

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson	Absent: Council member Duane Oliver
Council members	Jeff Kennedy	
	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, RJ Meyer CPA, CJ Poltack and Martie Burke of WCNDD

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- March 19
- Library Director's Report – January thru March
- Treasurer's Report - February

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

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$40,989.97; Public Works Division \$102,448.24; and the March 28 payroll of \$34,566.51. Roll Call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Oliver.

Community Comments:

- Jeff Whiting thanked the electric crew for restoring power to his business twice last week. Administrator Clymer concurred. The electric crew did an excellent job as we have come to expect of all the city crews. They are knowledgeable and efficient.
- Lake Helen is empty. The next step is to contract with the participating entities in reclaiming the lake. We should see construction in July or August. There has been some odor as the lake drained but we have been fortunate to not have complaints about it. The media has been helpful in keeping the public informed on what is happening and what to expect.

Bob Meyer of RJ Meyer Assoc. discussed the audit of municipal accounts. The points he made were:

- He offered an unqualified opinion on the audit – there were no issues.
- All note and bond payments are timely made and current.
- The budget is in compliance with statutes – all required notices were made and the City operates within the budget parameters.
- All funds and assets of the City and Public Works Division are adequately secured.
- Receivables are collected, however there are still some uncollectable receivables on the books from the Greenhouse project and he recommended writing them off. If any of the funds should come in later, it can be classified as miscellaneous revenue.
- There are no major equipment issues. Equipment is sufficient for the job, maintained, and replaced as needed.
- He set up the Lake Helen restoration project as a “work in progress” on the books as it will span more than one fiscal year.
- He thanked the City and Public Works Division staff for their assistance and their work throughout the year.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, to accept the 2011-12 audit as presented. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Oliver.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to have the auditors make the adjustments as recommended to clear the receivables of \$195,246 and \$384,000 relative to the Greenhouse project. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Oliver.

CJ Poltack of West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) spoke to the Council on applying for another Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Block Grant. A similar grant in 2008 was able to rehab 10 homes. There is less funding available this year so WCNDD proposed assisting five

homeowners to a maximum of \$25,000 each, bringing the total grant to \$155,000 including administration and management. Homes must be owner occupied to qualify and must meet income guidelines. The grant is forgiven in equal increments over five years but if the property is sold the balance of the loan must be paid in full. The pre-application would have to be approved by the Council at their May 21 meeting in order to meet the May 31 deadline at the Department of Economic Development. The actual grant application is due July 19.

Discussion was had and it was decided WCNDD will provide *Statements of Interest* for homeowners and then possibly adjust the number of homes and amounts to be accommodated.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2013-6 asking WCNDD to pursue Community Development Block Grant funding for owner occupied housing rehabilitation through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and to enter into an agreement with WCNDD for administration services.

Martie Burke of West Central Nebraska District made a presentation on a computerized mapping process that might be beneficial to the City. From information input a base map and data base of information is created. Water / sewer line location, tap sites, manholes, and other utility services are just some of the information available. The information can be used for many purposes and allows workers to easily find those items and the condition of them. Additional information can be tagged to the maps such as repairs made construction dates, etc. The information can be reviewed on a Trimble device or a smart phone. The device and program costs \$8000 and there is an annual maintenance fee of \$500. There would also be updates occasionally but the information stored on the device is the sole property of the City.

The Council was interested in the program as it makes keeps information current and consistently available that is now on paper maps or known to crew members from prior work experience. This proposal is less costly than one presented by GIS Workshop a few months ago and the City owns the information. Further discussion will be had at a later meeting.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approving Mayor Hudson's recommended appointment of Chris Healey and Dan Frerichs to the Tree Board and herself to the Dawson Area Development Board. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Oliver.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approval of a one day license to sell beer, wine, and distilled spirits at the Firemen's Ball on June 1, 2013 and to block the street at the Fire Hall for the duration of the event, 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting - Oliver.

No action was taken on a request for special designated license from the Roping Club and Rotary-After-Dark.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Oliver. The next regular meeting will be April 16, 2013.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk