

Present: Mayor – Joyce Hudson
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: Ann Anderson, June Blauvelt, Johan Nerman & John Wennerbert from Goteborg, Sweden, Shane Gruber

Mayor Hudson asked for moment of silence in remembrance of our friend and Council member who lost his battle with cancer last week.

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting at 7:01 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:

City Council minutes – May 20

Treasurer's Report – April

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

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$60,036.25 except #1920; Public Works Division \$195,298.77; and the May 22 payroll of \$36,679.68. Roll Call vote: Yea – Kenney, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of claim #1920 to Kennedy Landscape Services. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Community Comments

- Duane Oliver served one and a half years on the City Council. He had strong beliefs and we will miss him. Council member Whiting commented that he saw Duane as described at his service, he looked at every issue individually, researched it, and formed an opinion based on that.
- John Wennerbert and Johan Nerman are spending three weeks in Gothenburg trying to visit all walks of life. Their trip is not only an adventure for them but an attempt to educate the folks of Sweden about the only other Goteborg in the world. They hope to compile a book with photos to share. They presented Mayor Hudson two gifts, a jersey signed by the members of the Goteborg, Sweden football team, the most successful European football team. Also a photo book of their country containing pictures from the past to present.

It was reported the vendors and public enjoyed having the Farmer's Market at Ehmen Park last year. Promotional information is being prepared. There will be a Market Manager on site to be sure vendors and public stay out of the street and are vigilant about keeping the trash picked up.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to allow the Farmer's Market to use the east side Ehmen Park along Avenue F on Thursdays from July 17 thru September 25. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay- none.

Three bids were receive for Lake Helen rehabilitation which will start in October:

Myer Construction, Inc.	\$1,592,720.22
Van Kirk Bros.	\$1,915,721.66
BSB	\$2,834,627.35

The bids are higher than we had hoped but are close enough to move forward. The fish ramp and boat ramp/pier were left in the budget with the Game & Parks Commission and hopefully they'll move forward with them.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, authorizing Mayor Hudson to sign contracts with Myer Construction of Broken Bow for the rehabilitation of Lake Helen as bid. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be June 17, 2014.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk