



**City of Humboldt**

**Meeting Minutes**

**2026 Budget Meeting December 1, 2025 - 09:00 AM**

- PRESENT:
- Mayor Rob Muench
  - Councillor Larry Jorgenson
  - Councillor Roger Korte
  - Councillor Sarah McInnis
  - Councillor Dave Rowe
  - Councillor Marilyn Scott
  - Councillor Karen Siermachesky
  - City Manager
  - Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk
  - City Controller
  - Director of Cultural Services
  - Director of Community and Leisure Services
  - Director of Protective Services/Fire Chief
  - Director of Public Works
  - Marketing and Communication Coordinator
  - Finance Manager
  - Joe Day
  - Lori Yaworski
  - Jace Porten
  - Jennifer Fitzpatrick
  - Mike Ulriksen
  - Mike Kwasnica
  - Peter Bergquist
  - Angie Rolheiser
  - Connor Piller

**1 Call To Order**

Mayor Muench called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2 Land Acknowledgement**

As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

**Resolution:**  
2025.384

**3 Adopt Agenda**

**Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.1 Conflict of Interest**

**Resolution:**  
2025.385

**4 General Budget Overview (Tab 1)**

**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis

That Tab 1 - General Budget Overview be received for information.

**CARRIED**

- Resolution: 5**      **Borrowing and Debt Payments (Tab 2)**  
2025.386      **Moved By:** Councillor Dave Rowe  
                         **Seconded By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky
- That Tab 2 - Borrowing and Debt Payments be received for information.
- CARRIED**
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- Resolution: 6**      **Reserves (Tab 3)**  
2025.387      **Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott  
                         **Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis
- That Tab 3 - Reserves be received for information.
- CARRIED**
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- Resolution: 7**      **Fleet Plan Overview (Tab 4)**  
2025.388      **Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
                         **Seconded By:** Councillor Dave Rowe
- That Tab 4 - Fleet Plan Overview be received for information.
- CARRIED**
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- 8**      **General Taxation Cost Centres (Tabs 5 - 10)**
- Resolution: 8.1**      **General Government (Tab 5)**  
2025.389      **Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
                         **Seconded By:** Councillor Dave Rowe
- That the operating budget for the General Government Cost Centres 3000 to 3550 inclusive be received for information.
- CARRIED**
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- Resolution: 8.2**      **Protective Services and Development (Tab 6)**  
2025.390      **Moved By:** Councillor Dave Rowe  
                         **Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis
- That the operating budget for Protective Services and Development Cost Centres 4050 to 4600 be received for information.
- CARRIED**
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- Resolution: 8.3**      **Recreation and Leisure Services (Tab 7)**  
2025.391      **Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott  
                         **Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis
- That the operating budget for Recreation and Leisure Services Cost Centres 5050 to 5430 inclusive be received for information.
- CARRIED**
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- Resolution: 8.4**      **Library and Cultural Services (Tab 8)**  
2025.392      **Moved By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky  
                         **Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis
- That the operating budget for the Library and Cultural Services Cost Centres 5450 to 5900 inclusive be received for information.
- CARRIED**

Councillor Rowe excused himself and left the meeting.

**Resolution:** 8.5 **Environment and Public Health (Tab 9)**  
 2025.393  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott

That the operating budget for the Environment and Public Health Cost Centres 6050 to 6400 inclusive be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 8.6 **Transportation (Tab 10)**  
 2025.394  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That the operating budget for the Transportation Cost Centres 7050 to 7810 inclusive be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 9 **Taxation and Grants (Tab 11)**  
 2025.395  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That the operating budget for the Taxation and Grant Cost Centre 3000 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 10 **Water and Wastewater Cost Centres (Tab 12)**  
 2025.396  
**Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Roger Korte

That the operating budget for the Water and Wastewater Cost Centers 8000 to 8300 inclusive be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 11 **Land Development (Tab 13)**  
 2025.397  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the operating budget for cost centre Land Development 8500 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 12 **Amortization (Tab 14)**  
 2025.398  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That the budget for Amortization Cost Centers (3000 - 8000) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**13 Capital Projects (Tab 15)**

**Resolution:** 13.1 **13th St – 5th Ave to 8th Ave Water Main and Road Reconstruction**  
 2025.399  
**Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Roger Korte

