

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. 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, Julich, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Walburn. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Attorney Fred Works, City Clerk Jean Flores, Utility Foreman Patricia Sanchez, Sewer Superintendent Roger Vincent and Chief of Police Brian Dillow.

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

There were no public comments.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn 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 October 17, 2011
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1735 dated October 31, 2011 in the amount of \$53,513.67 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1736 dated November 14, 2011 in the amount of \$98,926.47
- c. Approval of Resolution No. 11-14-11 to waive Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures (GAAP)

Motion by Aikins, second by Shreeve to adopt Ordinance No. 1466, an ordinance amending Section 14-218 of the Humboldt City Code to allow and regulate the operation of certain special purpose vehicles within the City Limits of the City of Humboldt, Kansas. Five voted aye (Aikins, Crawford, Shreeve, Smith and Walburn), two voted nay (Julich and Slater). Motion carried.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to allow USD 258 to make drainage improvements along the east side of 11th Street south of Humboldt High School and the Community Fieldhouse and that the City do what is necessary so this can be accomplished. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker introduced the Small Business Incubator Lease Program as an option to lease the City building at 701 Bridge to a new small business for reduced rent and utility expense.

Motion by Aikins, second by Slater to allow City Administrator Larry Tucker to pursue the Small Business Incubator Lease Program and, along with the Mayor, form a committee to work out the details, and to notify Pittsburg State University of the City's intent to pursue this program. Motion carried unanimously.

Rex Heape of Shafer, Kline & Warren, and Roger Vincent, Sewer Superintendent, explained that the sewer plant is in need of repairs. Larry Tucker said the Sewer Utility Fund continues to struggle to build reserves for contingencies and presented three

options for Councilmembers to consider: 1) Restructure the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) debt payments; 2) Raise sewer utility rates; or 3) A combination of debt restructuring and raising sewer utility rates.

Motion by Walburn to increase sewer utility rates by \$2.78 per customer, per month, beginning with the January 2012 billing as detailed in Exhibit B. The motion died for lack of a second and Walburn amended his motion.

Motion by Walburn, second by Aikins to increase the sewer utility rates by \$3.00 per customer, per month beginning with the January 2012 billing and restructure the KDHE five-year loan plan, provided the loan could be paid off early without a penalty. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Smith to accept the Mayor's appointment of an interview committee to select a councilmember to fill the open position in Ward 1, Position 2. Motion carried unanimously. The committee is Mayor Nobby Davis, City Administrator Larry Tucker and Councilmembers Aikins and Crawford. The committee will present a recommendation to fill the open council position at the Regular Council Meeting in December.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: The Public Safety Committee has submitted a grant for a new fire truck and should know something by January; Americans with Disabilities (ADA) training for City Department Heads will be November 18; bids on the City's financial audit contract for 2011 and 2012 were mailed to four different firms and will be opened November 23; the Senior Housing Project is taking applications for lease agreements; there was a small turnout for the Animal Vaccination Clinic held in October but it has increased public awareness on the importance of vaccinations and purchasing dog and cat tags; the Humboldt Pride Healthy Eco System will meet Saturday at St. Peters Lutheran Church basement from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and the new storm siren will be installed this month.

Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk