

Present: Mayor – Joyce Hudson  
Absent - Council member Tim Strauser

Council members Jeff Kennedy  
Jim Aden  
Jeff Whiting

City Administrator Bruce Clymer  
City Attorney Mike Bacon  
City Clerk Connie L. Dalrymple

Also present: Jason Fiese, Anne Anderson, Ben Tiedemann, Garrett James, Lois Stanton

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearing 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.

The purpose of the public hearing was to consider an oversize sign proposed by Runza Restaurant in C-2 zoned area. Code allows 100 square foot signs and the request is for a 192 square foot sign with a different smaller sign below it on the same pole. Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on May 11 and recommends the Council approved the sign as proposed although they did discuss whether or not the lower sign constitutes and separate sign.

Lois Stanton expressed concern about light pollution where the night sky is destroyed by signs and structures.

Following brief discussion a motion was made by Kennedy, seconded by Aden, to close the hearing at 7:04 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to approve the Special Use Permit for the 192 square foot 'Runza' sign as requested. The owner will have to apply for a separate permit for the second sign on the same pole. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes - May 4
- Police Report - April
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes - May 11
- Library Directors report - March thru May

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

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to allow payment of the claims against the City, \$97,975.19, except #1920; the Public Works Division, \$263,055.72 and the May 13 payroll of \$34,192.69. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of claim #1920 to Kennedy Landscape Service. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Aden. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

Open forum:

- GHS students Garrett James and Ben Tiedemann were recognized.
- Dawson Area Development is accepting applications for the Leadership Class.
- The Dawson County Stockholders meeting will be May 19
- Administrator Clymer, Chamber Director Anne Anderson, and Atty. Mike Bacon assisted John Roades in collecting information from Gothenburg for Dawson County economic development.
- Congratulations to Tim and Tawnya Strauser on the birth of a boy.
- Our sympathy to Ralph Ogier and family on the loss of his step-daughter, Whitney Lange. Services will be Thursday.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to amend the agenda to include *Jason Fiese request for License to Maintain for installation of heat pump drain line to storm sewer - 612 9th Street*. An emergency exists in that the right-of-way and sidewalk are currently under construction. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

*Consideration of ordinance authorizing issuance of bonds to pay the cost of construction of Street Improvement District #100, #115, #116, #117, #118* was postponed for discussion on a June agenda.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to allow payment of \$4516.38 to Sally Jochum for façade improvements as part of the Downtown Revitalization Project. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2010-5 allowing participation in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Aden, Whiting. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment to The Home Agency of \$6450 for façade improvement and \$2334 for Energy Efficiency improvements as part of the Downtown Revitalization Project. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, approving Drawdown #10 and payment to WCNDD of \$5301 for housing project management relative to the Owner Occupied Housing project. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approving Drawdown #11 and payment to WCNDD of \$3034 for housing project administration relative to the owner Occupied Housing project. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, approving David Littrell as building inspector on the Gothenburg State Bank construction project, as allowed by code. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

Jason Fiese has paid fees and is requesting a License to Maintain on City right-of-way. Eustis Plumbing is installing a heat pump system at 612 9th Street, and while the area is already torn up he'd like to install the drain line under the sidewalk to the storm sewer.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, authorizing signature of a license to maintain as requested by Jason Fiese for a private heat system drain line on municipal property. Attorney Bacon will draft the document. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Aden Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Strauser. The next regular meeting will be June 1, 2010.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk