

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

January 17, 2012
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, Don Graham, Officer Ryan Randolph

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, Fritch seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes – January 3
- Cemetery Sexton Report – October - December
- Police Report - December
- Treasurer's Report – December
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – January 10
- Library Director's report – November thru January

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

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$37,769.21, except #1323 and #1868; Public Works Division \$373,447.15; and the January 5th payroll of \$32,403.76. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Fritch moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claim #1323 to T & T Corp. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Fritch. Nay – none.

Fritch moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of claim #1868 to Quality Fire Extinguishers. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none.

Community Comments:

- The annual Employee Recognition Dinner will be January 27.

The NE Department of Roads has determined speed limits for Highway 47, north from I-80 and north of 27th Street and on Highway 30 through town. Administrator Clymer, Chief Olson, and City Services Director Gruber worked together to determine speed limits within the community. In most instances, such as the school area, there is no change, just incorporating those areas into the code.

Discussion was had and Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to introduce Ordinance 871 and directed Atty. Bacon to redraft the ordinance to include the additional changes proposed by Council. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Fritch, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Whiting moved, Fritch seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Don Graham of Gothenburg Links, Inc. for a February 11th fund raising event at the new Nebraska Salt & Grain Facility. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Strauser, Fritch, Whiting. Nay - none.

Whiting moved, Fritch seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Don Graham of Gothenburg Links, Inc. for a February 24th fundraising event at the new Nebraska Salt & Grain Facility. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser, Fritch. Nay – none.

Fritch moved, Strauser seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, whiting, Strauser, Fritch. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be February 7, 2012.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk