

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

May 1, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson	Absent: Council member Jeff Kennedy
Council members	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: Mike Libich

Community Comments:

- Arbor Day was celebrated with the second grade class on April 20 by planting a tree along Avenue G at Dudley Elementary.
- Clean City week has had good participation but the free disposal at the shop has been overwhelming for the crew. Future plans are to have an employee on-site on the weekends. Discussion was also had on the possibility of a concrete pad somewhere where things can be dumped and then put into the dumpsters with loaders so that when full the dumpsters can be moved out. Now they are overfilled and we have to remove some of the trash, and then fill another one and still clean up around them.
- Lake Avenue between 7th and 4th Streets will be closed to all traffic in order to install water and sewer lines. Businesses will have access by 5th Street or 6th Street at various times.
- We have received payment of \$27,447.50 for the theft of wire, copper, and equipment at the waste plant.

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m. upon arrival of a quorum. 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, Fritch seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

City Council minutes – April 17

Board of Adjustment minutes – April 27

Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Fritch moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$62,212.66; Public Works Division \$86,749.96; and the April 26 payroll of \$35,637.48. Roll Call vote: Yea – Whiting, Strauser, Fritch. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Whiting moved, Fritch seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance #873 adopting statutory code updates, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Strauser, Fritch, Whiting. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to advance Ordinance #874 regarding boats on Lake Helen, to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Fritch moved, Strauser seconded, to advance Ordinance #875 amending acreage requirements in AG zoning districts, to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Strauser, Fritch. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Fritch moved, Whiting seconded, approval of a one day license to sell beer, wine, and distilled spirits at the Firemen's Ball on June 2, 2012 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, Whiting, Fritch. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Kennedy.

Two electrical projects were proposed for summer, both eliminating overhead power lines and placing them underground. One will involve 17 overhead and 10 underground services at Crescent Drive and 23rd Street. The other will involve 15 overhead services and 3 underground services between Avenues A and B from 18th to 20th Streets.

The Crescent Dr. project cost is estimated at \$62,703 but with \$10,500 of materials on hand from other projects, the financial impact will be \$52,203. The \$39,255 estimated cost of the Ave A project will also be reduced by materials on hand. There are funds in the budget to cover both projects.

As with the project last fall, the City will contribute 75%, to a maximum of \$750, to home owners toward their cost of installing the underground service from the main line to their residence. We will also have a meeting with property owners prior to the start of the project to explain how it will work and what is expected from the owners.

Discussion was had and a motion made by Fritch, seconded by Whiting, to proceed with both projects as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Fritch. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Whiting, Strauser. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy. The next regular meeting will be May 15, 2012.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk