

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

January 4, 2011
7:00 p.m.

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: Shane Gruber, Anne Anderson, Gary Fritch

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, approving the consent agenda that included:

City Council minutes - December 21
Cemetery Sexton Report - Oct thru December

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

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$42,194.08; Public Works Division \$85,148.54; and the December 23 payroll of \$42,209.76. Roll Call vote: Yea - Strauser, Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Community Comments:

- The Employee Recognition dinner will be January 28, 2010.
- Mayor Hudson thanked the crew for the snow removal over the holiday weekend. She received a comment from a new member of the community that this is the best snow removal process they'd seen in any other place they'd lived.

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

East Ward Council member Jim Aden has moved outside City limits and submitted his resignation from the Council. Mayor Hudson regrettably accepted the resignation and thanked him for his service to the City, commenting that he always operated for the betterment of the community as a whole.

Jim also thanked the Council for their work. Even though they didn't agree on every issue, they could come to the middle and do what needed to be done for the community, regardless of individual feelings.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to approve Mayor Hudson's recommendation appointing Gary Fritch to fill the East Ward Council seat vacated by Jim Aden. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Attorney Bacon administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Council member Fritch.

We have had four 6-inch dewatering wells at the lift station to make repairs that resulted from the summer flooding. They did not lower the water level as needed. Myer Construction of Broken Bow installed four sand point wells and now has the water below the floor of the lift station. They will replace the concrete floor tomorrow.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, appointing Myer Construction as purchasing agent for the lift station project. Purchases will not exceed \$3000 or three months construction time. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy, Fritch.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, approving Drawdown #17 on the Owner Occupied Housing project and payment to contractor Scott Poppe. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Fritch, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Fritch, Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be January 18, 2011.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk