiring Ron Whitworth as building inspector. Several Councilmembers voiced their disapproval of offering him the job without first consulting with the Personnel Committee or advertising the position. It was suggested the hiring of a building inspector be tabled so all interested parties have an opportunity to apply for the job.

(8:20 p.m. Councilmember Crawford left the meeting.)

(8:23 p.m. Councilmember Crawford returned to the meeting.)

Motion by Murrow, second by Carson to table the hiring of a building inspector until the Personnel Committee, the Mayor and City Administrator check with lola to see what is expected of their building inspector. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Fred Works suggested creating a job description for building inspector and posting an ad in the newspaper.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to reschedule the Regular Council Meeting next month to August 15, one week later. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: Ground has been broken for the Senior Housing Project near Arrowood and construction has started with completion to be by the end of the year, weather permitting; the Fire/Ambulance Building Committee continues to meet and discuss the need for a building; swimming pool attendance is up 25% from last year; summer street projects continue with a \$60,000 hot asphalt machine on loan for two months from the City of Chanute to repair "spot projects" and repair pot holes (thanks to Chanute for the use of this machine); and City Attorney Fred Works and City Administrator Larry Tucker continue to respond to the Americans with Disabilities Act violations.

Motion by Murrow, second by Crawford 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 10 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 10 minutes at 8:55 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:05 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 9:13 p.m. Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford 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 an additional 5 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 5 minutes at 9:15 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:20 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 9:22 p.m. No action was taken.

City Administrator Larry Tucker told the Mayor and Council there is nothing to report on the Water Line Improvement Project.

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to table the Water Line Improvement Project change order. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

/s/ N. Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk