

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

December 7, 2010  
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 Atty. Mike Bacon

Also present: 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, approving the consent agenda that included:  
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Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Aden, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$69,965.71; Public Works Division \$460,266.18; and the November 24 payroll of \$31,254.90. Roll Call vote: Yea - Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Aden seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Strauser, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Administrator Clymer administered the Oath of Office to incoming Mayor, Joyce Hudson, and Council members Jeff Whiting, and Tim Strauser.

The newly installed Council reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, naming Jeff Kennedy Council President. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Open forum:

- Anne Anderson thanked all for the success of the Jingle Bell Parade. She also thanked those that went to Texas to visit with Frito-Lay officials.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approving Mayor Hudson's recommendation appointing Aaron Pelzer as the new Police Officer replacing Dustin Cullen. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Brief discussion was had on the transportation study as prepared Schemmer Associates. Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to accept the plan as presented. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none.

NPPD will enact a 10.5% wholesale electric rate increase on January 1. The proposed ordinance represents a 6.5% increase to Gothenburg customers. The Electric Fund is doing ok and can absorb the 3.5% difference. It may be that if wholesale rates have a similar increase in future years we will have to have a greater increase. The ordinance also includes a section that requires the application of the late fee to accounts that are late due to an insufficient funds check.

There is no water or sewer rate increase proposed because at this time the cost of televising the sewer lines is unknown.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, introducing Ordinance 859 regarding electric rates. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Aden, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, authorizing signature of a \$5000 agreement with Miller & Assoc to draft specifications, bid documents, and contracts for televising sewer lines in the spring. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2010-14 naming depositories for fiscal year 2010-11. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Strauser, Aden, Whiting. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be December 21, 2010.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk