

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. AT CITY
HALL, 330 EAST SQUARE, HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA.**

Notice of the July 2 meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing in the Humboldt Standard, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Affidavit of Publishing on file in the office of the City Clerk. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice and the Agenda are on file in the office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Present: Mayor Bob Mendenhall; Council Members: Jan Wilhelm, Dolores Martinez, Dustin White and Stacey Edmundson

Mayor Mendenhall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. informing all those present of the poster stating the Open Meeting Law Changes on the East meeting room wall accessible to the public. Mayor Mendenhall asked all present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Edmundson made a motion to accept the June 18, 2019 regular meeting minutes; seconded by White. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, Martinez, White and Edmundson voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Consideration of claims – Payroll: \$9358.01, **Binder Bros:** \$47.61 pool repair, **Black Hills Energy:** \$24.56 Library, \$34.73 Firehouse, **C&D Construction:** \$215.08 wiring @ Firehouse, **Crouch Recreation:** \$31,860.00 playground installation, **Dearborn National:** \$92.88 Fire&Rescue/Life Ins/July 2019, **G. Bender:** \$950.00 Cemetery Mowing, **HH Auto Parts:** \$45.43 truck parts, **Handley Law Office:** \$435.00 final bill, **Hanna Keelan Assoc.:** \$2500.00 comp plan, **Haug Communications:** \$225.00 rescue pager maintenance, **Hawkins:** \$397.26 pool chemicals, **Humboldt Cemetery** \$6300.00 loan payment, **Humboldt Lumber:** \$18.06 fire barn repair \$37.94 fire barn maintenance \$6.49 fire barn, **Humboldt Standard:** \$20 sponsor fees, **Ingram:** \$100.60 library materials, **Kawes Superstore:** \$875.00 library laptop, **Layne Christensen Co:** \$360.62 well maintenance/repair, **Mike Ramsey:** \$279.68 pager fees, **NE DOL/Boiler Inspection:** \$55.00 pool boiler inspection, **Nemaha Co Herald** \$45.00 renewal, **Nider's** \$645.22 pool concessions, **NPPD:** \$137.83 electric, **PeopleService:** \$10,608.00 monthly service, **Phillips Plumbing:** \$877.53 Square hydrant, **Quill** \$78.93 office supplies, **Railroad Mgmt Co:** \$235.41 Yearly license agreement, **Richardson Co Clerk:** \$5806.03 July Law Enforcement, **Robert Mendenhall:** \$25 cell phone reimbursement, **Thrivent Financial:** \$68.56 employee life ins, **United Healthcare:** \$1077.56 July Healthcare Exp., **Verizon:** \$104.73 Drake cell phone.

Council member Wilhelm moved to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Council member Edmundson. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, White, Martinez and Edmundson voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

The Sheriff's Report documented 223 hours of service in June.

A motion was made by Edmonson and seconded by White to donate the Yogi Bear Seated Piece and Elephant Slide to the Quad County Museum. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, White, Martinez and Edmundson voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall went over highlights of the June Treasurer's Report. A copy is published following the minutes.

A discussion regarding car/persons/camper identification at Lake Park was tabled for further research/consideration.

Kelly Shupp, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, addressed a need for a resolution to allow the use of Hwy 105, Nemaha Street, for the Humboldt Free Fair Parade. Council member White made a motion, seconded by Wilhelm to approve Resolution #2019.07.02 that meets that need. Roll

Call vote indicated Wilhelm, White, Martinez and Edmundson voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

The possibility of hiring someone to edge/mow/clean up Hwy 105, Nemaha, prior to the start of the Fair to improve the appearance of that portion of Humboldt was discussed. No action was agreed upon at this time. An upgraded electrical panel for the Fair was discussed. Ms. Shupp made Council aware of generators that can be used, if needed, for the 2019 Fair.

Council member Wilhelm announced fund-raising for shade at the pool has reached \$2700. A 20'x30' shade structure next to the concession area at a cost of \$6400 is planned. Grants and additional fundraising will be utilized to reach the goal. Wilhelm is working with Colonial Acres to use umbrellas that they no longer use.

Mayor Mendenhall has been told by Lisa Wittrock that she has arranged for her house to be torn down per Resolution #2018-11-6 Wittrock. The mayor has not yet reached the owner of 804 1st Street. Per resolution #2018-11-6 Wassmouth, if the nuisance property issue is not resolved within the allotted time period, the City will pursue legal action.

A motion was made by Martinez and seconded by Wilhelm to approve the updated, 3-year Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Richardson County Mutual Finance Organization. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, White, Martinez and Edmundson voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

A policy in the City office to reserve camping spots over the phone, when paid for with a credit card, was discussed. Council member Edmundson made a motion to apply that policy and motion was seconded by White. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, White, Martinez and Edmundson voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Wilhelm report: If we ever get electricity to the pool house exterior, she would like to see a pop machine there for campers. She took the opportunity to thank Willie McCue for performing a lot of volunteer work at the park (to include replacing a stairway) and watering plants. He is a citizen with a great deal of community pride. She also commented that leaving grass clippings on the road is a ticketable offence and asked the community to report it if you see it.

Edmundsen report: Special Council Meeting on July 9 will take place at 6:00pm.

White report: He would like to set up a preventative maintenance schedule for well sites where licensed electricians would go through tightening connections and checking for problems. He requested a notice in the City's next water bill about storm drainage and sump pumps. He will look into a "fake smoke" way to check sewage pipes/drains.

Public Comments: There is currently a gravel shortage which will make it difficult to work on the gravel road on 8th street. The mayor directed Les Drake to scrape where he can in order to level the area better for the present. Drake noted that the Square Park drinking fountains are not functioning now. He was asked to get two bids to repair the fountains prior to the Fair. A Playground BBQ Appreciation event was brought to the Council's attention. The planners were assured that the final invoice for the playground is scheduled for immediate payment and so they can move forward with event plans.

A motion to adjourn was made by Edmundson and seconded by Martinez. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, White, Martinez and Edmundson voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm. NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS AUGUST 6, 2019.

Attest: Beverly Simons