

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 14, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Council met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2025, in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Crawford, Holinsworth, Marquez, Johnson, McDaniel, Hart and Cloutier.

Councilmember Goodner was absent. Also present: City Administrator Cole Herder, City Clerk Staci Johnson, Pastor Jerry Neeley, Nick Reynolds – The Humboldt Union, Eddie Harner, Chief Shannon Moore, Sheri and Danica Modlin, Damaris Kunkler – A Bolder Humboldt and City Attorney Fred Works.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Crawford gave the invocation.

Public Comments: Councilmember Cloutier let the Council know that his last council meeting will be in August as he is leaving for Europe.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, June 9, 2025.
- b. Warrant Ordinance No. 353 dated July 14, 2025, in the amount of \$137,147.64
- c. Warrant Ordinance No. 354 dated July 29, 2025, in the amount of \$112,875.05

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

City Administrator Herder spoke on behalf of Austin Honaker about allowing alcohol at his Annual BBQ Cookoff amongst participants. Motion by Holinsworth, second by McDaniel to allow. Motion carried 5-yes, Cloutier, McDaniel, Holinsworth, Marquez, Hart and 2-no, Crawford and Johnson.

Councilmember Johnson a member of the Humboldt Historical Society is speaking on behalf of the Humboldt Historical Society and wants the Council to consider giving the appropriations from Humboldt Historical Preservation Alliance to them since they absorbed the HHPA into one with the Society. Appropriation is \$3,939.00 paid twice a year. Motion by Cloutier, second by Hart to approve. Motion carried 6-yes, Cloutier, McDaniel, Holinsworth, Marquez, Hart, Crawford, and 1-abstained Johnson.

A Bolder Humboldt would like to host Water Wars again this year to be held on August 2nd, 2025, from 11 am to 2 pm. They would also like to close adjacent streets around the square for this event. Motion by Holinsworth, second by McDaniel to allow A Bolder Humboldt the use of the City Square for Water Wars. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Cloutier, second by Crawford to amend the Agenda adding 7B. Works Family Foundation Camping – Camp Hunter. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Herder spoke on behalf of the Works Family Foundation about the agreement for the Middle of Everywhere Festival at Camp Hunter. Works Family Foundation is requesting us to modify the lease agreement eliminating the language about camping and reduce the area for camping only. City Administrator Herder redrafted the agreement from the previously approved agreement. Motion by Cloutier, second by Hart to approve the New Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Holinsworth gave an update on the fundraising for the Humboldt Animal Protection Society new dog park. This is a donation only fundraiser and that the City would not be funding this project other than the land. Once project is done the Humboldt Animal Protection Society plans to donate it back to the City.

City Administrator Herder spoke on the condition of the Bandstand and had asked Monarch Cement Company to assist with the assessment but, they do not have the tool to help. Decision was made to table this topic until the next meeting on August 11, 2025.

Motion by Cloutier, second by Crawford to approve a 90-day extension for the Growing Place Classroom Additions Childcare Project, Approval for Change Order #3 and the accompanying letter for the Mayor's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Herder reviewed the preliminary budget worksheet with the Council and to consider the RNR and the notice of the RNR Hearing. City Administrator Herder suggested that we leave the mill levy where it is 93.925 and will bring back to the next meeting on August 11, 2025, for publication. Motion by Holinsworth, second by Cloutier to leave the mill levy at 93.925 and to set a Hearing for Revenue Neutral Rate and a Hearing for Budget for September 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McDaniel, second by Cloutier to amend the agenda by adding 11B Resolution No. 07-14-2025 to adopt the Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cloutier, second by Crawford to adopt Resolution No. 07-14-2025 a Resolution to adopt the Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator's Report:

LKM Conference: Registration is open for the LKM Annual Conference October 9-11, 2025, at Overland Park.

Solar Silence: I attended a workshop hosted by Southeast Kansas Emergency Managers on July 9th. Solar Flare activity is typically in an 11-year cycle and is currently peaking. There were increased flares in May and June, and we could see stronger flares through 2025 and into 2026. Very strong flares can cause disruption to communications.

The workshop was a tabletop exercise that posed the threat of total communication blackout. We strategized how to determine what is occurring and how to relay messages between cities, counties, and the state. We discussed how we might communicate with residents and what services that total lack of radio, cellular, media, and internet communications might cause.

Motion by Cloutier, second by Crawford to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.


Nobby Davis, Mayor

Attest:


Staci Johnson, City Clerk

