The Council met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library meeting room. Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: McReynolds, Aikins, Walburn, Murrow, Julich, Crawford and Weilert. Councilmember Griffith and City Attorney Works were absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores, Chief of Police Dan Onnen and Public Works Director Craig Mintz.

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

Motion by McReynolds, second by Aikins to amend the agenda by adding Item 7b. - Public Awareness Plan/Gas Emergency Plan, and 7c. - Nuisance properties update. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

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 Regular Council Meeting November 10 and Special Council Meeting November 24, 2008
b. Warrant Ordinance No. 1663 dated November 26, 2008 in the amount of $90,297.29 and Warrant Ordinance No. 1664 dated December 8, 2008 in the amount of $87,074.89
c. Approval of cereal malt beverage license applications for 2009: Dennis Guenther d/b/a Tip On In, Johnson's General Store, Moon's Hometown Market, Cleto D. Coronado d/b/a Chilada's Grill, Monica Gomez d/b/a Estrellita Mexican Restaurant, and Aday's Speedy Mac Inc.
d. Approval of new City seal
e. Approval of new City lighting at Third and Charles

The Public Hearing to close out the Sewer Improvement Project was opened at 7:07 p.m. Susan Galemore-Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission, was present to answer any questions or concerns. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Julich to adopt Resolution No. 12-08-08, a resolution adopting the Allen County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins to adopt Ordinance No. 1436, an ordinance to amend Chapter XV of the Humboldt Municipal Code by adding a new Article 6 to establish a Drainage Utility Fund for the City of Humboldt, Kansas, effective with the January 2009 utility billing. Four voted aye (Walburn, Murrow, Julich and Aikins), three nay (Weilert, Crawford and McReynolds). Motion carried.

Motion by Aikins, second by Julich to approve the year-end transfer of $27,491.75 for nuisance abatements this year from the Community Development Fund to the General
Fund, and a year-end transfer of $36,398.63 from the Sewer Replacement Fund to the Sewer Improvement Project fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by Aikins to adopt the City of Humboldt Public Awareness Plan and Gas Emergency Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Crawford to issue court citations to Patrick Todd and Amy Johnson for the nuisance property at 412 N. 10th and to Don Cress for the nuisance property at 720 N. 2nd, and to grant a 30 day extension to Brian Ikehorn, 221 New York, and Scott Barnhart, 718 N. 7th, to clean up their nuisance properties. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Tucker reported on the following: Rebuilding the Public Square meeting December 16 at the library; the City Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals continues to meet; and the filing deadline for council and mayor’s positions is January 27, 2009 at noon at City Hall.

Councilmember Walburn explained the importance of youth leadership in Humboldt and youth involvement in city business and the school system. Councilmembers gave their approval for the students’ input at City Council Meetings but they would have no voting rights.

Mayor Sharp invited Councilmembers and citizens to enjoy holiday refreshments immediately following the council meeting.

Motion by Aikins, second by McReynolds to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

/s/ Robert Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jean M. Flores
City Clerk