

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

Absent: Council member Jeff Kennedy

Also present: Shane Gruber, Blaine Peterson, Steve Peterson, Rick Zarek, Cherry Alger

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, Strauser seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes - April 6
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes - April 13

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

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$146,809.41; Public Works Division \$355,583.57; and the April 15 payroll of \$32,608.66. Roll Call vote: Yea - Aden, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Kennedy.

Open forum:

- The passage of LB 910 requires a fee of \$1 per animal license be submitted to the state for the Commercial Dog / Cat fund. We can either absorb the cost and pay from the current fees or add the \$1 to the cost of a tag by amending the fees resolution. The law becomes effective July 15. A fee adjustment will be considered prior to that time.
- Thanks to the Council for the new loader that arrived today and is in use. The grapple forks are great.
- Platte River Drive street repair and expansion is finished and is a great improvement.
- Avenue G near the school will be repaired shortly.

Steve Peterson addressed the Council regarding parking in the area of Peterson's Supermarket, west of Lake Avenue. The Gothenburg State Bank addition has eliminated several parking stalls. Part of the problem is that the farther parking is from the store, the farther the carry-outs go and the longer it takes to do the job. He asked about the possibility of having Avenue F at 11th Street be the emergency snow route, instead of Avenue D, because there is already diagonal parking. That would eliminate the problem of no parking along Ave D for snow removal. He suggests the right-of-way on the west side of Ave D be made diagonal parking, increasing the number of spaces available.

Rick Zarek feels the landscaped right-of-way along Avenue D between 9th and 10th Streets, adds to the downtown area but agreed we need to find parking convenient to Peterson's store. He would like to see alternatives discussed before removing the landscaping.

Peterson does not want to use the parcel north of the store, at 10th and Ave D, for parking because he's hoping to put a storage building there to house the forklift and not have to drive it from 11th and Lake Avenue when needed at the store.

Administrator Clymer will set up a meeting, hopefully Monday the 26th, to discuss all concerns and possibilities. Mayor Hudson and Council member Strauser will represent the City. Rick Zarek, Dr Graff, Gothenburg State Bank staff and others affected by the parking issue will be invited to attend.

Four change orders regarding the Police Dep't renovation were submitted.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, approving Change Order #1, adding insulation for \$2043.45. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Kennedy.

Strauser moved, Aden seconded approving Change Order #2 miscellaneous items, for \$1324.35. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Aden, Strauser. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Kennedy.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, approving Change Order #3, replacing broken concrete, for \$4155.80. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Kennedy.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, approving Change Order #4, additional outlets for the required alarm system updates, for \$833.80. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Kennedy.

Pete's Lounge has requested an extension to their licensed premises that will accommodate an 18 foot by 24 foot fenced area in the back.

Aden moved, Strauser seconded, to recommend to the Liquor Control Commission the approval of an expansion to the licensed premises of Cherry Alger, doing business as Pete's Lounge, 518 8th Street, as requested. Roll call vote: Yea –Strauser, Whiting, Aden. Nay – none. Absent and not voting - Kennedy.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of \$7500 to Blaine Peterson on the Downtown Revitalization Project. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Kennedy.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, approving Drawdown #9 for \$15,872, and payment to contractors, on the Owner Occupied Housing project. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Kennedy.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Whiting, Strauser. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Kennedy.

The next regular meeting will be May 4, 2010.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk