

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

July 16, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: City Attorney Mike Bacon

Press: *Gothenburg Times* – Austin Benson

Also present: Shane Gruber, Don Graham, Jack Ostergard, Boy Scouts Max Jinks and Ryan Healey, Khris Jinks

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, Oliver seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes – July 2
- Police Report - June
- Cemetery Sexton report – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013
- Treasurer’s Report - June
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – July 9
- Library Director’s report – May 14 thru July 8

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

Oliver moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$60,380.02, except #1323; Public Works Division \$450,548.47; and the July 3 payroll of \$46,407.27. Roll Call vote: Yea – Whiting, Oliver, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Oliver moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claim #1323 to T & T Corporation. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Oliver. Nay – none.

Community Comments:

- Mayor and Council welcomed Administrator Clymer back. He’s been absent from two meetings.
- The Emergency Action Plan from the Dep’t of Natural Resources considers Lake Helen a high hazard dam because of the residential properties below the dam. The EAP is a blueprint of how to notify the community in case of a flood emergency and has been filed with the Dawson County Civil Defense and the North Platte Dispatch office.

- We are waiting on a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers to proceed with the Lake Helen project. The Game & Parks Commission is meeting on July 26 and will hopefully approve their contract.
- Austin Benson was introduced as a new reporter at the *Times*.
- Jack Ostergard asked Council to write a letter of support for the Veteran's Administration to uphold the decision to move the Veterans Home and facilities from Grand Island to Kearney. Kearney was recently chosen as the new location but Grand Island is contesting that decision. He feels Kearney is more centrally located and has excellent medical facilities to serve veterans.
- Boy Scouts from Troop 177 were present earning a merit badge. Scouts introduced themselves as Max Jinks and Ryan Healey. Khris Jinks accompanied them.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 883 regarding contiguous lot agreements on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Oliver, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Oliver seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Monte Kenning of OK Bottle Shoppe for an August 9 Business-After-Hours event hosted by Gothenburg Tire, OK Bottle Shoppe, and Peterson's Supermarket at 302 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The event will be from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Whiting, Strauser, Oliver, Kennedy. Nay - none

Oliver moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Donald Graham of Gothenburg Links for an August 3 reception to be held at 520 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The event will be from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy, Oliver. Nay - none.

Alyssa Holt has moved A Perfect Spot Salon to the former Platte Hotel building at 813 Lake Ave and is planning a friends and family appreciation event to introduce the new shop location. They will be offering food and would also like to have a jump house in the west end of the alley north of the building. She requested permission to block the alley on Friday, July 26 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Discussion was had and Council members expressed concern for the alley traffic since it is near Hiway 30 and both bars. The City parking lot across Lake Ave at the alley is not appropriate either because of children crossing the street. Ultimately, Alyssa agreed to contact the owners of the former café building across the alley north of her shop for use of their parking area next to the alley and to have people on sight to be sure children do not get in the way of street or alley traffic.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy, Oliver. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be August 6, 2013.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk