

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 9, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026, in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Nobby Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: McDaniel, Marquez, Johnson, Ames and Lassman. Councilmembers Bingaman, Francis and Crawford were absent. Also present: City Administrator Cole Herder, City Clerk Staci Johnson, Eddie Harner, Pastor Jerry Neeley, Nick Reynolds – The Humboldt Union, Susan Lynn – Iola Register, Ryan Scarrow, Sheri Modlin – Code Enforcement, Damaris Kunkler – A Bolder Humboldt, Cindy Holinsworth, Pastor Willy Banza, Camille Lavon – Director of Allen County Economic Development and City Attorney Fred Works.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Willy Banza gave the invocation.

Public Comments: No Public Comments.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, February 9, 2026
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 369 dated March 9, 2026, in the amount of \$813,468.74
- c. Warrant Ordinance No. 370 dated March 30, 2026, in the amount of \$146,305.97

Motion by McDaniel, second by Ames to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on agenda item #5, a request to host a Race Car Show on 8th Street on March 14th, 2026.

Damaris Kunkler with A Bolder Humboldt would like the Council to approve an art design that will be painted on the storm shelter at Cannon Park for the Big Kansas Road Trip Activities to include tourist painting by number to complete the design. Motion by Lassman, second by Johnson to select the design with flowers. Motion carried 4 yes (McDaniel, Johnson, Ames and Lassman) and 1 no (Marquez).

Cindy Holinsworth is requesting to have a shipping container 8” x 40” placed at the New Dog Pound for a storage container. After discussion it was decided to have City Attorney Fred Works and City Administrator Herder work on this and have more information available at the next council meeting April 13, 2026.

Camille Lavon, director of the Allen County Economic Development, gave a report on what all they have been working on.

City Administrator Herder would like the approval of pay request on project #22-1372 application #5 in the amount of \$583,713.25 to NPL Construction for the Water Project. Motion by Lassman, second by McDaniel to approve pay request #22-1372 application #5. Motion carried unanimously
No action was taken on agenda item #10, Mayor’s appointments. Moved to next meeting April 13, 2026.

City Administrator Herder discussed with the Council a potential option for solar power at City Hall, the Water Plant and Sewer Plant. City Administrator Herder will do more research and bring back to the next meeting April 13, 2026.

City Administrator Herder gave an update on the legislative issues at the state level impacting local government and spoke primarily on a tax reform bill that would seriously limit how much local government can tax.

City Administrator's Report:

Animal Shelter/Pound: The shelter is completed and there was an open house on Saturday.

Financial Audit for 2025: The audit was completed March 5th. A BIG THANKS to Staci for covering that on top of everything else.

City Hall Carpet: Carpet installation will start on Monday, May 4th.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP): The application period is January 20 through March 31. The maximum gross income to be eligible is \$1,956 for one person and increases approximately \$688 for each additional person, for gas and/or electric.

Job Openings: We have openings for Police Officer, Police Lieutenant, Maintenance, and City Hall Custodian. We will be advertising for pool managers and lifeguards, soon.

Easter Egg Hunt: The Humboldt Lions will host their 75th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th, at 10 am, on the Square.

Owl Creek Jamboree: Will be hosted at Camp Hunter on April 17 — 19.

Big Kansas Road Trip (BKRT): The Kansas Sampler Big Kansas Road Trip for 2026 will converge on Humboldt on May 2nd.

Skate Park: I have been doing research.

Restroom: I've been advised that the grant application for the restroom south of City Hall was not successful. I can re-apply in the next round and have learned about a couple of other options.

Community Conversation: April 28, 2026, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at the Humboldt Public Library. Motion by McDaniel, second by Crawford to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Motion by McDaniel, second by Ames to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Attest: *Staci Johnson*
Staci Johnson, City Clerk


Nobby Davis, Mayor

