

Special City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

September 4, 2012
9:00 a.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Joan Windrum, Shawn Boyd

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearing at 9:00 a.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.

There was not a quorum present and the meeting was held open to reconvene at 10:30 a.m.

Council reconvened at 10:37 a.m. upon arrival of a quorum.

The purpose of the public hearing was to consider a request for a Class D liquor license for Shopko Hometown Store. There were no contacts or concerns expressed by the public.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to close the hearing at 10:39 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Kennedy moved, Fritch seconded, to recommend to the Liquor Control Commission the issuance of a Class D license to Shopko Hometown #698. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Fritch, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Fritch moved, Strauser seconded, to approve the consent agenda which included:

City Council minutes – August 7 and 28

Treasurer's Report – July

Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Strauser, Fritch. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

The budget document information is prepared for publication and hearing as discussed at the budget work session on August 28 and is within the lid requirements established by the State. It carries an unused budget authority for next year of \$154,604.35. The property tax request is \$570,526.98 on a levy of .310255. The levy is down from .331650, in fiscal year 2011-12.

Strauser moved, Fritch seconded, ordering the publication of the budget document for public hearing on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Fritch, Strauser. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Eastside Animal Center has requested an increase in rates for animal board and care. Daily board fees for large dogs increased 50 cents to \$11.50 / day and small dogs and cats also 50 cents to \$10.50 / day. Animal disposal rates increased \$4.00.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, approving the increased rates as proposed by Eastside Animal Center. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Fritch moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing a payment of \$2980 by registered warrant to Miller & Assoc. for construction observation and management of the Lake Avenue repair project. Roll call vote: Strauser, Kennedy, Fritch. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of \$41,000 to Miller & Assoc. for design work on the Lake Helen project. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting. These funds will be reimbursed through the \$134,000 planning grant from the Game & Parks Commission and Dep't of Environmental Quality.

Troy Daum has purchased the property at 915 Lake Avenue. He's done some interior remodeling and wants to make improvements to the exterior as well by adding brick and stucco. The building currently sits on the property line so he has requested vacation of one foot to accommodate the modifications. The Dawson County Surveyor is currently conducting the required survey but Mr. Daum has already made arrangements for materials and will lose the current pricing if he must wait for approval of an ordinance establishing the vacation. Therefore he asked the Council for some assurance that vacating up to one foot of right-of-way can occur.

Discussion was had and the Council expressed no objection the vacation a portion of the right-of-way along the Lake Avenue side of the property to accommodate storefront improvements.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Fritch, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk