

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

February 4, 2014
7:00 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Robert Wehnes

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, Oliver seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

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

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$44,436.99; Public Works Division \$81,019.34; and the January 30 payroll of \$32,138.00. Roll Call vote: Yea – Oliver, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Community Comments:

- Lonnie Dickson of Hanna:Keelan Assoc. will be here on February 11 to meet with the Planning & Zoning Commission at 5:30 p.m. to start the process of updating the zoning and subdivision regulations. Council members are to contact Administrator Clymer if they intend to be at the meeting.

Nathan Baker has been part of the electric crew for over 16 years and has been approached about the Line Foreman position vacated by the passing of Mike Libich. If appointed he has agreed to accept the position and will also continue to take call as he has in the past, staying with the 4-week rotation.

Oliver moved, Strauser seconded, to approve Mayor Hudson's recommendation promoting Nathan Baker to the position of Line Foreman. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Strauser, Oliver. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Kennedy moved, Oliver seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Donald Graham of Gothenburg Links for a March 7 beer garden to be held at 520 10th Street in conjunction with a Gothenburg Hospital Foundation event. The event will be from 5:00 p.m. to

7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Strauser, Oliver, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Kennedy moved, Oliver seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Donald Graham of Gothenburg Links for a March 7 beer garden to be held at 520 10th Street in conjunction with the Ducks Unlimited banquet. The event will be from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Strauser, Oliver, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

West Central Nebraska Development District would like Gothenburg to apply for Owner-Occupied Housing funds. The grant is for \$155,000 and will be available to five homeowners at 100% of median income instead of the usual 80%. In order to proceed, Council will need to approve a Professional Services Agreement with WCNDD. They have prepared a pre-application for submission to the State, and a Citizen Participation Plan. The Citizen Participation Plan provides for public hearings, public notice of the funds, and sets out a compliance and grievance procedure. The pre-application is due in March and a public hearing will follow in April. In the meantime we will request Statements of Interest as in the past.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, authorizing signature of the Professional Services Agreement with West Central NE Development District to apply for Owner Occupied Housing funds on behalf of Gothenburg. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, authorizing signature of the Pre-application for Owner Occupied Housing Grant Funds. Roll call vote: Yea - Oliver, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Strauser moved, Oliver seconded, approving the Citizen Participation Plan as it relates to the application for Housing Grant funds. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Oliver, Strauser. Nay – none. Absent and not voting- Whiting.

Strauser moved, Oliver seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Oliver, Strauser. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Whiting. The next regular meeting will be February 18, 2014.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk