

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Crawford, Julich, Slater and Smith. Councilmembers Roether, Shreeve and Walburn were absent. Also present were City Attorney Fred Works, City Administrator Larry Tucker, 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.

Under Public Comments, Shirley Fisher, Biblesta Chairperson, requested assistance from the Police Department and Ambulance Department during the annual Biblesta Parade on October 6. She also mentioned that the stage will be set up Thursday evening under the Bandstand.

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 Regular Council Meeting August 13, 2012, Special Council Meeting August 20, 2012 and the Street Meeting on August 20, 2012.
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1755 dated August 28, 2012 in the amount of \$54,416.61 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1756 dated September 10, 2012 in the amount of \$77,596.91
- c. Reschedule Regular Council Meeting in October to October 15, 2012 due to Councilmembers attending the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference in Topeka on October 8

Motion by Julich, second by Slater to accept the contract presented by BG Consultants, Inc., for the improvements to the processing system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion carried unanimously. The proposal is broken down into two phases with one to be completed by January 1, 2012 and the second phase to be completed by April 1, 2013. The cost for Phase I is not to exceed \$11,000, with City Sewer Fund Reserves to cover the cost of the design work for Phase I and money has been budgeted for 2013 to cover Phase II.

Motion by Aikins, second by Smith to approve a 30 day extension for the application deadline for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program for Kenneth and Mary Lumley for their new home located at 502 S. 1st. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Slater to appoint Otis Crawford as delegate and Vada Aikins as alternate to represent the City of Humboldt as voting delegates at the Annual League of Kansas Municipalities Conference in Topeka on October 6. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Smith, second by Crawford to appoint Kelley R. Zellner as an additional Building Inspector and to remove the time limitation of October 8 from Roy Moorehouse

so he can also be used as a Building Inspector until the City no longer needs his services or until he resigns. Motion carried unanimously. It was suggested two Building Inspectors be hired to avoid any conflict of interest and also, if one was not available, the other could be contacted.

Mayor Davis asked Councilmembers to consider the purchase of a paint striper machine. Motion by Julich, second by Smith to purchase a paint striper machine from Sherwin-Williams, Chanute, Kansas, at a cost of \$3,800 with funds to be taken from the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund, to be paid back on January 2, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held to possibly lift the water restrictions that are currently in place due to the drought. City Attorney Works said the City Code needs to be more consistent with the City's Drought Response Plan, which will require some thought, so that it would not require Council action every time the restrictions need to be lifted.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford that upon notification by the Kansas Water Office that the Stage 2 Water Warning for the Cottonwood/Neosho River Water Assurance District #3 has been lifted, the Mayor be authorized to rescind the water use restrictions imposed by Resolution No. 8-20-12 by the Mayor issuing a public declaration that such water use restrictions are rescinded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reminded those present that the deadline for voting in the Special Election to increase the sales tax rate for street improvements is September 11 at noon and that, if successful, an ordinance would need to be adopted to put the sales tax increase in place on January 1, 2013.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins to schedule a Special Council Meeting on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall to adopt an ordinance to increase the sales tax rate one-half cent for street improvements, if the vote passes on September 11. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker said he had received a report from the Kansas Department of Transportation on the traffic flow on 224 Highway, with no issues being present; the swimming pool season has ended with 4,974 attendees compared to 4,567 last year; Bandstand improvements continue with a celebration to be held October 13 at 6:00 p.m. to recognize the volunteers.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Jean M. Flores
City Clerk