

CITY OF HUMBOLDT  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met for a Special Council Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall to discuss the 2012 City budget. Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Carson, Crawford, Julich, Shreeve and Smith. Councilmembers Murrow and Walburn and City Attorney Fred Works were absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent, Chief of Police Brian Dillow, Jean Ranabarger-Humboldt Public Library, Cliff Ralstin-The Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson-The Iola Register and Peg Smith.

The purpose of the Special Council Meeting was to discuss preliminary information in the 2012 budget before publication.

City Administrator Larry Tucker highlighted the 2012 budget with the following facts: The City is down from 26 to 23 employees, which is a large savings, he proposes to stay at 23; a part time Animal Control Officer may need to be hired to assist the Police Department, \$6,000 set aside for this; the Police Department has 5 police cars and a 3-year replacement cycle needs to be put into place for lease-purchase of police cars; the salary pay plan would continue as set four years ago with a 2% yearly increase for those employees performing satisfactorily; money would be set aside to correct ADA violations by the Department of Justice; a 10% increase was allowed for health insurance; an increase in sewer rates may need to be discussed at a later date; the JKS Sanitation contract will be presented to the Council at the August meeting for a continuation of another 3 years; the Drainage Fee may need to be increased to \$2 per water meter.

Mayor Davis commented that it would be best to leave the mill levy as is instead of lowering it as residents would not notice the \$2-\$5 increase and the benefit to the City would far outweigh this small tax increase. It was the consensus of the most Councilmembers to "quit floating the mill levy."

It was also the consensus of the Council to stop lease-purchase agreements and cash in certificate of deposits to pay off some of the existing lease-purchase agreements.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins to raise the mill levy by 2 mills to 63.618 and publish an ordinance as required. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Carson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores  
City Clerk