

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Carson, Crawford, Griffith, Julich, Murrow and Walburn. Councilmember McReynolds and City Attorney Works were absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, Chief of Police Dan Onnen and City Clerk Jean Flores.

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

There were no public comments.

Motion by Murrow, second by Crawford to amend the agenda and add item 6a.-Possible change order for water meter fittings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn 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 July 12, 2010 and Special Council Meeting July 26, 2010
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1704 dated July 27, 2010 in the amount of \$34,755.91, Warrant Ordinance No. 1705 dated August 9, 2010 in the amount of \$124,704.07, Water Line Project expenses in the amount of \$40,244.98 and City Hall Project expenses in the amount of \$4,590.00
- c. Adoption of Ordinance No. 1453-Standard Traffic Ordinance and Ordinance No. 1454-Uniform Public Offense Code

A Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget was opened at 7:05 p.m. City Administrator Larry Tucker said the budget had been reduced from what was previously presented at the Special Meeting/Budget Workshop on July 26. He also reported that the employee Pay Plan will remain. Councilmember Aikins expressed her thanks and appreciation to Tucker and the Department Heads for their efforts in making additional cuts to the budget; Jean Ranabarger asked that each individual cut be listed since the public did not have a copy; Councilmember Julich requested money be put aside for a new fire barn; Theron Collum stated that repairs to the streets that are being done by NPL Construction Company during the Water Line Project are not being done properly and the streets should be left in the same condition as they were before the work started. There being no further public comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Aikins, second by Murrow to approve the 2011 budget as amended. Six voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Griffith, Julich, Murrow and Walburn), one nay (Carson). Motion carried.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to approve the change order to upgrade the heating and air conditioning at the new City Hall with Comfort Contractors, with the

exception that if the (alternate) heat pump is not beneficial to save money, that it be omitted and we go with the HVAC. Six voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Griffith, Julich, Murrow and Walburn), one nay (Carson). Motion carried.

	<u>A-1 Electric, Inc.</u>	<u>Comfort Contractors, Inc.</u>	<u>A1 Air, LLC</u>
HVAC	\$50,815.00	\$55,052.24	\$86,278.50
ALT (heat pump)	\$3,860.00	\$3,400.00	No Bid
Electrical Bid	\$12,033.00	\$9,522.00	No Bid
Combo HVAC/Elec	\$62,098.00	\$61,449.24	No Bid

Mt. Hope Cemetery board members asked if the City would replace existing water lines and add additional hydrants during the Water Line Project at approximately \$19,258.40. Motion by Aikins, second by Murrow to approve the water line improvements at Mt. Hope but to check with the sexton to see if the amount of hydrants could be reduced to save money, the number of hydrants being left to the discretion of the sexton. Five voted aye (Aikins, Griffith, Julich, Murrow and Walburn), two nay (Carson and Crawford). Motion carried.

Ken Shetlar of Shafer, Kline & Warren was present and showed Councilmembers old water fittings that are being used and also new water fittings that should be used to connect the new water lines being done during the Water Line Project. He said more than likely if the old fittings were used, they would break. He estimated approximately 300 that would need to be changed out at approximately \$385 per meter, for a total of \$80,000 to \$120,000. He suggested a count of meters that have the old fittings that would need to be changed and then come back to the Council at a later date with a more accurate dollar amount and further discussion on the change out and transition from the old to the new fittings. The issue was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

Motion by Crawford, second by Murrow to approve the contract with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips for the 2010 City audit. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a lengthy discussion among Councilmembers as to whether or not the various Council Committees should be called "Mayor's Committees" or "Council Committees" and whether or not non-councilmembers should serve on them.

(8:20 p.m. Councilmember Griffith exited the meeting).

(8:22 p.m. Councilmember Griffith re-entered the meeting).

Motion by Murrow, second by Carson to deny the Mayor's appointments to the Mayor Committees. Six voted aye (Aikins, Carson, Crawford, Giffith, Murrow and Julich), one nay (Walburn). Motion carried. The Council Committees will remain unchanged.

City Administrator Larry Tucker gave a brief report: Central Street has been ground down and the base is in poor shape, the Street Committee will meet later to make a decision on this; the corner of 9th and Central is being repaired by City crews; repairs are being made near the sidewalk in front of Humboldt Elementary School; Rebuilding the Public Square will meet August 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library; Humboldt Planning Commission will meet September 1 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall to continue their discussion on extra territorial zoning; a dedication will be held at Centennial Park for the new exercise equipment on September 3 at 3:00 p.m., in which Thrive, Inc. assisted in writing the grant.

Councilmember Julich asked that Public Works Director Craig Mintz implement a written maintenance schedule for all City vehicles and equipment in which employees would have to sign-off.

Motion by Julich, second 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 matters for 10 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 10 minutes at 8:50 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:00 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Mayor Sharp, City Administrator Larry Tucker and Chief of Police Dan Onnen were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 9:02 p.m.

A City employee has requested additional hours from the Sick Leave Pool beyond the amount allowed. Motion by Walburn, second by Aikins to allow this City employee to withdraw an additional 145.75 hours from the Sick Leave Pool based upon the unique circumstances of this employee's work related condition not being covered by Workers' Compensation and based upon the consent and recommendation of the Sick Leave Pool Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Councilmember Walburn voiced some citizen concerns: Children playing and running near the horseshoe pits at Canon Park is dangerous near the unprotected stakes, a fence could be put up to ensure safety; a large pothole at the corner of 9th and Neosho that needs attention; and the large number of cats that run at large within the City is a big problem.

Councilmember Julich asked that the seatbelt law be enforced in City operated vehicles. City Administrator Larry Tucker assured him that concerns such as this are taken to the Department Heads and that the Police Department would definitely issue tickets if necessary.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

/s/ Robert Sharp, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk