

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

May 7, 2013
7:00 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Mike Eberle, Dan Yancy

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.

Oliver moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes – April 16
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – April 16
- Tree Board minutes – April 26
- Police Report - April

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

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$65,235.39; Public Works Division \$102,885.49; and the April 25 payroll of \$36,052.94. Roll Call vote: Yea – Oliver, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Strauser.

Community Comments:

- Clean City Week went well. There didn't seem to be as much trash at the shop as in past years. We did try to have better control over what came in by having crew on-site from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to control what's put into dumpsters and direct people to other areas when a dumpster was full.

Dan Yancy of Yancy Ins and Administrator Clymer provided information on the employee health insurance:

- The City has had a modified self-funded plan for many years.
- Five companies and the incumbent carrier submitted bids. The incumbent submitted proposals offering a City deductible of \$20,000 and of \$25,000 per employee.
- Incumbent company offered a 1.6% increase and no individual lasers
- Our side fund balance is \$369,212.81, up from about \$80,000 a few years ago thanks to no major health issues and claims on the insurance.

- The City side fund supports the \$20,000 deductible / employee. After that, the re-insurance carrier takes over.
- The proposal continues supporting the side fund at 95%

When questioned, Mr. Yancy replied that it is unknown what the effect of federal health insurance will be when enacted next year although CPM continues to monitor it.

Discussion was had and Whiting moved, Oliver seconded, to accept the health insurance proposal offered by Corporate Plan Management (CPM) under the same conditions as the previous year with a 1.6% increase. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Oliver, Whiting. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Strauser.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to fund the employee health insurance side fund at 95%. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Strauser.

Anne Anderson, on behalf of the AG Committee, thanked the City for their assistance with the BBQ Challenge event the weekend of April 26 in Lafayette Park.

Mike Eberle, organizer of the BBQ Challenge told Council he was extremely satisfied with the first year event. The response was amazing and 14 of the 48 teams have already indicated they will return next year. He had provided each team and judge with a score sheet on the organization, location, awards, cleanliness, etc. of the event. The event scored 9.839 of a possible 10 points. The teams love the location. He asked Council for use of the Lafayette Park in 2014 for the 2nd Annual Pony Express BBQ Challenge, planning on 48 teams again. He is hoping to have 100 teams participating in two years and may ask for use of the Lake Helen area as well. There was a chili cook-off that went well on Friday evening. The vendors and other events were also excellent and some vendors have indicated they will return again next year.

Mayor Hudson noted that Eberle was presented with the Friends of Tourism Award on Monday.

Council gave consideration to a contract with Paul Brakhage of Lake Tech, Inc. to provide administrative services for the grants that are being received for the Lake Helen reclamation project. The City's share will be \$24,400 and the NRD will pay \$15,000. The only agreement not in place at this time is with the Environmental Protection Agency. There will be a meeting on Wednesday and an agreement will be on the May 21 agenda. According to the timeline, the Lake Helen design will be completed soon, bid packages are to be available July 13 and construction will take place between August 2013 and February 2014.

Kennedy moved, Oliver seconded, authorizing signature of the contract with Lake Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$37,900. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Strauser.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approving the appointment of Matthew Farr to the Fire Dep't. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay none. Absent and not voting – Strauser.

Kennedy moved, Oliver seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Oliver, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Strauser. The next regular meeting will be May 21, 2013.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk