

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

February 7, 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, Travis Mason, Duane Oliver

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 public hearing at 7:00 p.m. was to consider the One Year and Six Year Road Improvement Program. The purpose of the hearing is to establish a program of street improvements and is the planning tool required for Highway Allocation funds. The plan can be modified and we are not bound to it.

According to Travis Mason, the three blocks on Lake Avenue, south of 7th Street, is the only project on the one year plan and is in the design phase for construction this year.

This six year plan includes:

- Grading 27th Street from Lake Avenue to west corporate limits
- Paving 18th Street from Avenue A to Avenue B
- Drainage & paving 17th Street from Ave L to Ave M and Ave L from 17th Street to 18th Street
- Paving Ave I from 22nd Street north .5 block
- Paving / curb & gutter on Ave K from 19th Street to 20th Street
- Paving / curb & gutter on 6th Street from Hiway 47 to Cottonwood Dr.
- 1000 foot storm drainage west from Cottonwood Dr
- Pave / curb & gutter 13th Street from Ave I to Ave H
- Pave / curb & gutter 800 feet west from Ave A on 1st Street
- Pave / curb & gutter / drainage on Ave J from 23rd Street to 27th Street
- Pave / curb & gutter / drainage 30 foot wide road from Cottonwood Dr. to Corporate Limits
- Pave / curb & gutter Ave K from Hiway 30 to Washington Street
- Pave / curb & gutter Ave J from 10th St to Washington Street
- Pave / curb & gutter Washington St from Ave J to Ave L

Concrete / curb & gutter 11th St from Ave I to Ave K
Concrete / curb & gutter 10th St from Ave I to Ave L
Concrete / curb & gutter Ave L from 21st St to 22nd St

Discussion was had and a motion made by Strauser, seconded by Whiting, to close the hearing at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser. Nay - none.

Fritch moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2012-1 approving the One Year and Six Year Road Program as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy, Fritch. Nay - none.

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

City Council minutes – January 17

Police Report - January

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

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$76,506.59, except #1868 and #4901; Public Works Division \$454,084.11; the January 20 payroll of \$32,954.76 and February 2 payroll of 31,455.52. Roll Call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Whiting, Fritch. Nay - none.

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

Fritch moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of claim #4901 to Quality Fire Extinguishers. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Ordinance 871 will consolidate speed zones into one location in the code book and adjusts some speeds for the area they are in. Discussion was had on the ordinance and the definition of the school zone which should include 12th Street from Ave I to Ave G. Chief Olson is researching the use of solar powered flashing lights for use in school zones.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to advance Ordinance 871 to third and final reading with the amended language regarding school zones. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approving the Mayor’s recommended personnel and committee appointments for 2012.

Committee Appointments:

Board of Adjustment	Dan Yancy, Steve Johnson, Dick Nelson
Library Board	Kris Jinks
Planning & Zoning Commission	Monte Schriver
Recreation Committee	Tim Strauser, Libby Franzen
Redevelopment Authority	Greg Viergutz

PERSONNEL:

City Attorney	Mike Bacon
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City Prosecutor
City Clerk / Treasurer
Police Chief
Police Sgt
Police Officers

Fire Chief
Electrical Inspector
Building Inspector
Back-up
City Physician
Municipal Engineer

Willard Weinhold
Connie L Dalrymple
Randy Olson
Matthew Langley
Ryan Randolph
Joe Humphrey
Jill Ostergard
Aaron Pelzer
Mark Ballmer
Mike Libich
Doug Swanson
Shane Gruber
Dr. Craig Bartruff
Miller & Assoc

Fire Dep't Roster:

Ron Alexander	Brock Anderson	Allen Ballmer	Mark Ballmer
Trevor Anderson	Shawn Bickford	Dennis Bihlmaier	Shane Butterfield
Dan Butterfield	Justin Carlson	Eric Coulter	Richard Crown
Adam Finke	Craig Franzen	Dale Franzen	Derek Franzen
Larry Franzen	Lyle Franzen	Troy Franzen	Justin Geiken
Wade Geiken	James Hecox	John Hecox	Tyrel Hite
Chris Horn	Jon Hudson	Joe Keiser	Kent Kline
Dan Meisinger	Phillip Miller	Travis Miller	Troy Munster
Mark Ostergard	Mike Ostergard	Robb Ostergard	Aaron Pelzer
Koby Rickertson	Christopher Scott	Casey Russman	Garland Underwood
Lane Van Natta	Jason Wagner	Michael Wagner	Dan Walker
Keith Williamson			

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

The contract with Miller & Assoc. for design of the Lake Avenue reconstruction is the same as proposed on December 20. Action on the proposal was delayed pending determination of any available funding to assist with the project but there is none. In discussing the contract, several points were mentioned:

- The elimination of the elevation dip at the UPRR tracks. Since the tracks are the property of the Union Pacific, we may not be able to eliminate the dip in the road.
- Lake Avenue has been televised and some water / sewer areas can be fixed before paving is done.
- Sidewalks can be discussed in the design contracts. It may be prudent and possible to make the sidewalks part of the pedestrian trail system if we have a plan in place.

Fritch moved, Whiting seconded, authorizing signature of the contract with Miller & Assoc for the design of improvements to Lake Avenue between 4th St and 7th Streets. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Whiting, Fritch. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, authorizing Mayor Hudson to negotiate and sign a contract with the NE Department of Environmental Quality for the rehabilitation of Lake Helen, after we

receive notice of project approval from the Environmental Protection Agency. Roll call vote: Yea - Fritch, Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Fritch moved, Strauser seconded, authorizing signature of the Interlocal Co-operative Agreement with the NE Game & Parks Commission on the feasibility study for the Lake Helen restoration project. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Fritch. Nay – none.

The State requires us to maintain a current Emergency Water Plan and it must be submitted to the Dep't of Health & Human Services every three years. This plan revision designates the 16th Street well for emergency use only and lists two designated operators and eight certified back-up operators.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2012-2 which authorizes signature of the Emergency Water Plan as presented. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Fritch, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Monte Kenning of OK Bottle Shoppe for a March 2nd Business-After-Hours event at Horizon Ag, 1900 E 8th Street. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Fritch, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be February 21, 2012.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk