

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, September 8, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Council met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2025, 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: Crawford, Marquez, Holinsworth, Goodner, and Cloutier. Councilmembers McDaniel, Johnson and Hart were absent. Also present: City Administrator Cole Herder, City Clerk Staci Johnson, Pastor Jerry Neeley, Nick Reynolds – The Humboldt Union, Eddie Harner, Susan Lynn – Iola Register and Sheri Modlin – Animal Control Officer. City Attorney Fred Works was absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Jerry Neeley gave the invocation.

**Public Comments:** No Public Comments

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, August 11, 2025.
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 357 dated September 8, 2025, in the amount of \$82,824.56
- c. Warrant Ordinance No. 358 dated September 26, 2025, in the amount of \$79,147.48

Motion by Cloutier, second by Crawford to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Davis opened the Hearing regarding the Revenue Neutral Rate at 6:02 pm. No discussion was had so, Mayor Davis closed the Hearing at 6:02 pm.

Motion by Holinsworth, second by Cloutier to approve Resolution No. 09-08-2025, a resolution of the City of Humboldt, Kansas to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate. The revenue neutral rate for the City of Humboldt was calculated at 93.694 mills by the Allen County Clerk. The budget proposed by the Governing Body of the City of Humboldt will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Motion carried by roll call vote Yes – Cloutier, Marquez, Goodner, Crawford, Holinsworth. No – none, Absent – McDaniel, Hart, Johnson.

A Public Hearing regarding the 2026 Budget was opened at 6:04 pm. No discussion was had, Mayor Davis closed the Budget Hearing at 6:04 pm.

Motion by Holinsworth, second by Goodner to adopt the 2026 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Jerry Neeley, Biblesta Chairman is asking the Council to consider closing the parade route, no parking around the square, and blocking of 9<sup>th</sup> street for the parade. Motion by Holinsworth, second by Crawford to close streets for Biblesta on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Holinsworth gave an update on the Dog Park and the Animal Facility. A Gracious Donor said, "that they will help us get started on the animal facility," which we were not expecting. When it first started the idea was to get the dog park built first. So, just wanted you guys to be aware that we're moving forward with the animal facility. It will not be called a shelter, Sheri is just going to be able to handle five dogs at a time, which is a constant battle for her to even be able to take in, because she seems to be constantly full of cats and dogs. We are looking at First and Ohio for the location, which is the old tennis courts. Meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals will be on Thursday to submit a request for a Special Use Permit because it's not zoned correctly. Plans are to have the Building and Concrete done by the end of the year, possibly into the first of the new year.

The 2025 League Annual Conference will be October 9 - 11, 2025, in Overland Park, Kansas. The Annual Business Meeting & Convention of Voting Delegates will be on Saturday, October 11. Motion by Cloutier, second by Marquez to nominate Councilmember McDaniel as voting delegate and Councilmember Crawford as alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Davis wants the Council to consider donating to the Lions Club Mike Rickner Memorial Fireworks that is put on every year by the Lions Club. Motion by Cloutier, second by Crawford to donate \$2500.00 to the Lions Club Mike Rickner Memorial Firework Show. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **City Administrator's Report:**

**Street Project:** Chip and seal began last week and will continue this week on Pine, 13<sup>th</sup>, Signor and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets. We very much appreciate the County's help.

**Council Position:** We have received questionnaire responses from two interested parties. The Mayor will meet with the Personnel Committee and the candidates to take action at the October meeting.

**Fire Chief Retirement:** Fire Chief Sean McReynolds has informed me that he will be retiring in January 2026. His announcement comes prior to the November Fire Department elections of officers and he will train his successor. Once his successor is announced, he'll make an introduction at our December meeting.

**Roof report:** Sharp Restoration tore off the north roof on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. It rained on Saturday and flooded City Hall. I called All Clean and they spend six hours on Saturday extracting 1,200 gallons of water and set industrial dehumidifiers and blowers for about a week. The All Clean invoice was \$14,275.91 and I will submit to insurance. Our staff spent dozens of hours cleaning and drying things out.

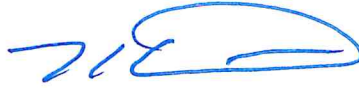
The contractor's insurance company contacted me and requested a report which I submitted on August 29<sup>th</sup>, but have not heard from them since. I'm in the process of getting ball park estimates to replace most of the carpet, ceiling tiles, and light diffusers in City Hall and Police Department.

Sharp Restoration is planning to do the south roof this week.

**Lucas property:** I investigated Gerald Lucas's complaint that the city tore out half of his tree line. My finding is that we removed vegetation on the adjacent ROW. I provided a written response and hand delivered it to Mr. Lucas.

Cemetery Sexton Holinsworth wants to cordially invite you to attend a dedication ceremony for the Civil War Statue at Mount Hope Cemetery, October 4, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Motion by Holinsworth, second by Marquez to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Nobby Davis, Mayor

Attest:



Staci Johnson, City Clerk

