

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

May 3, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber

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 - Fritch, Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Fritch seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$73,129.30; Public Works Division \$80,830.40; and the April 28 payroll of \$46,466.52. Roll Call vote: Yea - Strauser, Whiting, Fritch, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Community Comments:

- Viter Services has increased grave opening rates effective May 1.
- There is a major water leak at Ave. D and Highway 30. The line was installed when the highway was redone and it appears the problem is a defective part. Midland Construction is doing the repair because of the depth of the line and the need to dewater. Several more water leaks resulted from this one as the water pressure rose and fell. Clymer and Gruber met with Travis Mason of Miller & Assoc and are putting together a schedule for water infrastructure improvements for Council to consider. It will be similar to the 1 & 6 Year Road Program.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 863 allowing UTV's on city streets, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea - Fritch, Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to advance Ordinance 864 increasing trash rates, to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Fritch, Kennedy, Strauser. Nays - none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to correct the beginning sales date to June 25 and advance ordinance 865 extending fireworks use hours to 11:00 p.m. to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Fritch, Whiting, Strauser. Nay - none.

LB230 defines utility information that may be withheld from the public. It is currently our policy to withhold customer specific data such as name and payment history, but we have provided usage information. Following discussion Fritch moved, Strauser seconded, to amend Section 1.17 of the Policies and Procedures by replacing *will* with *may* and approving the policies and procedures as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Fritch. Nay - none.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Monte Kenning of OK Bottle Shoppe for a June 10, 2011 Business After Hours event at Pony Express Chevrolet. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Fritch, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Drawdown #22 on the Owner Occupied Housing Project for \$1094 and payment to West Central NE Development District. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy, Fritch. Nay - none.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, to approve Drawdown #23 on the Owner Occupied Housing Project for \$1723 and payment to West Central NE Development District. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Fritch, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, authorizing signature of the Final Financial Report on the Owner Occupied Housing Project. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Fritch, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Phil Dahl asked to be removed from the agenda as he has found private property for a track for remote control cars.

Atty. Bacon informed the Council that the Redevelopment Authority is providing Council a 30-day notice of intent to enter into a redevelopment contract, for purposes of tax increment financing, with Taproot, Inc dba Eastside Animal Hospital. There will be public hearings soon.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Fritch, Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be May 17, 2011.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk

