

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

Also present: Blaine Peterson, Dan Yancy, Terry Jessen, Diane Unterseher

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 - April 20
Treasurer's Report - March

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

Aden moved, Strauser seconded allowing payment of claims against the City, \$131,489.40; Public Works Division \$152,351.24; and the April 29 payroll of \$33,418.14. Roll Call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Aden, Whiting, Strauser. Nay - none.

Open Forum:

- Blaine Peterson asked Council to consider some sort of hand rail where there are two steps from the street to the sidewalk downtown. Administrator Clymer said that while the step construction is not ideal, it does meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and was it impossible to raise the street or lower the store entrances when the new sidewalks were installed. Clymer has contacted the school about the hand grips on the new bleachers in the gymnasium and a vendor will be available in June to look at the street situation and offer a recommendation.
- Administrator Clymer recently attended a Fire Dep't training session on natural disaster preparedness. It was very informative and extremely well done.
- The city received \$8565 in safety dividends from our liability insurance carrier.
- Diane Unterseher asked Council to consider some recognition for a Swedish man running from coast to coast. He will be in Gothenburg on June 1.
- Arbor Day was celebrated by planting a tree on April 30 near the community entrance sign

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, approving a one day license to sell beer, wine, and distilled spirits at the Firemen's Ball on June 26, 2010 and to block the street at the Fire Hall for the duration of the event, 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none.

Dan Yancy has submitted the employee claims history to four companies. The current insurance provider will renew on June 1 with only a .42% premium increase and no lasers placed on employees.

Discussion was had and a motion made by Strauser, seconded by Kennedy, to renew the employee health insurance with the current reinsurance carrier, continue the self funding at \$20,000 per individual and the current employee deductible. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay - none.

The Lake Helen aerator does not work anymore. The City of North Platte has four bigger units that pump air into the lake instead of spraying the water out. Bids on any or all aerators are due May 6 at 11 a.m.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded to bid \$1000 for an aerator. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Platted Ave J north of 24th Street is unopened and there are delineators at the west end of 25th and 26th Streets. Trash trucks use Ave J and the alleys bringing a lot of mud onto the paved streets. Also, individuals go around the delineators and over the curb to use Ave J. Discussion was had on:

- Installing a fence along the east side of Avenue J from 25th to 27th Street.
- Opening and graveling the street
- Doing nothing

The subdivision belongs to the Community Redevelopment Authority, and they have no objection to opening and graveling the street.

Ideally the street should be paved but the price of the lots in the subdivision is based on the infrastructure costs. Paving will increase the price of lots to approximately \$50,000.

Further discussion was had and a motion made by Aden, seconded by Whiting, to open and gravel platted Avenue J from the alley south of 25th Street, to 27th Street. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Kennedy, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, approval of a request from Monte Kenning of OK Bottle Shoppe for a special designated license for a Business After Hours event to be held on June 11, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Pony Express Chevrolet in Gothenburg. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Strauser, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea -Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be May 18, 2010.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk