

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett, *KRVN* – Ben Schwartz

Also present: Shane Gruber

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.

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

City Council minutes – January 7

Planning & Zoning Commission minutes - January 14

Library Director's Report – November 2013 thru January 2014

Treasurer's Report - December

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

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$40,376.06, except #4901 and #1868; Public Works Division \$408,840.24; and the payroll of \$34,613.10. Roll Call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Oliver, Whiting. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Oliver seconded, allowing payment of claim #1868 and #4901 to Kennedy Quality Fire Extinguisher Service. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Community Comments:

- The employee dinner went well. Mike Libich was named 2013 Employee of the Year.

Ordinance #886 to increase water rates was introduced January 7. At second reading Oliver moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Kennedy seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following voted “Yea”: Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy, Oliver. Nay – none.

Mayor Hudson declared the motion adopted by a full vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of the ordinance which was then read by title. Councilman Kennedy moved for final passage and Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. Mayor Hudson asked the question, *Shall Ordinance #886 be passed and adopted?* On roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea”: Kennedy Strauser, Whiting, Oliver. “Nay”: none.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance #886 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Administrator Clymer proposed an updated Municipal Employee Safety and Health Policy. Changes will: - prohibit smoking in any municipal building or vehicle  
- require employees to wear high visibility clothing when exposed to traffic while working

- require employees to wear fire retardant clothing when working on energized power lines

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2014-1 amending the Municipal Employee Safety and Health Policy. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

The committee working on the Safe Routes to School application met with State representatives to review the application and made some revisions in their plan. The State felt some of the sidewalk on 16<sup>th</sup> Street is fine so some 13<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalks were removed from Phase II and added to this project. Similar adjustments were made in other areas. Project costs for handicap accessibility were also increased at the suggestion of the State who felt those costs were underestimated. The Committee also learned that if the project is funded, the State will take it over in total. They will assign a person to oversee the project, handle the bidding, grant administration, and choose the engineer and contractor. Nine pre-apps were submitted. Work continues on the application with the intention of having it filed by January 31 as required. There is still concern that some inclined driveways may be an issue but none of the areas have been surveyed yet.

In making her recommendation for committee appointments Mayor Hudson noted that Kent Kline will serve as the extra-territorial member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for one year instead of the usual three term. If appointed for three years, five of seven member’s terms expire at the same time. The intent of a one year term is to stagger terms.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approving Mayor Hudson’s recommended appointments to committees, personnel, and the fire department:

**COMMITTEES**

- Board of Adjustment: Tom Shea, Mike Hilderbrand
- Cemetery Board: Ervin Haynes, Pam Houchin
- Housing Authority: Cindy Soller, Al Ballmer
- Library Board: Lynnette Stevens
- Planning & Zoning Commission: Tom Shea, Dan Tinlin, Deb Mroczek, Pam Slack, Kent Kline
- Community Redevelopment Authority: John Kreuzscher
- Tree Board: Jeff Kennedy, Justin Dowdy

<b>POSITIONS:</b>	City Attorney	Mike Bacon	City Prosecutor	Willard Weinhold
	City Clerk / Treasurer	Connie L Dalrymple	Police Chief	Randy Olson
	Police Sgt	Matthew Langley	Police Officers	Ryan Randolph
				Jill McCandless
				Joe Humphrey
	Fire Chief	Mark Ballmer		Aaron Pelzer
	City Physician	Dr. Craig Bartruff	Municipal Engineer	Miller & Assoc.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Ron Alexander	Brock Anderson	Alan Ballmer	Mark Ballmer
Trevor Anderson	Dennis Bihlmaier	Shane Butterfield	Dan Butterfield
Justin Carlson	Eric Coulter	Richard Crown	Matt Farr
Adam Finke	Craig Franzen	Dale Franzen	Derek Franzen
Larry Franzen	Lyle Franzen	Troy Franzen	Justin Geiken
Wade Geiken	James Hecox	John Hecox	Tyrel Hite
Chris Horn	Jon Hudson	Kent Kline	Dan Meisinger
Travis Miller	Troy Munster	Mark Ostergard	Mike Ostergard
Robb Ostergard	Jared Rickertsen	Koby Rickertsen	Christopher Scott
Corey Rossell	John Stuhr	Garland Underwood	Lane Van Natta
Jason Wagner	Michael Wagner	Dan Walker	Keith Williamson

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

MSI has proposed installation of equipment necessary to run fiber broadband in the City. The company intends to install a fiber system, within the parameters of the National Electric Code, to lease to other providers yet to be determined. The agreement for use of our utility poles would be the same as that for Charter Communications, requiring liability insurance of \$500,000 per occurrence and a \$800,000 umbrella. Charter's agreement expires in 2017 and it would be preferable to have both Charter and MSI on the same timeline although the initial term is shorter than MSI would like. Agreements allow for negotiations and fee increases throughout the term.

Oliver moved, Strauser seconded, authorizing Mayor Hudson to negotiate a contract with MSI for fiber installation subject to the review of Atty. Bacon. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Oliver. Nay – none

Strauser moved, Oliver seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Oliver, Strauser. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be February 4, 2014.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk