

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Mike Libich

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, approving the consent agenda that included:

City Council minutes - December 7  
Treasurer's Report - November  
Planning & Zoning Commission minutes - December 14

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

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$22,170.77; Public Works Division \$75,826.73; and the December 9 payroll of \$29,982.42. Roll Call vote: Yea - Whiting, Strauser, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Open forum:

- The City will be closed in observance of Christmas Eve on the afternoon of the 24th, Christmas Day on December 27 and New Year Day on December 31.

Aden moved, Strauser seconded, to advance Ordinance 859 regarding electric rates, to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Aden. Nay - none.

A proposed amendment to the employee health insurance pharmacy plan is a decrease in the pharmacy reimbursement rate and a slight increase in the per claim administration fee. Appendix B of the amendment requires three persons authorized to discuss employee health information.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, authorizing signature of the amended pharmacy agreement and appointed Bruce Clymer, Connie L. Dalrymple, and Agent Dan Yancy as those authorized to discuss employee health information. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, approving Drawdown #16 for \$27,472 on the Owner Occupied Housing Project and payments to WCNDD and contractors, Anytime Any Kind Construction, Kruse Construction. Roll call vote: yea - Strauser, Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Four bids were received for a new Electric Department pick-up:

Pony Express Chevrolet:	2011 Chevrolet 3/4 T extended cab, 4-wheel drive - \$25,919.21
	2011 Chevrolet 3/4 T regular cab, 4-wheel drive - \$23,444.90
Platte Valley Auto:	2011 Ford 3/4 T extended cab, 4-wheel drive - \$26,765.00
	2011 Ford 3/4 T regular cab, 4-wheel drive - \$24,677.00

Three bids were received for the tool box:

Knapheide (thru Pony Express Chevrolet)	\$5220 (includes removal of the pick-up box)
Knapheide of Seward	\$6351.40
M J Trailers	\$5275.00 (powder coated black)

All offers include trading in the current 1997 pick-up with 132,000 miles. The extended cab models are nice for keeping equipment such as locators, in a dry, air-tight environment.

Discussion was had and a motion made by Aden, seconded by Whiting, to accept the bid from Pony Express Chevrolet for the white 3/4T extended cab pickup for \$25,919.21 and the box from M J Trailers for \$5275. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Kennedy, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy Aden, Whiting, Strauser. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be January 4, 2011.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk