

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 8, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Council met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 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: Crawford, Marquez, Johnson, McDaniel, Lassman, Francis and Ames. Councilmember Bingaman was absent. Also present: City Administrator Cole Herder, City Clerk Staci Johnson, Eddie Harner, Pastor Jerry Neeley, Nick Reynolds – The Humboldt Union, Tim Stauffer – Iola Register, Ryan Scarrow, Chief Shannon Moore, Officer Kason Siemens, Officer Tyrone Wooden, John Hole, Kaylee, Kinley & Kady Hart, Lacee, Montana & John Hole II, Larry Barnett, Laurie & Jason Hegwald, Daren & Sheila Peters, Nathan Ellison, Shelley Stuber, Kramer & Shannon Siemens, Bob Wulf, Jerry Middendorf, Mark Slater, Derrick Onnen, Reece Criger, Thad Wells, Officer Stevey Wooden & Kamrin, Chris Bauer, Officer Tom Jones, Sheri & Randy Modlin, Donny Vanleeuwen, Pastor Matthew Jennings, Sean McReynolds, Kent Goodner, Luke Yokum, Tom Tinkler, Terry & John LeRoy, Kevin Son, Joe Works, and Daniel McMurray. City Attorney Fred Works was absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Matthew Jennings gave the invocation.

A special recognition was held by Mayor Davis for the First Responder Teams. Mayor Davis expressed his gratitude to the First Responders that responded to the drowning incident involving Kim Houdashelt on May 9th, when he tragically drowned in the Neosho River saving his grandson. Councilmembers acknowledged the First Responders as they went around the room and shook hands

Public Comments: John LeRoy brother-in-law to Kim Houdashelt expressed his gratitude to the First Responder Teams and a special thanks to officer Kason Siemens, who pulled Houdashelt's young grandson out of the water.

Terry LeRoy expressed similar gratitude and stated that she and her husband were dedicated to making sure that the local First Responders had all their equipment needs met.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, June 8, 2026
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 375 dated June 8, 2026, in the amount of \$558,745.94
- c. Warrant Ordinance No. 376 dated June 29, 2026, in the amount of \$71,647.11
- d. Water Distribution Project #22-1372
 - i. Approve NPL Pay Request Number 8 for \$354,908.60

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

Chris Bauer, President of the Humboldt Lions Club presented the council with a proclamation declaring June 27th – July 4th as "Humboldt Lions Club Week." Motion by Lassman, second by Ames approving Mayor Davis to sign the proclamation proclaiming June 27th – July 4th as "Humboldt Lions Club Week." Motion carried 6 yes, Marquez, Crawford, Ames, Johnson, Lassman, and Francis and 1 abstained, McDaniel.

Camille Lavon, VP of Allen County Economic Development gave a quick update saying“ the economic development took advantage of a grant from Kansas Commerce to hire an intern as a micro-internship meaning the intern would be hired and utilized for one specific project, in this case, it will be uploading commercial sites in Allen County to the LOIS database.” Lavon also, mentioned that they will have their 501c3 status starting in quarter three and that they are working with a couple individuals interested in filling the vacant Pharmacy.

City Administrator Herder had spoke with Joe Works on annexation of the Walnut Creek Housing Development. Currently it has 100 acres, 35 lots available and four occupied. Works is wanting the City to submit an application to the State for a Public Water Permit and a Sewer Extension Permit. After discussion, motion by Francis to accept the request of submitting the application followed by a second by Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Herder is requesting the Council to approve a change order for Maquire Iron on the Water System Improvements – Tower Rehab Project CDBG Project 18-PF-015. Request includes removing existing wood mounting surface and replace with ¼” steel plate for main electrical panels, remove leg and roof ladders and replace with proper OSHA/AWWA compliant ladders, remove abandoned electrical, grout repair around inlet pipe footing and remove catwalk and tornado alarm which is nonoperational/not OSHA approved access. Motion by Lassman, second by McDaniel for the approval of change order #1 in the amount of \$12,900. Motion carried.

City Administrator’s Report:

Pool: The pool opened six days late on Saturday, May 30th. Due to inclement weather that day, we had a low turnout (119) and extended the Free Splash Day to Sunday, and we had a huge crowd of 241 swimmers. Prior to the pool opening, we refinished the pool house floors with nonslip paint, replaced fixtures (toilets, sinks, shower fixtures), replaced the front doors, and painted walls and ceilings. We were late opening because the floor contractor was about a month late completing their work.

The pool is heavily used not only for regular hours, but also with Humboldt Recreation Commission activities, including swimming lessons, swim team, and water aerobics. We have made updates that will allow us to host swim meets again, this year. All the extra activities have made it difficult to schedule pool cleaning.

We’ve got a great staff. I encourage each of you to go meet the staff, see the improvements, and go for a swim.

Budget Preparation: I’m working on the 2027 Budget. I don’t expect the mill levy to increase, but I don’t believe we can achieve Revenue Neutral (same or less revenue from this year).

Street Project: The 2026 plan is to rehab 3rd, 16th, Amos, Elm, Mulberry, and Leavenworth Streets, totaling approximately 43 blocks. There are approximately 394 blocks in town and prior to this year, we have rehabilitated approximately 161 blocks, plus approximately 57 blocks that are asphalt or concrete.

Utility Clerk: We received 19 applications for the Utility Clerk position. We are in the process of interviewing and selecting.

Fireworks: This year's show will be the largest we've ever shot because of the added donations from the City and the Lions Club. We'll shoot 421 3" to 6" mortar shells and 11 cake display items, increasing our number of shells by 163 shells or 63%. In previous years, the show is 100% funded by donations received from the community.

Motion by McDaniel, second by Crawford to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized 'N' followed by a horizontal line and a large, loopy flourish.

Nobby Davis, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Staci Johnson' in a cursive script.

Staci Johnson, City Clerk

