

CITY OF HUMBOLDT  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Crawford, Evans, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Stephens. Councilmember Manion was absent. Also present were City Attorney Fred Works, City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent, Officer Steve Michealson, Maintenance Worker/Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Bulk, Joe Works, Eileen Robertson, David Toland, Paul Finney, Walt Wulf and Chris Bauer.

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

Motion by Stephens, second by Crawford to amend the agenda by deleting Item 11- Executive session for attorney/client matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Public Comments, Chris Bauer, Kansas Pride board member, announced they had received a \$1,000.00 grant for improvements/waterlines at Neosho River Park and he presented this award to Councilmember Aikins, member of Healthy EcoSystems and instrumental in writing the grant.

Also under Public Comments, Larry Tucker announced that he had received a letter of resignation from Bryan Manion, resigning from his Council position in Ward 2, Position 3, effective immediately.

Motion by Aikins, second by Evans 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 September 9, 2013
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1781 dated September 26, 2013 in the amount of \$46,100.74 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1782 dated October 14, 2013 in the amount of \$92,244.53
- c. Approval of Public Awareness Plan and Gas Emergency Plan

David Toland, Allen County Economic Advisory Committee member, presented goals for Allen County to recruit new business and create new jobs from existing businesses, their goal being to increase the population of Allen County to 14,000. Anyone with suggestions or comments should contact Toland.

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to grant permission to City staff to apply for the USDA grant for sidewalk improvements. Motion carried unanimously. Due to the recent government furlough, Christie McReynolds was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The forms for the grant have been completed and ready for application when the furlough ends.

Chris Bauer and Paul Finney gave a presentation and update on the Downtown Streetscape Project. It was decided that the committee should get letters of support from the businesses that will be affected by the planting of the trees and placement of the lightposts in front of their businesses and bring these letters of consent before the Council at the November meeting. Motion by Aikins, second by Slater to table making a decision on the project and the \$25,000.00 grant to the November Regular Council Meeting to allow time for input from businesses. Five voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Evans, Shreeve and Slater), two voted nay (Smith and Stephens). Motion carried.

Motion by Stephens, second by Crawford to approve new job descriptions for the Police

Chief, Police Lieutenant, Police Officer-Level I, and Police Officer-Level II. Motion carried unanimously. The update in job descriptions is due to a recent meeting of the Public Safety Committee, Mayor and City Administrator in which a recommendation was made to improve the medical response capabilities of the Police Department by requiring all full time officers to obtain or have an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification. Neosho County Community College will provide the training here in Humboldt on the weekends to all full time police officers.

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to adopt Resolution No. 101513, a Resolution to establish bi-weekly pay periods for the employees of the City of Humboldt, Article E-9, Pay Periods; Paydays. Motion carried unanimously. The change in payroll dates beginning January 2014 is due to a petition signed by the majority of City employees requesting such change. The City Clerk has also requested that Department Heads make sure the timecards are complete, that they have been signed by the employee with all Leave Slips and Overtime Slips attached, in order for her department to more efficiently prepare payroll.

Motion by Shreeve, second by Aikins to adopt Ordinance No. 1480, an ordinance establishing salaries of City Officials. Motion carried unanimously. Salaries are hereby established as follows: Chief of Police - \$4,093.49 per month; Municipal Judge - \$150.00 per session.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: Water and sewer lines are now complete at the USD 258 Sports Complex; the League of Kansas Municipalities annual meeting was recently held in Overland Park and attended by Councilmembers Aikins and Crawford and the City Administrator; the Bandstand in the City Square will be considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places at their next meeting on November 16, 2013; the City was recently awarded a \$100,000 grant for housing rehabilitation; and the November council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12, due to the Veterans Day holiday on Monday, November 11.

Motion by Shreeve, second by Evans to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores  
City Clerk