

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2007 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, Crawford, Julich, McReynolds and Walburn. Councilmembers Griffith, Murrow and Weilert and City Attorney Works were absent. Also present were: City Administrator Tucker, Chief of Police Onnen, Ken Shetlar-Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc., Bruce Symes-The Iola Register, Mary Lou Brown, Bobby Reed, Carl and Audrea Johnson, Nila Dickason, Ellery Robertson-Hoe and Hope Garden Club, Harold and Jean Lindsey, Dorothy Cartwright, Lorene Ellison, Pam Kline-Girl Scout Troop III, Shirley Breiner, Don Becannon, Paul Finney, Andrew Seufert and Kent Barfoot.

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

Public comments were made by Shirley Breiner, who asked when the street signs in Wakefield's Addition would be replaced, and Bobby Reed who asked if a stop sign could be placed at 7th and Mulberry.

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 August 13 and 27, 2007
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1633 dated August 29, 2007 in the amount of \$25,572.66 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1634 dated September 10, 2007 in the amount of \$159,153.91

At the request of Richard Davis, the City was asked to accept an anonymous donation of three carport shelters to be placed at the west end of Sweatt Park on existing concrete slabs to be used for shelter and shade for the patrons and youth. Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to accept the donation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins to allow the Hoe and Hope Garden Club to be in charge of painting a mural on the east side of the City's storm shelter located on west Bridge Street near the Water Plant at no cost to the City. When a final sketch is determined, the design will be brought back to the Council for their approval with the painting to be done possibly in the spring. Motion carried unanimously.

Pam Kline, Girl Scout Troop III, was present to request permission to place a Peace Pole in the City Square as a Girl Scout service project. A design and slogan "May Peace Prevail On The Earth" would be printed on each side of the pole in four languages. This would be under the direction of the Public Works Department as the utility lines will need to be located before the pole is positioned in the ground. Motion by Julich, second

by McReynolds to allow Girl Scout Troop III to place a Peace Pole in an appropriate position in the City Square. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Tucker met with Ken Shetlar, Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc., to review some of the proposed street improvements which include: Asphalt overlay of south 8th Street from New York to Pine (estimated \$31,354); asphalt overlay of south 10th Street from Bridge to Cherokee west of the high school (estimated \$13,359); asphalt overlay of New York one block from 12th to 11th Street east of the high school; asphalt overlay of 11th Street from New York to Cherokee Street south of the high school; and asphalt overlay and two foot extension of North 8th Street from Amos Street to 9th Street intersection. When City Administrator Tucker and Ken Shetlar met with Robert Heigele, Superintendent of Schools, a suggestion was made to make the asphalt overlays on the one block New York street east and 11th Street south of the high school as one-way, which would allow the flow of bus traffic during the school drop off and pickup hours each school day. There is a property owner that lives in the affected area and hours could be established during school days that would limit the times that the streets could be one-way only. For example, the one-way hours could be from 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. each school day.

Andrew Seufert was present to voice his concern about the possibility of the one-way street and also the ongoing drainage problems at his residence at 1104 Cherokee.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that drainage problems need to be addressed before street improvements are done and the school board and the City's engineer need to be involved.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to proceed with the overlay and widening of 8th Street from Amos to Franklin, with a concrete culvert extension and wings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to appoint City Administrator Tucker as voting delegate and Councilmember Crawford as alternate at the League of Kansas Municipalities annual meeting in Overland Park October 6-9, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Walburn to accept the high bid of \$231 by Roy Fritch for the 1996 Ford Crown Vic police car and \$229 by Donnie VanLeeuwen for the 2000 Crown Vic police car. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Tucker gave an update on the following: The City will be reimbursed approximately \$50,000 (85%) by FEMA for flood damage to the wastewater treatment plant; the City will assist Biblesta with security issues, barricades, extra trash barrels and clean-up later in the evening after the activities. Fire Chief Barfoot stated that last year the fire siren was disabled by someone entering the electric panel and turning the breaker off and asked that if that is done again this year, it be turned back on when finished and that he would let the firemen know they need to rely on pagers while the siren is disabled.

City Administrator Tucker said the Growth Committee will meet September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library meeting room; a special workshop meeting to discuss sewer utility rates is scheduled for September 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library meeting room; and a joint school board/city council meeting will be held October 8 at 6 p.m. at the Board of Education office, with the regular city council meeting to follow immediately at the Humboldt Public Library meeting room, possibly at 7:15 p.m.

Due to the absence of City Attorney Works, Agenda Item 12-Executive Session-Attorney/Client matters, will be rescheduled at a later date.

Motion by Julich, second by McReynolds that the Governing Body recess to executive session for discussion of real estate matters for 15 minutes with the Mayor, Councilmembers and City Administrator requested to be present. Meeting will be recessed at 8:30 p.m. and will resume regular session at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 8:45 p.m. Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Assistant City Clerk