

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

January 7, 2014
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: Austin Benson

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 – December 17

Cemetery Sexton Report – October thru December 2013

Police Report – December

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

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$89,731.31 except #1323; Public Works Division \$111,001.79; and the December 19 payroll of \$34,047.00. Roll Call vote: Yea – Oliver, Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

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

Community Comments:

- The annual Employee Recognition Dinner will be Friday, January 17 at the shop.

Kent Kline is moving outside corporate limits and resigned from the Airport Authority Board. A motion made by Oliver, seconded by Strauser, approved Mayor Hudson's recommended appointment of Lori Hoesel to replace Kent Kline on the Airport Authority Board. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Oliver, Whiting. Nay – none.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, approval of a one day license for the Fire Department to sell beer, wine, and distilled spirits at a March 1, 2014 open house / business-after-hours event at 602 10th Street from noon till 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Oliver, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none.

The 2013-14 budget includes a proposed 5% increase in water rates and an ordinance has been prepared to incorporate that increase which is anticipated to increase water receipts by \$10,500 / year. It does not include increases in electric, sewer or waste services.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, introduction of Ordinance 886 regarding an increase in water fees. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Strauser, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay – none.

Hanna:Keelan Assoc. has provided two cost projections. One is for a complete Comprehensive Plan including updating zoning and subdivision regulations for \$17,000 and one for \$10,000 that will only deal with zoning and subdivision.

Since DAD is working on County-wide housing needs and the League of Municipalities has a model for the energy regulations that are required by January 1, 2015, Council feels the Comprehensive Plan which was updated in 2008, is fine. Their main focus is on updating and improving zoning and subdivision regulations and including the energy element. We have \$10,000 budgeted but not enough for a full Comp Plan revision.

After discussion a motion was made by Kennedy, seconded by Strauser, authorizing Mayor Hudson to sign a contract with Hanna:Keelan Assoc. to update our Community Zoning / Subdivision Program for \$10,000 as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea – Oliver, Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy.

Strauser moved, Oliver seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Oliver, Strauser. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be January 21, 2014.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk