

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

February 5, 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* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Andrew Nickerson, Jay Lewis, Donna Portiner

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, Strauser seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

City Council minutes – January 15

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

Whiting moved, Oliver seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$106,406.12; Public Works Division \$126,057.13; the January 17 payroll of \$33,673.65, January 25 payroll of \$4130.66, and the January 31 payroll of \$34,418.50. Roll Call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Strauser, Oliver, Whiting. Nay - none.

Community Comments:

- Lake Helen has stopped draining and with warm temperatures this week there has been a strong sulfur smell. According to Paul Brakhage it is the decaying organic matter, not fish, on the bottom of the lake and it's hard to determine how long it will last. We are looking for a pump to set by the aerator to finish draining the deepest area as the ice cap melts.

Oliver moved, Strauser seconded, introduction of Ordinance 882 that amends the I-2 zoning regulations to allow sexually oriented businesses by special use permit. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser, Oliver. Nay – none.

The Cemetery Board currently has six members but it is difficult to find volunteers and six, being an even number, is not ideal in voting situations or determining a quorum. The Municipal Code says the committee can be “three to six members”. One appointee’s term is expiring and he is not interested in re-appointment so it would be a good time to decrease the Board to five members. Councilman Oliver sits on the Cemetery Board and feels we will not lose quality on

the board with five members instead of six. Administrator Clymer will research changes to the committee and the matter will be on a later agenda.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approving Mayor Hudson's recommended appointments to committees, personnel and the fire department:

**COMMITTEES**

- Cemetery Board: Keith Block
- Housing Authority: Bret Tiller
- Library Board: Matt Coplen
- Planning & Zoning Commission: Louis Bovitz and Eppie Sisneros
- Community Redevelopment Authority: Matt Williams

**PERSONNEL**

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| City Attorney          | Mike Bacon   |
| City Prosecutor        | Willard Weinhold   |
| City Clerk / Treasurer | Connie L Dalrymple   |
| Police Chief           | Randy Olson  |
| Police Sgt             | Matthew Langley  |
| Police Officers        | Ryan Randolph, Joe Humphrey, Jill McCandless, Aaron Pelzer |
| Fire Chief             | Mark Ballmer   |
| Electrical Inspector   | Mike Libich  |
| Building Inspector     | Doug Swanson   |
| Back-up                | Shane Gruber   |
| City Physician         | Dr. Craig Bartruff   |
| Municipal Engineer     | Miller & Assoc.  |

**FIRE DEPT ROSTER**

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| 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, Oliver, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

The proposed revision to the sub recipient agreement with Dawson Area Development for administrative services of our reuse funds will allow the local Downtown Revitalization Committee to review and make recommendation to DAD on any new loan applications.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to approve the amended Sub-Recipient Agreement for Administration of Revolving Loan Funds with Dawson Area Development. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

As Chairman of the Building Blocks Child Care Center Board of Directors, Andrew Nickerson spoke about the financial situation and physical condition of the building at 710 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The school owns the land; the city owns the building, and Building Blocks is the non-profit organization in the building. Building Blocks operates as ‘lean’ as they can but complies with all State requirements on such things as adult / child ratio and utilities; however, several maintenance issues with the 20 year old building have been neglected due to lack of funds. The reserve funds have been used on roof repairs, replacement of some windows, a door, paint, licensing, and operating costs. They have upcoming fundraisers to meet a \$9000 requirement for flooring and other maintenance. They are currently replacing a door costing \$3435 and there are five more doors that should be replaced but there are no funds. The Board would like to work with the City to develop a long term strategy to address maintenance issues such as replacing five other doors, windows, etc.

Discussion was had and all agree the Center provides a much used and valuable service to the community. The contract with Building Blocks requires them to contribute to and keep a maintenance fund to meet repairs but perhaps cash flow does not allow that. Council is willing to work with the Center in developing an ongoing maintenance strategy but will have to determine where the funding will come from.

Oliver moved, Whiting seconded, to pay the full cost of \$3435 for the new door from Platte Valley Glass. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Whiting, Oliver. Nay – none. Payment will be made from the KENO fund.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Monte Kenning of OK Bottle Shoppe for a February 22<sup>nd</sup> Business-After-Hours event hosted by Horizon Ag, at 1900 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The event will be from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Strauser, Oliver, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Jay Lewis is coordinating a car show with North Platte Cody Cruisers car club on June 29 to benefit Relay for Life. Last year’s show was successful with 100 cars and he is hoping it will be even better this year. The Ehmen Park area works well and he would like the City’s co-operation by allowing use of the park and 15<sup>th</sup> Street from Lake Avenue to Avenue F, Avenue F from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> and if there are enough cars, 16<sup>th</sup> Street from Avenue F to Lake Ave. There will also be other Relay festivities held in the park between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, allowing Relay for Life activities and car show at Ehmen Park as proposed by Jay Lewis. Roll call vote: Yea - Oliver, Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Requests for Proposals for Community Development Block Grants are due on February 11. Mayor Hudson, Council members Oliver and Strauser, and Clerk Dalrymple will review and grade applicants for recommendation to the Council on February 19.

Multiple Sclerosis inhibits mobility and in 2012 the first fundraising walk was held in Dawson County with the most participation and contributions coming from Gothenburg. Therefore, it was decided to hold the 2013 event on May 25 in Gothenburg. Kyle Ferguson of Lexington asked for use of Lake Helen for the walk or Ehmen Park as a staging area for a walk that will move away from and return to the park. There will be EMT's and nursing staff on hand for the walk that will be one, three, or five miles. There will also be vendors in the park but it will remain open to the public. The group was hoping for use of Lake Helen but is cautious due to the upcoming construction there.

Council feels the current odor will be over by May unless there is a lot of rain, and major construction will not have begun at the Lake. They have no objection to use of either park but asked the group to make their decision as to location and let the City know what was decided.

Kennedy moved, Oliver seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Donald Graham of Gothenburg Links for a March 1st Ducks Unlimited event to be held at 520 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The event will be from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Whiting, Strauser, Oliver, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Oliver, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be February 19, 2013.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk