

CITY OF HUMBOLDT  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Crawford, Julich, Shreeve, Slater, Smith and Walburn. Councilmember Roether and City Attorney Fred Works were absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Roger Vincent, Chief of Police Brian Dillow, Pastor Jerry Neeley and Pastor David Meier.

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

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to amend the agenda by adding Item 10a.-Resolution for the Kansas Pride Program and to table Agenda Item 6-Consider contract with Allen County Animal Rescue Facility (ACARF) due to the absence of the City Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Walburn, second by Julich that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of Minutes of Adjourned Council Meeting November 19, 2012
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1761 dated November 28, 2012 in the amount of \$22,471.04 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1762 dated December 10, 2012 in the amount of \$99,460.08
- c. Approval of cereal malt beverage license applications for 2013: Raymond E. Barnett, d/b/a Reb's Place, Johnson's General Store #24, Pete's 31, Monica Gomez, d/b/a Estrellita Mexican Restaurant and Moon's Hometown Market

Darrin Petrowsky, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), presented plans for upcoming projects during the next construction season. City Administrator Larry Tucker asked if the City, County and KDOT could enter into an agreement to provide maintenance for Highway 224 through Humboldt to the south Chanute/Humboldt exit, and also if billboard signs could be placed along such a route to promote business and/or sites of interest, in which Petrowsky said no regarding the Highway 224 business route and yes to signage with proper approval from KDOT or the County.

A representative from BG Consultants was present to give a preliminary report on the Phase 1 evaluation study of the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. It was the consensus of the Council that the Phase 1 study is complete and the evaluations can continue.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins to approve the job description for Utility Clerk/Court Clerk. Motion carried unanimously. The position will be open after the first of the year.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to adopt Ordinance No. 1475, an ordinance to amend Chapter XV of the Humboldt Municipal Code by revoking Article 6 thereof regarding a Drainage Utility Fund for the City of Humboldt, Kansas, and any funds currently held in the Drainage

Utility Fund shall be transferred to the City's General Fund as of December 31, 2012. Motion carried unanimously. The Drainage Fund was originally adopted January 1, 2009 and a \$1.00 charge per water meter was added to utility bills.

Motion by Shreeve, second by Aikins to adopt Resolution 12-10-12A, a resolution authorizing Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas to administer the Internal Revenue Service Section 125 Employee Flexible Benefits Plan for the City of Humboldt, Kansas. Motion carried unanimously.

At the request of the Humboldt Ministerial Alliance, a discussion was held concerning whether or not to waive the 5% penalty on delinquent utility bills when they are paid by the Ministerial Alliance or other not-for-profit groups. It was the consensus of the Council that the 5% penalty on delinquent utility accounts should not be waived for anyone. It was suggested that when the Humboldt Ministerial Alliance assists a resident and pays their utility bill, the resident should be held responsible for any penalty amounts, even if the penalties have to be carried over to the next month.

Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to adopt Resolution 12-10-12B, a resolution for the Kansas Pride Program, Entry Government Resolution for the year 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Larry Tucker reported on the following: City offices will be closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas and January 1, New Year's Day; trash will be picked up on Wednesday and Friday, December 26 and 28 due to the Holiday. Thrive presented an award for most outstanding project for work that was done at Neosho River Park; the old storm siren pole from Cannon Park has been placed at Neosho River Park for Westar to install electricity; Kwikom will install Wi-Fi; Healthy EcoSystems has paid for the electric work and Donnie VanLeeuwen donated labor for this project. Raffle tickets are also being sold to defray expenses at the park.

Motion by Julich, second by Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

/s/ Nobby Davis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores  
City Clerk