

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 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, McReynolds, Murrow and Walburn. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, Chief of Police Dan Onnen and City Clerk Jean Flores. City Attorney Fred Works was absent.

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

Public comments were made by Jim Gilpin, representing the Allen County Hospital Board, inviting everyone to the meeting September 22, 6:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library to discuss the new hospital being proposed in Iola and will be put before the voters on the November 2 ballot; and Anna Ford, who asked that the animals running at large law be enforced and that owners be made responsible for cleaning up after their pets after they venture into other residents' yards.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to amend the agenda by adding Item 12a.-Inspector's agreement for the Kansas Department of Transportation Project 1U 2284-01, Central/Bridge/13th Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins to remove Item D from the Consent Agenda for further discussion and to approve Items A, B and C of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of minutes of Regular Council Meeting August 9, 2010
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1706 dated August 30, 2010 in the amount of \$160,282.57 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1707 dated September 13, 2010 in the amount of \$81,798.50
- c. Approve new job description for Public Works Department Maintenance Worker-Level I position
- d. Consider Ordinance No. 1455 to change the price of bulk tank water sales

Councilmember McReynolds asked that the trumpet vines be removed from the bulk water machine spout and that the coin machine be emptied more frequently as there are times when it will accept no more coins due to being full. With the assurance these conditions would be met, Councilmember McReynolds made a motion, and it was seconded by Aikins, to accept Consent Agenda Item D.-Ordinance No. 1455, an ordinance amending Article II, Section 15-229 of the Humboldt Municipal Code relating to tank rates for water and repealing the existing sections thereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by McReynolds to change the date of the Regular Council Meeting from October 11 to 18, 2010, due to several Councilmembers wanting to attend the League of Kansas Municipalities annual meeting in Overland Park on that date. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Murrow to appoint Councilmember Aikins as the League of Kansas Municipalities voting delegate and Councilmember Crawford as the alternate voting delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sharp presented certificates to the following City employees for their years of service: Edward Harner-35 years; Paul Lucke, Eugene Lundine, Roger Vincent and Jeffrey Tilman-20 years; Mark Criger, Robert Krone, Lora Hunt and Steven Lucke-10 years; and Jeffery Marquez, John Hodgden and Scott Lucke-5 years.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to adopt Ordinance No. 1456, an ordinance regulating animal activities within the corporate limits of the City of Humboldt, Kansas and amending Section 2-111 and repealing Section 2-112 of the Humboldt Municipal Code. Seven voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Griffith, Julich, McReynolds, Murrow and Walburn), one nay (Carson). Motion carried.

After further discussion about the excessive amount of cats in Humboldt, it was the consensus of the Council that something be done, possibly loan out traps, and find money in the budget to take care of this problem.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins to table Agenda Item 7-Consider change orders to Water Line Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to approve Change Order No. 5 for the City Hall Project. Motion carried unanimously. The Change Order consists of: Countertop replacement in teller area, all labor, material and equipment to complete the following: patch in drywall, demo existing counter, paint new drywall, install new countertop, patch in carpet (using close match), and extend electrical outlet at a cost of \$1,403.00.

Motion by Walburn, second by Crawford to accept the combined bid from Kansas Communications Systems, Inc., Chanute, Kansas, to make the phone and computer lines functional at the new City Hall building. Three voted aye (Crawford, Griffith and Walburn), five nay (Aikins, Carson, Julich, McReynolds and Murrow). Motion did not carry.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins to accept the bid from Kansas Communications Systems, Inc., Chanute, Kansas, to make the phone and computer lines functional at the new City Hall building, excluding the call box in the Police Department, until we find a suitable way to possibly have one. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held concerning the need for security cameras at the new City Hall. It was the consensus of the Council that it would be wasted money, not necessary, an alarm system at the door might be more feasible, and the Police Department is right there. Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to table Agenda Item 10-Consider bids to install security system in new City Hall building. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to accept the bid of Jerry Hall's Communications, Fredonia, Kansas, for up to \$1,400.00 to move radio equipment from the old City Hall to the new City Hall, which includes new wiring. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Murrow to accept the bid of Dog House Concrete Inc., LaHarpe, Kansas, for the concrete drain valley gutter on Central Street in front of the Elementary School not to exceed \$11,000.00, to let more bids for the asphalt work and when they come in, have a Special Council Meeting, Monday, September 20, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Murrow, second by Crawford to accept Cook, Flatt & Strobel, Engineers, as inspector for the Kansas Department of Transportation Project No. 1U 2284-01, Centra/Bridge/13th Street Project, at a cost of \$49,399.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Murrow, to cite the following as nuisance properties: Stephen and Marlene Weilert, 1104 S. 10th, building and fencing; Lucas Terhune, 617 N. 6th, junk in yard; and Jack Hale, 918 Mulberry, garage/dangerous structure. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Murrow, second by Julich to accept the Mayor's Council Committee appointments. Motion carried unanimously. They are:

SEK Community Action Program and Chamber of Commerce Representative: Sean McReynolds; SEK Regional Planning Commission Representative: Dan Julich; Swimming Pool: Otis Crawford and Jerry Griffith; Utilities: Otis Crawford and Wayne Carson; Ordinances: Vada Aikins and Sean McReynolds; Finance: Jerry Griffith and Dan Julich; Public Safety: Sam Murrow and Vada Aikins; Personnel: Sean McReynolds and Don Walburn; and Growth: Sean McReynolds and Otis Crawford.

City Administrator Larry Tucker gave a brief report: All departments continue to update Vehicle Maintenance logs; there are no safety issues at the horseshoe pits in Cannon Park as questioned at previous council meetings, concerning children playing near them, as he had checked with other cities and others that participate in horseshoe playing; Rebuilding the Public Square is pursuing housing initiatives; and the move to the new City Hall building could be the latter part of October.

Councilmember Julich asked that the use of seatbelts by City employees be enforced.

Motion by Julich, second by McReynolds 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 30 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 30 minutes at 8:45 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:15 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Mayor Sharp, City Administrator Tucker and Chief of Police Onnen were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 9:20 p.m.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to award 161.25 additional hours from the Sick Leave Pool to Robert Krone. Seven voted aye (Aikins, Carson, Crawford, Griffith, McReynolds, Murrow and Walburn), one abstained (Julich). Motion carried.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Julich that the Council review all vacancies, due to attrition or for any reason, of City employee positions and the decision by the Council as to whether or not the position will be filled will be on a case-by-case basis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Walburn, second by Julich that Chief Onnen be allowed to hire a police officer. Six voted aye (Aikins, Carson, Crawford, Griffith, Julich and Walburn), two nay (McReynolds and Murrow). Motion carried.

Motion by Julich, second by Murrow to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

/s/ Robert Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk