

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, November 19, 2007 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, Crawford, Griffith, Julich, Murrow, McReynolds, Walburn and Weilert. Also present were City Attorney Works, City Administrator Tucker and Chief of Police Onnen.

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

City Attorney Works said the final restitution payment in the amount of \$43,596.58 owed by former city clerk Rachel Mueller was made last week which satisfies her requirements in full.

Motion by Walburn, 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 October 8, 2007 and Special Meeting October 16, 2007
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1637 dated October 29, 2007 in the amount of \$43,913.47 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1638 dated November 13, 2007 in the amount of \$83,103.10

Motion by Murrow, second by Aikins to move agenda item No. 9-Lease Agreement for Public Parking-Paul Finney, to item No. 17a. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig VanWey, Kansas Department of Commerce, presented information on the Neighborhood Revitalization District project, in which an area of town would be identified to offer tax abatements for improvements made to property, a city policy establishing a district would be adopted and then the plan would need approval from the County, college and local school district. It was decided the Growth Committee would take on this project and present a basic plan at the January council meeting.

Rex Heape-Shafer, Kline & Warren, presented options for a sewer improvement project to remedy the potential problems that could be caused by the sewer line that goes underneath the old high school gymnasium. Motion by Murrow, second by Walburn to instruct Shafer, Kline & Warren to explore options of cutting the sewer pipe off, putting in a grinder pump for the church at 102 S. 10th, and putting in another sewer line. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Murrow, second by McReynolds to accept the bid of Shafer, Kline & Warren for the 8th Street bridge project with KDOT recommendations for a new concrete box at a cost of \$19,700. Murrow then amended his motion. Motion by Murrow, second by McReynolds to put

out bids for the bridge using the KDOT plans for the box culvert and concrete. Motion carried unanimously.

The Humboldt USD 258 Board of Education requested the creation of one way streets around the school facilities. Specifically, the Board requested that one block of Neosho Street from west to east, between 11th to 12th Streets be designated one way on the north side of the Humboldt Elementary School; a one way street be designated from east to west on New York Street, between 12th and 11th Street; and turning south on 11th Street between New York and Cherokee. City Administrator Tucker said there are two residents which would be affected by these changes. They were both notified of the issue to be discussed at the meeting tonight. Neither of them were present. Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to honor the request by the school district for the one-way streets and the request of Chief Onnen that the alley between New York and Cherokee Street south of the high school also be designated one way, all on a trial basis until the end of the school year, May 2008, and then re-address it at that time. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by McReynolds to allow City Administrator Tucker to pursue a City website with the services of Kristen Carpenter, Savonburg, Kansas. Motion carried unanimously. Carpenter's quote was \$25 per hour/web page development \$500-\$875, domain charges - biannual \$20, hosting fees - annual \$75.50 and web site updates \$25 per hour.

Motion by Julich, second by Murrow to adopt Resolution No. 11-19-07, a resolution supporting the public awareness program of the American Public Gas Association to provide for safe and reliable gas service to the citizens of Humboldt, Kansas and to ensure the safety of people living and/or working near city gas lines. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Tucker said several local patrons had asked if they could place Christmas lights on the bandstand in the City Square this holiday season. The City would only have to assist with the installation and provide the electricity. It was agreeable this could be done.

City Attorney Works reported on the findings of the Planning Commission meeting that was held November 7, 2007. They voted 3-2 to approve an application by David Haba for a Special Use Permit to allow for the use of the structure located at 909 Osage Street as a boarding or rooming house and the rental of individual rooms on a daily basis; took no action on an application by the City of Humboldt to rezone from R-1, Single Family Residential, to R-2, Two Family and Multiple Family Residential, the 400 Block between Bridge and New York Streets; and recommended the adoption of an amendment to Section 17.28.070(E) of the Zoning Regulations of the City of Humboldt to require that any mobile home located within any area zoned R-2 be owned by and serve as the only residence of the occupant of such mobile home. Items 1 and 3 will be placed on the Council's agenda for the December regular meeting.

The Council asked City Attorney Works to prepare an ordinance banning certain breeds of dogs and have it ready for approval at the December council meeting.

Motion by Aikins, second by McReynolds to hold a workshop meeting on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library meeting room for the purpose of reviewing revisions to the Personnel Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Weilert that the Governing Body recess to executive session for discussion of personnel matters for 5 minutes, discussion of real estate matters for 10 minutes, and discussion of attorney/client matters for 10 minutes, with the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Attorney and City Administrator requested to be present. Meeting will be recessed at 9:15 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion by Walburn, second by Aikins to allow the City Administrator to change the job description for Public Works Director/Code Enforcement Officer to require only a high school degree or GED equivalent as the minimum education requirement and delete the pre-qualification of having gas certification with an emphasis being placed on supervisory experience and knowledge of machinery and equipment and to allow him to advertise for the position. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to table the issue of a lease agreement for public parking with Paul Finney. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Crawford that the Governing Body recess to executive session for discussion of attorney/client matters for 10 minutes with the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Attorney and City Administrator requested to be present. Meeting will be recessed at 9:43 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 9:53 p.m. Motion by McReynolds, second by Weilert to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Robert Sharp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jean M. Flores, Assistant City Clerk