

Present: Mayor – Joyce Hudson
Council members Jeff Kennedy
Jim Aden
Tim Strauser
Jeff Whiting
City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Attorney Mike Bacon
City Clerk Connie L. Dalrymple

Press: *Gothenburg Times*, Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Lois Stanton

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda were given to the Council and members of the press. City Council meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is available for public inspection on the north wall of the Council Chambers.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

City Council minutes - March 6
Police Report - March
Cemetery Report - Jan thru March

Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Aden, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded allowing payment of claims against the City, \$112,912.16, except #1323, #1920, and #1868; Public Works Division \$113,567.58; and the March 18 payroll of \$30,640.48 and the April 1 payroll of \$31,140.10. Roll Call vote: Yea - Aden, Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of claim #1323 to T & T Corporation, \$260. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Aden seconded, to allow payment of claim #1920 to Kennedy Landscape, \$25 and #1868 to Quality Fire Extinguishers, \$35.24. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Aden, Strauser. Nay - none.

Proposed Ordinance 855 allows for 'deduct metering' on commercial properties with heat pump systems. Such a meter has been installed at Electric Rain, providing information for one month. Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 855 on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Strauser, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none.

We had intended to reuse the current security alarms after the Police Dep't renovation but have been informed that the new space must meet current code. It costs \$4025 and is not a part of Paulsen's contract.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, to approve updating the City Hall fire alarm system. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Kennedy, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none.

Aden moved, Strauser seconded, to apply for a \$5000 NRD grant as match funds for the landscaping project at the community sign. Roll call vote: Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Aden. Nay - none.

The storm drain and curb along the south side of Platte River Drive is damaged because vehicles and trucks continually drive over it. The problem could be eased if the street is widened four feet, concrete replaced, the curb dropped along the radius, and flat storm drains installed. Repairing the existing curb and drain is estimated by Paulsen's Inc to cost \$15,301 or we can widen the entire street to the west, for \$24,761. If we don't widen the street to the end, we will have a street that narrows as it moves west. The administration has met with Dean Goad on the proposed project and he is ok with widening the street. The budget holds \$87,000 for miscellaneous projects in the street department that could be used.

Discussion was had and a motion made by Aden, seconded by Kennedy, to repair Platte River Drive, widening the entire street by four feet and installing flat storm drains as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approving payment of \$6946.81 to Blase-Strauser Memorial Chapel for façade improvement per the Downtown Revitalization Project. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to enter into executive session at 7:25 p.m. for approximately ten minutes to discuss real estate negotiations. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

The purpose of the executive session is to discuss real estate negotiations on property owned by Pro-Health, south of Gothenburg.

The Mayor and Council reconvened in open session at 7:37 p.m. and stated that no action had been taken during the closed session.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Aden. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be April 20, 2010.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk