The Council met for a Special Council Meeting Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Councilroom at City Hall to consider Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant for a community building and street/sidewalk improvements at a senior housing complex near Arrowood Assisted Living (on Franklin Street). Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Aikins, Griffith, Julich, McReynolds and Walburn. Councilmembers Crawford, Murrow and Weilert and City Attorney Works were absent. Also present were City Administrator Larry Tucker, City Clerk Jean Flores, Chief of Police Dan Onnen, Bill Caton-Excel Development Group, and Susan Galemore-Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission.

City Administrator Larry Tucker and Bill Caton gave an overview of the project.

A public hearing for public comments was opened at 7:33 p.m. Richard Weilert voiced his opposition to the project, stating, among other things, that Humboldt has ample locations to use as community centers, more homes need to be built for younger couples, and the issue should be put to a vote for the people to decide. Kent Barfoot had several questions about the project in general. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Walburn, second by Aikins to adopt Resolution No. 10-14-09A, a resolution certifying legal authority to apply for the 2010 Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Kansas Department of Commerce and authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit such an application, with $62,500.00 dedicated towards the project, and Resolution No. 10-14-09B, a resolution assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce that funds will be continually provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to the community center to be financed with Community Development Block Grant funds in an amount of $2,500.00 net. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McReynolds, second by Julich to appoint Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission as the grant administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julich, second by McReynolds to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

/s/Robert Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Jean M. Flores
City Clerk