That Council approve the 13th Street Water Main and Roadway Reconstruction project from 5th Avenue to 8th Avenue, with a budget allocation of \$1,160,000 in 2026 and \$483,000 in 2027, totaling \$1,643,000.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.400     **13.2**     **10th St – 9th Ave to 12th Ave Road Reconstruction**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That Council approve the concrete and asphalt paving project of 10th Street, from 9th Avenue to 12th Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$456,100.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.401     **13.3**     **Airport Runway Improvements**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That, conditional upon the success of the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) grant application, Council approve the Airport Runway Improvements project at an estimated cost of \$176,000, with the City responsible for \$88,000.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.402     **13.4**     **Golf Course Road Paving – 8th Ave to Water Ridge Crescent**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott

That, conditional upon a successful local improvement petition by benefiting property owners, Council approves the Golf Course Road Paving project from 8th Avenue to Water Ridge Crescent at an estimated cost of \$180,000, with the City contributing \$65,000.

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution:** 2025.403     **13.5**     **Urban Highway Connector Program Road Resurfacing**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Roger Korte

That, conditional upon the success of the Urban Highway Connector Program (UHCP) grant application, Council approve the Kruse Road and Andreason Road repaving projects at an estimated cost of \$569,000, with the City responsible for \$65,000.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.404     **13.6**     **Snow Blade with Gate**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That Council approve the purchase of a municipal-grade blade with snow gate for the City’s loaders at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.405     **13.7**     **Video Inspection System**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That Council approve the purchase of a municipal-grade video inspection system for the Public Works Department at an estimated cost of \$120,000 to enable the City to conduct timely and comprehensive inspections of sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure, reduce emergency response costs, and support proactive maintenance and development inspections.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.406      **13.8      Sewer Jet System (Fleet Upgrade)**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis

That Council approve the replacement of the Public Works sewer jetting system and truck at a total cost of \$432,000 (including PST).

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.407      **13.9      Storm Catch Basin – Main Street Alley**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Roger Korte

That Council approve the installation of a storm sewer catch basin in the Main Street Alley on the 600 block between 7th St and Main St at a total cost of \$49,700.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.408      **13.10      Storm Catch Basin – 14th St Alley**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis

That Council approve the installation of a storm sewer catch basin in the 14th Street Alley at a total cost of \$40,500.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.409      **13.11      Large Ditch Mowers (Fleet Replacement)**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott

That Council approve the replacement of the Public Works rotary cutting mower and swing arm at a total cost of \$85,000 (including PST).

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.410      **13.12      Skid Steer Replacement (Fleet Replacement)**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott

That Council approve the replacement of the Public Works skid steer at a total cost of \$100,000 (including PST).

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.411      **13.13      Tractor (Fleet Replacement)**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott

That Council approve the replacement of the Public Works tractor at a total cost of approximately \$265,000 (including PST).

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.412      **13.14      Thawing Boiler Pressure Systems (Fleet Replacements)**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis

That Council approve the replacement of the Public Works thawing boiler pressure systems at a total cost of \$40,000 (including PST).

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.413     **13.15 Robotic Lawn Mowers**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis

That Council approve the purchase of three (3) additional robotic lawn mowers and a control station at a total cost of \$18,000.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.414     **13.16 Highway 5 Trail Paving – 17th St to Peck Rd**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That, conditional upon the success of the SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant application, Council approve the Hwy 5 (8th Avenue) trail paving project from 17th St to Peck Road at an estimated cost of \$97,600, with the City responsible for \$0.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.415     **13.17 Asphalt and Concrete Crushing (Inventory)**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That Council approve the asphalt and concrete crushing project at an estimated cost of \$156,800 (including PST).

**CARRIED**

**14 Future Capital Projects (Tab 16)**

**Resolution:** 2025.416     **14.1 9th St – 12th Ave to 14th Ave Water Main Replacement/Upsizing and Road Reconstruction**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Roger Korte

That, conditional upon approval of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) grant application, Council approve the 9th St water and road project between 12th Ave and 14th Ave at an estimated cost of \$772,800, with the City responsible for \$490,480. If the grant is unsuccessful, staff will return to Council with alternative funding options.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.417     **14.2 14th Avenue – Main Street to 300m west**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Roger Korte

That, conditional upon approval of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) grant application, Council approve the 14th Ave water and road project at Main St to 300m west at an estimated cost of \$1,865,450, with the City responsible for \$1,122,950. If the grant is unsuccessful, staff will return to Council with alternative funding options.

**CARRIED**

- Resolution:** 2025.418     **14.3**     **Saskatchewan Ave – 101st St to Main Street**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson
- That, conditional upon approval of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) grant application, Council approve the Saskatchewan Avenue water and road Project from 101st Street to Main Street at an estimated cost of \$3,571,300, with the City responsible for \$1,844,835. If the grant is unsuccessful, staff will return to Council with alternative funding options.
- CARRIED**
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- Resolution:** 2025.419     **14.4**     **Saskatchewan Ave Storm Pond**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Roger Korte
- That, conditional upon approval of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) grant application, Council approve the Saskatchewan Avenue Storm Pond Project at an estimated cost of \$715,800 with the City responsible for \$190,900. If the grant is unsuccessful, staff will return to Council with alternative funding options.
- CARRIED**
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- Resolution:** 2025.420     **14.5**     **South 40 Development – Phase 1**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis
- That, conditional upon approval of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) grant application, Council approve the South 40 Project at an estimated cost of \$4,300,350, with the City responsible for \$3,202,750. If the grant is unsuccessful, staff will return to Council with alternative funding options.
- CARRIED**
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- Resolution:** 2025.421     **15**     **Additional Budget Considerations (Tab 17)**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott
- That the Additional Budget Considerations matters be received for information.
- CARRIED**
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- Resolution:** 2025.422     **16**     **Five Year Capital Plan (Tab 18)**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson
- That the Five-Year Capital Plan for the years 2026-2030 be approved in principle and be received for information and filed.
- CARRIED**
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- 17**     **Consolidated Budget (Tab 19)**
- Resolution:** 2025.423     **17.1**     **Motion - Reserves**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis
- That the budgeted operating reserve transactions illustrated in Tab 3, be approved in principle.
- CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 17.2 **Motion - General Government**  
2025.424  
**Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky  
The General Government Cost Centres 3000 to 3550, and all expenditures within, be approved as presented.  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 17.3 **Motion - Protective Services**  
2025.425  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
That the Protective Services Cost Centres 4050 to 4600, and all expenditures within, be approved as presented, and further,  
That the staffing changes proposed within be approved.  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 17.4 **Motion - Leisure Services**  
2025.426  
**Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson  
That the Leisure Services Cost Centres 5050 to 5430, and all expenditures within, be approved as presented, and further,  
That the staffing changes proposed within be approved.  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 17.5 **Motion - Library and Cultural Services**  
2025.427  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson  
That the Library and Cultural Services Cost Centres 5450 to 5900, and all expenditures within, be approved as presented.  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 17.6 **Motion - Public Health**  
2025.428  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson  
That the Public Health Cost Centres 6050 to 6400, and all expenditures within, be approved as presented.  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 17.7 **Motion - Transportation**  
2025.429  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
That the Transportation Cost Centres 7050 to 7810, and all expenditures within, be approved as presented.  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 17.8 **Motion - Water and Wastewater**  
2025.430  
**Moved By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott  
That the Water and Wastewater Cost Centres 8000 to 8300, and all expenditures within, be approved as presented, and further,  
That the staffing changes proposed within be approved.  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.431      **17.9**      **Motion - Land Development**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Roger Korte

That the Land Development Cost Centre 8500, and all expenditures within, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.432      **17.10**      **Motion - Amortization**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That the Amortization expense sheets 3000 to 8000 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.433      **17.11**      **Motion - 2026 Consolidated Budget**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That the 2026 Operating & Capital Budget as attached hereto and forming part of these minutes be adopted to account for an approximate 5.01% tax increase and an approximate 5.19% utility rate increase.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:** 2025.434      **18**      **Adjournment**  
**Moved By:** Councillor Larry Jorgenson  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott

That we do now adjourn, the time being 4:24 p.m.

**CARRIED**