

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

August 18, 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  
City Attorney Mike Bacon  
Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Chad Stull, Mike Wagner, Blaine Peterson, Mark Brand

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.

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

City Council minutes – August 4

Police Report – July

Treasurer's Report – July

Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – August 11

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

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$62,165.08, except #1202; Public Works Division \$358,102.90; and the August 6 payroll of \$38,640.86. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of claim #1202 to Blase-Strauser Memorial Chapel. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

The Fire Department is planning a family event on September 19 during the Harvest Festival to celebrate their 100 year anniversary. They would like a special designated liquor license for 5:00 p.m. to midnight and permission to close 10<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the Fire Hall.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, approval of a one day license to sell beer at the Fire Department's 100-year anniversary reception on September 19, 2009 and to block the street at the Fire Hall for the duration of the event, 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2009-15, updating the excessive force policy. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2009-16 adopting the Police Department Standard Operating Procedure. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting, Aden. Nay – none.

The Police Department, in conjunction with the Dawson County Sherriff's Dept, Hospital, School and other civic groups will conduct a Bike Safety Rodeo after the Harvest Festival parade. They would like to use 15<sup>th</sup> Street between Avenues F and G.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to allow closing 15<sup>th</sup> Street between Avenues F and G as requested for the Bike Rodeo. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay – none.

Blaine Peterson asked Council to reconsider regulations prohibiting the use of steel siding in the C-1 district. He would like to improve his building at Avenue F and Highway 30 but does not want the extra cost and maintenance of wood, brick, or stucco. He had applied to the Downtown Revitalization Project for façade improvement funds but was denied because he recommended metal siding. He feels the quality of metal siding has improved immensely in recent years.

Peterson also demolished and removed the depilated house at 403 10<sup>th</sup> Street with the intent of constructing storage for his business on the site. It is imperative his grocery buy inventory by volume to keep prices down but he needs storage. He also wants to add a bakery in addition to another project that will add employees. All requires additional storage. Current zoning regulations do not allow storage and warehousing in C-1 districts. He feels this should also be reconsidered to keep business downtown.

No action was taken but Peterson had no objection to Councilmember Strauser's offer of the Downtown Revitalization Committee looking into comparably priced options other than steel for his building on Highway 30.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, recommending to the Liquor Commission the approval of a one-day special designated license for the sale of beer, wine, and spirits at a beer garden at Pete's Lounge, 518 8<sup>th</sup> Street, from 10:00 a.m. on September 19, 2009 to 1:00 a.m. on September 20, 2009. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, appointing Curtis A. Johnson of the DLR Group, as the single application building inspector for the school renovation project. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, to have a budget work session on August 25 at 5:00 p.m. and setting the 2009-10 budget hearing for September 15 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Whiting, Aden. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, approving Drawdown 2 and request for payment of \$3387 to West Central Nebraska Development District on the Owner Occupied Housing project. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be September 1, 2009 at 7 p.m.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk