

CITY OF HUMBOLDT
MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met for a Special Council Meeting Monday, November 24, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at 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, Julich, Walburn and Weilert. Councilmembers Murrow, Griffith and McReynolds were absent. Also present were: City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores and Officer Brian Dillow. City Attorney Works was absent.

The public hearing on the sewer improvement project was tabled to the December Regular Council Meeting due to publication requirements.

Motion by Aikins, second by Walburn to adopt Ordinance No. 1435, an ordinance amending Chapter XIV, Article 2, adding a new Section 14-218 of the Humboldt City Code to allow and regulate the operation of micro utility trucks within the City Limits of the City of Humboldt, Kansas. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Tucker explained to Councilmembers that the gas reserve fund has a balance exceeding \$320,000 and that gas should be billed to utility customers using actual cost and not the estimated amount provided by Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) each month, which is usually higher. He then introduced Scott Shreve, EMG, Inc., the City's gas consultant, who recommended Humboldt pool with Osage City, discontinue KMGA's NYMEX purchases and purchase at 75% first of the month index (FOMI) and 25% on spot market, therefore, benefiting from buying gas when the City wants and not at a time chosen by KMGA.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins that a letter be sent to KMGA stating that the City wishes to rescind its notification to withdraw from KMGA with the stipulation that Option 3, allowing Humboldt to participate in a mini-pool with Osage City and allow us to use the pricing method of choice for 75% of future gas purchases, be honored. Motion carried unanimously.

KMGA will continue to price 25% of the mini-pool's gas purchases using their existing method. This will allow Humboldt and Osage City to instruct KMGA to purchase gas for the mini-pool using whatever pricing method or supplier we prefer and KMGA in turn will continue to administer and bill the City for the cost of gas for the mini-pool and their cost from their pool.

City Administrator Tucker reported that Kansas Communities, Inc., recently held a conference in Great Bend with over 100 in attendance; the Christmas tree lighting in the City Square will be December 3 at 6 p.m. with hot chocolate and

apple cider; City Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals are continuing to meet and update the City Code book; and the Regular City Council Meeting will be December 8 with holiday refreshments.

Motion by Julich, second by Weilert that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 10 minutes at 7:45 p.m. and will resume regular session at 7:55 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Mayor Sharp and City Administrator Tucker were requested to be present in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed regular session at 7:57 p.m.

Motion by Weilert, second by Aikins to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

/s/Robert Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Jean M. Flores
City Clerk