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CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 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: Crawford, Evans, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Stephens. Councilmember Aikins was absent. Also present was City Attorney Fred Works, City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent, and Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Bulk.

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

Under Public Comments, Dan Julich, 202 Bridge, stated that the condition of the streets is a real concern and the Council should step up and take care of what we have before considering new projects such as the sidewalk improvements that are on tonight's agenda, which would add more projects that the City would have to maintain.

Motion by Shreeve, 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 Tuesday, October 15, 2013
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1783 dated October 29, 2013 in the amount of \$28,801.26 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1784 dated November 12, 2013 in the amount of \$106,536.94
- c. Consider City holiday schedule for 2014

(Christmas holiday in 2014 to be observed Christmas Day and the day after, as opposed to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

Motion by Shreeve, second by Slater to amend the agenda and add, before Agenda Item 4, consideration of purchasing a plaque in recognition of the work done by schoolteacher Mary Durand and her class in obtaining the Safe Routes to School grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Smith, second by Shreeve that the City purchase a plaque for Mary Durand and her class. Motion carried unanimously.

Karen Weathers, BG Consultants, was present to give an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements, stating that the work is on track and they are now just waiting on the equipment to arrive.

Discussion continued on the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) grant application for the downtown sidewalk and streetscape plan by the Downtown Action Team. Several business owners were present to voice their concern and to raise questions such as the placement and size of the lightpoles and trees, if the project would raise their taxes, and who

would maintain the trees.

Motion by Evans, second by Shreeve to adopt Resolution No. 11-12-13A, a resolution declaring the eligibility of the City of Humboldt to submit an application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for use of transportation alternative funds set forth by the Federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act for the Downtown Revitalization Project in the City of Humboldt and authorizing the Mayor to sign the application, and to approve \$25,000.00 from the Community Development Fund for this project. Five voted aye (Crawford, Evans, Shreeve, Smith and Stephens), one nay (Slater). Motion carried.

Motion by Stephens, second by Shreeve to table the decision to notify the Kansas Attorney General's office to exempt City buildings from the concealed gun carry statutes until the December Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. This will allow the Chief of Police time to prepare a security plan which will be part of the notice to the Kansas Attorney General to exempt City Hall, 725 Bridge, and the Swimming Pool Bathhouse, 801 Indiana.

Jeremy Bulk, Code Enforcement Officer, reported on the nuisance property at 617 N. 6th, in which he has received numerous complaints from neighbors concerning the bug infestation at that location, along with trash and the property being an overall health nuisance. City Attorney Fred Works said he felt sure he could contact the owner and get permission for the City to make arrangements to have the property exterminated. Motion by Stephens, second by Smith to move forward with the nuisance procedure at 617 N. 6th. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: Franklin Street Park improvements have been made and the City is now waiting for the fish and game lease agreement to stock the pond, probably in the Spring; a new snowplow has been purchased by the City; the Housing Action Team has been working on a \$100,000 rehabilitation housing grant; and there is still an open seat on the Council Ward 2, Position 3, due to the resignation of Bryan Manion.

Motion by Shreeve, second by Evans to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk