City Board Minutes

The Humboldt City Board met in regular session on Monday May 23rd, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ritchy Griepp at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Allen Schmeichel, Dawn Hahn, and Theresa Muth. Matt Sieverding was absent. Others present were Don Boll, Daryl Sieverding, Kira Schmeichel, Becky Reynolds and Sarah Swanson.

The minutes of the May 9th, 2011 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Hahn and seconded by Muth to approve the minutes. Roll call was held. The motion carried with all present voting yes.

A motion was made by Hahn and seconded by Muth to amend the agenda to add the appointment of the official newspaper to the agenda after the minutes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Hahn and seconded by Muth to appoint the Humboldt Journal as the official newspaper for the City of Humboldt. Roll call was held. The motion carried with all present voting yes.

Open discussion was held. Chairman Griepp wanted to Thank Marian Puthoff for planting flowers at the HCC.

Chairman Griepp also indicated that an individual from the Active Generations in Sioux Falls was wondering if a Senior Meals program would go over in Humboldt and it could include Meals on Wheels for those individual who do not want to go out for meals. More information will be obtained on the details.

The erosion on Diamond “D” was discussed. When there is a heavy rain, it washes under the back stop taking the agrilime with it and washing out the road. Options will be reviewed to minimize the erosion. Possibilities were drain tile and a sidewalk.

The Humboldt Summer Recreation Board has decided to have a raffle this year to raise money for the new ball diamond. They are selling 200 tickets at $50.00 per ticket. All of the children in the ball program were required to purchase one ticket to keep for themselves or sell. There are still about 70 tickets left to sell. The raffle prizes are $1000.00 cash, two $500.00 cash, 10 $100.00 cash and a foosball table. If anyone is interested in a ticket or to donate an item to the raffle, please contact the finance office at 605-363-3790.

Resolution R-05-09-2011 regarding the Resolution of Necessity for the 6th Ave Street project was submitted for the second reading. After discussion, a motion was made by Muth and seconded by Hahn to approve the second reading of Resolution R-05-09-2011. The motion carried. (E-mail attached). The board requested a time frame from the Engineer.

Becky Reynolds and Sarah Swanson were present to discuss the Municipal Bar. Becky requested that the board go into executive session. Chairman Griepp declared the meeting in executive session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2 at 7:25 p.m.

Chairman Griepp reconvened the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Other items discussed included Sioux Falls Surplus Property Auction, the Automania Ad, 2012 Police service contract, salary actions, the Community Access Grant, PTO, Sick Time and Short Term Disability.

In their meeting on May 19th, 2011, the Natural Gas Board made a recommendation to approve the refunding of the outstanding Natural Gas Bonds for a savings of over $19,000.00. A motion was made by Hahn and seconded by Griepp to accept the Natural Gas Boards recommendation to Refund the Natural Gas Bonds. Roll call was held. The motion carried with all present voting yes.

Matt Jensen would like to submit a quote to the board to update the signs on the east and west side of town. The board indicated that they would review a quote.

Nathan Solem from the Public Utilities Commission submitted an overview of outstanding item from the Natural Gas PUC audits. The Humboldt Natural Gas Utility has NO items outstanding. Nathan will be performing the 2011 PUC audit on May 23 and 24th and the Operator Qualification inspection will be in Crooks on Wednesday the 25th, 2011.

With no further business, a motion was made by Griepp and seconded by Muth to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion carried.

ATTEST: KRISTIE ELLIS

 FINANCE OFFICER