

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

August 4, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor – Joyce Hudson
Council members Jeff Kennedy
Jim Aden
Tim Strauser
Jeff Whiting
City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Clerk Connie L. Dalrymple

Absent: City Attorney Mike Bacon

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Anne Anderson

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.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, to approve the consent agenda that included:

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

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$79,052.16; Public Works Division \$78,263.67; and the July 23 payroll of \$40,439.27. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Strauser, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none.

OPEN FORUM:

- The coyote decoys are in place at Lake Helen.
- The *Welcome* sign is up south of McDonald's. We're pricing lettering for the bottom panel and looking into options to accentuate the directional lettering.
- Anne Anderson said the Chamber is looking for a larger space for the Farmer's Market than the one-half block area in front of the bank.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 849 vacating 21st Street between Avenues G & H on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Strauser seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 850 updating the zoning regulations on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Aden. Nay – none.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 851 updating subdivision regulations on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Aden, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to recommend to the Liquor Control Commission the approval of a one-day license to the Chamber of Commerce to dispense beer and wine at a Beef and Wine Tasting event on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Stone Hearth Estates, 110 20th Street in Gothenburg. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded to recommend to the Liquor Control Commission the approval of a one-day license to the Chamber of Commerce to dispense beer, wine, and distilled spirits at a Business-After-Hours event on Friday, August 21, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Gothenburg Tire and Service, 302 8th Street in Gothenburg. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none. The event is jointly sponsored by Peterson's Supermarket, Gothenburg Tire, OK Bottle Shoppe, and Eustis Plumbing.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to recommend to the Liquor Control Commission the approval of a one-day license to the Chamber of Commerce to dispense beer, wine, and distilled spirits at a Business-After-Hours event on Saturday, August 29, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Brand Electric, 814 Avenue H in Gothenburg. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none. The event is jointly sponsored by Brand Electric and The Animal Hospital.

Anne Anderson reviewed the 2007 – 09 report of the Pony Express Station and asked that the lease be extended another three years, 2010 – 2012. The station is open seven days a week from April 1 through October 31 and employs 10 part time persons. A security system was installed in 2008 which requires phone and electrical services year round.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to authorize signature of the three year lease with the Chamber of Commerce for operation of the Pony Express Station. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting Kennedy, Strauser, Aden. Nay – none. The lease fee will remain at \$2500 / year.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of \$13,760.53 to Miller & Assoc for construction services on 2008 Street Improvements. Payment will be by registered warrant. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be August 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk