

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

October 15, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson	Absent – Council member Jeff Whiting
Council members	Jeff Kennedy	
	Duane Oliver	
	Tim Strauser	
City Administrator	Bruce Clymer	
Attorney	Steve Vinton	
City Clerk / Treasurer	Connie L. Dalrymple	

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Eric MacPherson, Deb Jensen of DAD

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.

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

- City Council minutes – October 3
- Police Report - September
- Cemetery Sexton Report – July thru September
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – October 8
- Treasurer's Report - September

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

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$56,788.75, except #1323; Public Works Division \$439,508.24; and the October 10 payroll of \$35,738.75. Roll Call vote: Yea -Oliver, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Kennedy moved, Oliver seconded, allowing payment of claims #1323 to T & T Corporation. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Community Comments:

- Deb Jensen reported that Dawson Area Development applied for a NIFA Housing Study Grant and has contracted with Hanna:Keelan Associates of Lincoln. DAD will meet with the Hanna:Keelan in November regarding the first steps of the grant. The cost of the study will be \$16,000 and one-half will be reimbursed by the grant. This study will update the 2008 one. Since that time we have spec houses, CROWN Houses, tax credits, and duplexes for persons 55 years and older. It will also determine inventory needs and costs. The information revealed will be used for economic development and housing grant applications.
- The property at 503 Lake Avenue will be sold at Sheriff's sale on October 16. The property carries a mowing lien.

Several requests for proposals were made available for planning services on the Downtown Revitalization grant. Both Miller & Assoc. and JEO Consulting declined. Originally the planning portion was to be completed in six months, but has been extended to nine months, March 28, 2014.

Oliver moved, Kennedy seconded, accepting and authorizing signature of the contract for planning services on CDBG Downtown Revitalization grant to Dawson Area Development in the amount of \$13,000. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Oliver. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Strauser moved, Oliver seconded, approving the amendment to the Community Development Block Grant 13-DTR-001 which extends the time period for completion to nine months, March 28, 2014. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Oliver, Strauser. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2013-19 adopting the revolving loan fund plan as approved by USDA Rural Development. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Discussion was had with Eric MacPherson on the vacation of 5th Street east of Cottonwood Dr. Eric had originally requested a License-to-Maintain a private drive on public property but through discussion at the previous meeting that request changed to one of vacating the street. After looking at the property and the zoning regulations Administrator Clymer and the Council feel the platted street really cannot be vacated because MacPherson does not own all adjoining property. The law does not allow land parcels that do not have access to a street.

Eric has no issue with a License to Maintain a private drive and will pave the apron from Cottonwood Dr. to the property line. He intends to install a gate on the east side of the platted street near the back of his building. He will provide a mutual padlock for other owners.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, directing Atty. Bacon to draft a License to Maintain and authorized Mayor Hudson to sign it after review by Mr. MacPherson. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Oliver moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Monte Kenning of OK Bottle Shoppe for a November 7 Grand Opening / 100 Year Celebration event hosted by Hecox Dentistry at 1014 Lake Avenue. The event will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Oliver. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Kennedy moved, Oliver seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Oliver, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Whiting. The next regular meeting will be November 5, 2013.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk