

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

December 20, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor – Joyce Hudson
Council members Jeff Kennedy
Gary Fritch
Tim Strauser
Jeff Whiting
City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Clerk / Treasurer Connie L. Dalrymple

Absent: City Attorney Mike Bacon

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Scott Bartels, Members of Boy Scout Troop 177 Noah Larson, Tucker Bartlett, William Healey, Patrick Hudson, Dillon Wilkerson, Caleb Jones, Noah Gugleman and Den Leader Todd Larson

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.

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

- City Council minutes – December 6 and 9
- Treasurer’s Report – November
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – December 13

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

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$34,967.08; Public Works Division \$381,367.99; and the December 22 payroll of \$32,682.47. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Community Comments:

- The Police Dep’t received an \$1800 grant for radar equipment; therefore, it will cost the City \$725 to replace two radar units.
- The Public Works Division has implemented an on-line bill payment system through Payment Services Network. The service is accessed through the City web page *Current News and Events*. Customers can access one year of their billing history, pay accounts, and opt out of mailed paper bills. Payments can be made by debit and credit card but there is a \$3.99 per \$100 fee attached for credit card payments.
- Mayor Hudson presented Scott Bartels with a check for a \$250,000 grant to Frito-Lay.
- The City will be closed Friday afternoon for Christmas Eve and all day on Monday the 26th and January 2.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, to advance Ordinance 868 regarding utility rates to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Strauser moved, Fritch seconded, to advance Ordinance 869 amending Section 50.02 of the Municipal Code regarding utility billing to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Fritch, Strauser. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to advance Ordinance 870 amending Section 150.059 of the Municipal Code regarding Fire Marshall plan reviews to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Fritch, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Item 5d, *Approval of an agreement with Miller & Assoc. for Lake Avenue reconstruction*, was removed from the agenda and not discussed.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, approving final payment of \$7162.05 for cleaning and televising sanitary sewer lines. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Whiting, Fritch. Nay – none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, authorizing signature of Maintenance Agreement 56 and the Certificate of Compliance, both with the Nebraska Department of Roads. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Fritch, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be January 3, 2012.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk