

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at the new City Hall, 725 Bridge. Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Carson, Crawford, Griffith, Julich and Walburn. Councilmembers McReynolds and Murrow and City Attorney Fred Works were absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, Chief of Police Dan Onnen, City Clerk Jean Flores and Police Officer Jeff Collins.

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

A public comment was made by Peg Griffith, who announced the Healthy Eco System meeting that will be October 23, 9 a.m. to noon at the Lutheran Church, with a free breakfast and lunch. She said they are working on the nature trail by River Park. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to amend the agenda by adding 8a.-Final invoice for Central Street improvements by Dog House Concrete Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

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 September 13, 2010 and Special Council Meeting September 20, 2010
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1708 dated September 29, 2010 in the amount of \$35,092.98, Warrant Ordinance No. 1709 dated October 11, 2010 in the amount of \$80,745.63, Water Line Project expenses in the amount of \$155,278.67 and City Hall Project expenses in the amount of \$86,534.04
- c. Approval of Master Meter Contract with Haines Pipeline Service - Derby, Kansas
- d. Approve Gas Emergency Plan
- e. Approve job description for part-time custodian

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to appoint Larry Tucker as board representative for the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency, and Utility Committee members Wayne Carson and Otis Crawford as alternate representatives. Motion carried unanimously.

Carisa McMullen, Landworks Studio, Olathe, Kansas, was present with a proposal to perform a downtown enhancement project, which included three design concepts for the north side of the downtown Square on Bridge Street. The designs would then be presented to the Downtown Action Team and the Humboldt Pride Committee for the selection of the best design. Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to accept the contract with Landworks Studio for \$5,800.00. Motion carried unanimously. The Community Development Fund will be used to pay for the cost of the designs.

Chief of Police Dan Onnen introduced Jeff Collins, the department's new police officer.

Motion by Walburn, second by Aikins to approve Change Orders by NPL Construction Company for the Water Line Project, \$4,800.00 to fill voids below the sidewalk on Bridge Street with work to be done by a sub-contractor, \$2,059.04 for the connection of 6" poly fire line and valve to Moon's Hometown Market, with 72' road bore with 6" poly valve transition to 6" ductile with MJ adapter, and an estimated 1100 foot of 1" electrical conduit to be included in the sidewalk replacement to be used for future new lighting estimated at \$8,525.00. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker asked Councilmembers to consider, and maybe a decision could be made at the November council meeting, whether or not to purchase much needed replacement parts for approximately 300 water meters. These parts would replace outdated parts and will be used in the water meter change-out program to eventually update all water meters in town.

Motion by Julich, second by Walburn to adopt Resolution No. 10-18-10, a resolution approving and authorizing a lease-purchase agreement with Community National Bank of Iola, Kansas, to lease-purchase a lawnmower for the City's Water Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Walburn, second by Julich to approve Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Project No. 1 U-2284-01 for Bridge/13th/Central Street. Motion carried unanimously. KDOT has estimated the local commitment to fund the project is \$72,000.00 (20%) and has recommended Killough Construction, Inc., Ottawa, Kansas, as the low bidder to complete the project which will begin in the spring of 2011. A transfer of \$60,000.00 from the Gas Fund has already been committed and City Administrator Tucker recommended another transfer of \$20,000.00 from the Gas Fund be set aside to make sure the project is funded.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to approve an additional \$1,088.26 payment to Dog House Concrete, Inc. to extend 59 additional feet to improve the valley drainage work already being done on Central Street in front of Humboldt Elementary School. Five voted aye (Aikins, Carson, Crawford, Griffith and Walburn), one nay (Julich). Motion carried.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to approve the proposal from Praetorian Protective Services, Inc., Miami, Oklahoma, for security items for the new City Hall and Police Department as follows: Under counter panic switch for City Clerk's area-\$500; camera for City Hall lobby area-\$550; DVR for Police Department-\$550; and audio recording microphone for Police Department-\$450, for a total of \$2,050.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Nuisance properties included: 1104 S. 10th, Stephen and Marlene Weilert, some repairs have been made to the building, but nothing has been done to the barbed-wire fence; 617 N. 6th, Lucas Terhune, junk in yard has been cleaned up; 918 Mulberry, Jack Hale, was present and requested additional time to clean up the garage that had been cited as a dangerous structure.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to give Jack Hale an additional 90 days to clean up his garage and if he needs additional time to comply, he will have to return to the Council and request an extension. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins to give Stephen and Marlene Weilert an additional 30 days to improve or take down the barbed-wire fence at 1104 S. 10th. Aikins then withdrew her motion.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to give Stephen and Marlene Weilert 30 days to remove the barbed-wire fence. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker gave a brief report: Rebuilding the Public Square Youth Conversation for ages 16-28 has tentatively been set for November 2 at the Humboldt High School, the committee to meet this week to finalize plans; City Hall will be closed Friday, November 5, to move to the new location at 725 Bridge; Councilmembers Aikins and Crawford attended the annual League of Kansas Municipalities meeting in Overland Park this month; and the Public Square Communities annual conference will be held in Salina on November 18 and 19 at a cost of \$30 for those wanting to attend.

The executive session for attorney-client matters was tabled due to the absence of the City Attorney.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins to list for sale the old City Hall building at 701 Bridge for \$52,500.00, and approve the contract with Loren Korte, Personal Service Realty, to sell the vacated building. Motion carried unanimously. The contract is an exclusive contract to sell for six months beginning October 20, 2010, with a 6% commission fee to be paid to the broker upon closing. The broker will pay all advertising and listing expenses. Sale of the building will not include the ambulance garage and ambulance sleeping quarters.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

/s/ Robert Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk