

Present: Mayor - Larry Franzen
Council members Jeff Kennedy
Jim Aden
Gary Norseen
City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Clerk Connie L. Dalrymple
City Attorney Mike Bacon

Absent: Council member Roger Dudley
Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Eppie Sisneros, Anne Anderson, Patty Barkmeier

Mayor Franzen 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.

Aden moved, Norseen seconded, to approve the consent agenda that included:

City Council minutes- March 21

Tree board minutes – March 30

Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Norseen, Aden. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$47,902.38; Public Works Division \$39,792.35, except #4901; and the April 6 payroll of \$27,055.83. Roll call vote: Yea – Norseen Aden, Kennedy . Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Norseen moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of #4901 to Quality Fire Extinguisher. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Norseen. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

- The Pony Express Station will open on April 17, a couple weeks earlier than usual.
- Anne Anderson applied and received a \$2000 Improvement Fund grant for new and upgraded lighting and heat in the Pony Express Station. The work has been done at no cost to the City.
- Received a thank you from the Supt Teahon for City's help moving the fence at 12th and Ave G.
- The generator housing is finished at the WWTP and the generator installed and working well.
- The Tree board has allocated \$1125 of their budgeted funds for a tree rebate program. Arbor Day will be celebrated April 28 by planting two trees at the 20th Str. well house at 10:00 a.m.

Norseen moved Kennedy seconded, to approve Ordinance 805 on third and final reading. The ordinance vacates 3rd Street west of Avenue A. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Norseen. Nay – none. Absent and not voting- Dudley.

Council had no objection to a request to use the 4-plex ball field for an Easter egg hunt on April 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Norseen moved, Kennedy seconded, approving draw down #3 on the Senior Center project in the amount of \$1216.00. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Norseen. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Mayor Franzen signed a proclamation setting April 29, 2006 as Arbor Day in Gothenburg.

Norseen moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. The next regular meeting will be April 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Larry Franzen Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk