

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

December 3, 2013
7:00 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* – Austin Benson

Also present: Craig Jones and Tobin Buchanan of First National Capital Markets, Brett Meyer

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 – Oliver, Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Oliver seconded allowing payment of claims against the City, \$50,562.84; Public Works Division \$189,461.66; and the November 21 payroll of \$35,278.62. Roll Call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Oliver, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Community Comments:

- We have received notice from Wade Viter that adult grave opening / closing rates will increase on January 1 to \$425, infants \$275, cremations \$250, tent setups \$250, Holiday and Sundays \$300.
- The request for special designated license for RTI open house / business after hours event was received too late for the agenda and does not constitute an emergency. The council consented to a special meeting on Friday, the 6th at 8:00 a.m. to consider the request.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2013-22 authorizing the loan contract with the Department of Environmental Quality as approved on November 19. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Oliver, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Craig Jones & Tobin Buchanan spoke with Council about the possibility of refunding and reissuing the 2008 \$645,000 general obligation bond for downtown improvements. The bond carries interest at 3.61% and currently has a balance of \$245,000. They propose a \$250,000 refunding bond carrying interest at 1.51%, resulting in interest of \$2477.29. There will be an

interest savings of \$9632.29. Issuing costs will be \$1000 for bond counsel, fees of \$3750 and closing on January 15, 2014.

Discussion was had and Council member Oliver introduced Ordinance 885 entitled:

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds of the City of Gothenburg, Nebraska, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$255,000; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on such bonds as they become due; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Strauser seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Council members voted "Yea": Strauser, Kennedy, Oliver, Whiting. "Nay": none.

Mayor Hudson declared the motion adopted by a full vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of said Ordinance which was then read by title.

Council member Oliver moved for final passage of the ordinance and Council member Whiting seconded the motion. Mayor Hudson asked the question "*Shall Ordinance #885 be passed and adopted?*" On roll call vote the following Council members voted "Yea": Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser, Oliver. "Nay": none.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 885 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

We have been notified that after 2014 Blackbaud will no longer support the American Fundware computer software we currently use for Accounts Payable, Payroll, Budget, and General Ledger. They are offering their customers a product called Financial Edge and will provide the software at no cost through December 31, 2013. The offer includes consulting services, maintenance, and conversion of current information for \$25,266.30. We did not budget for this cost because we did not know it was coming. Administrator Clymer suggested paying the entire cost from the Public Works Division and the City can repay half the cost.

Discussion was had and a motion made by Kennedy, seconded by Strauser, to purchase the Financial Edge computer software and support from Blackbaud, Inc. for \$25,266.30 as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Oliver, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – one.

Kennedy moved, Oliver seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Oliver, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be December 17, 2013.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk