CITY OF HUMBOLDT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2008, 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, McReynolds and Walburn. Councilmembers Murrow and Weilert and City Attorney Works were absent. Also present were: City Administrator Larry Tucker and Chief of Police Dan Onnen.

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 Crawford to amend the agenda to include 12b-new city seal and 12c-discussion of a lease-purchase agreement for a riding lawnmower. Motion carried unanimously.

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 June 9, 2008
b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1653 dated June 30, 2008 in the amount of $92,802.03 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1654 dated July 14, 2008 in the amount of $291,718.04

The 2007 audit report was presented by Neil Phillips of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips.

Rex Heape of Shafer, Kline & Warren, gave an update and showed a video of the sewer improvements that have been done and presented Change Order No. 4 from I-CON Underground which included a $51,154.25 increase to the contract. Motion by Aikins, second by McReynolds to accept Change Order No. 4. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Crawford to adopt Resolution No. 07-14-08A, a resolution authorizing the improvement of the City swimming pool together with all things necessary and incidental thereto in the City of Humboldt, Allen County, Kansas, to be paid for by the issuance of a lease by and between the City and the Humboldt Public Building Commission in an amount not exceeding $490,000 under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1757 et seq. as amended, and Charter Ordinance No. 21 of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins to adopt Resolution No. 07-14-08B, a resolution appointing members of the Humboldt Public Building Commission. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins to recess the Regular City Council Meeting to hold a Humboldt Public Building Commission meeting in the Humboldt Public Library Meeting Room. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m.

The council meeting resumed regular session at 8:15 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library Meeting Room.

Coleen Jennison, Cox Communications, was present to answer questions in regards to running a fiber cable connection to Humboldt High School to provide the City and school district with two government access TV channels. Motion by Julich, second by Crawford to enter into the joint project with the school district to install fiber connection for the Cox Communications local government access channels (connection only) at a cost not to exceed $7,000. Motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of Councilmembers to allow City Administrator Tucker to pursue an outside vendor for sanitation services and report his findings at the September council meeting.

Motion by Aikins, second by McReynolds to appoint Larry Tucker as the primary board representative for the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency and Dan Julich as an alternate representative effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion by McReynolds, second by Walburn to appoint Kathy Young to the Humboldt Housing Authority from 2008 to 2012 and Jean Ranabarger to the Library Board from 2008 to 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Onnen had no nuisance vehicles to report this month.

In regard to nuisance properties, motion by Julich, second by Crawford to grant 60 additional days to Brett Anderson for repairs to his property at 512 Cherokee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Aikins, second by Crawford to grant a 60 day extension to Jeff Bowman to make repairs to his property at 922 Pecan. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins to grant a 30 day extension to Mike Dillon to either tear down or repair his property at 322 Pine. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Walburn, second by McReynolds to issue a citation through Humboldt Municipal Court to Steve Miller to clean up the junk at 504 S. 6th. Motion
carried unanimously. Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins to mail a second letter to abate the nuisance properties at 1007 Osage (Pat Litherland), 412 N. 10th (Patrick Todd and Amy Johnson), and 404 Pine (Edward Ewing). Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Tucker will check with City Attorney Works as to the status of the nuisance property at 418 S. 3rd.

Samples of a new City seal (used on City vehicles) were given to Councilmembers and after a brief discussion, it was the consensus to possibly hold a contest for the best design and open it up to local talent, including students.

Motion by Julich, second by Griffith to approve a lease purchase agreement at Community National Bank for a diesel Grasshopper Model 930 riding lawnmower from Triple K, Iola, Kansas, at a cost of $12,866. Motion carried unanimously. The lease purchase would be for five years at an interest rate of 4.25% for an annual cost of $2,910.26.

City Administrator Tucker announced a Rebuilding the Public Square meeting July 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library; a City Council budget workshop July 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library; a business incubator meeting July 22 at 2 p.m., and a City Planning Commission meeting with John Riggs July 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Humboldt Public Library. He also said that chip and seal projects around town are now complete.

Motion by Walburn, second by Griffith that the Governing Body recess to executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Law for the exception of discussion of real estate for 10 minutes. Meeting will be recessed for 10 minutes at 9:17 p.m. and will resume regular session at 9:27 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 9:27 p.m.

Motion by Aikins, second by Griffith to adopt Ordinance No. 1426, an ordinance establishing salaries of appointed City officials. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins to adjourn to Monday, July 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Robert Sharp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jean M. Flores, City Clerk