

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

October 2, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Greg Feather, Jennifer Wolf

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearing 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.

The purpose of the public hearing was to consider a request from *The Crossing* church for a special use permit to construct a church and family life center south of Hilltop Estates on Ave M.

The Planning & Zoning Commission held a hearing on September 18 but has held their hearing open until October 9 pending receipt of further information on the project; therefore we have no recommendation from the Commission.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to hold open and continue the special use permit hearing for *The Crossing* church until October 16. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Fritch, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none.

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

City Council minutes – September 11

Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – September 18

Police Report – September

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

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$150,060.38; Public Works Division \$84,989.83; and the September 27 payroll of \$36,792.14. Roll Call vote: Yea – Fritch, Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none.

Community Comments:

- We received sealed bids and sold 9 bikes for \$50.00 and a library computer for \$50.00.
- Central Platte Natural Resources District voted recently to help fund \$50,000 on the Lake Helen project and is open to the possibility of an additional \$50,000 next fiscal year.

- The Downtown Revitalization Committee met on Monday. There is a balance of \$46,200 at DAD from repayment of the Hometown Furniture Plus loan. We have a program set up for reuse loans and the funds are available to businesses in the downtown core. The Retail Reuse Committee will review all applications.
- Council member Kennedy reported the staff of the Nebraska Arboretum and the Forest Service will conduct tree walk in Ehmen Park on Wednesday. They will talk about the various species in the park and will plant a tree.

At the last meeting a person expressed interest in demolishing the fire damaged home at 218 9th Street. Now he feels the Council is not interested in allowing the two years he needs to accomplish the demolition. He's also found there might be other issues such as asbestos; therefore he is no longer interested in the property. On September 7, Harvey Wing, owner of the property, was given a 60-day notice to either remedy the house situation or demolish it.

Jennifer Wolf, Executive Director of Dawson Area Development, reported on the 2011- 12 fiscal year activities of her office.

Kennedy moved, Fritch seconded, allowing payment of \$26,000 to Miller & Assoc. for work on the Lake Helen project. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Strauser, Fritch, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Fritch, Whiting, Strauser. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be October 16, 2012.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk