



Ron Sabin, owner of the property at 602 Ave I, was served notice on June 16 to repair or demolish the unsafe building. Even though Mr. Sabin missed the 10-day appeal deadline, Administrator Clymer has received a request for a time extension to September 30 for health reasons. Mr. Sabin does plan to demolish the house but is temporarily incapacitated due to a heart attack.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to allow Mr. Sabin until September 30 to correct deficiencies or demolish the residence at 602 Ave I. The extension given is firm and will not be extended further. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Norseen.

Council is not interested in selling scrap wire at this time.

Chamber Director Anne Anderson reported on plans for the Harvest Festival around a Baby Boomers theme. Plans are underway for bed races, a ‘Woodstock’ hot dog feed and two parades. The kids parade will be Friday September 15 and the Festival parade will be Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> and will follow the same route as in the past. She will provide more information on various events next meeting.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the proposed routes for the kid’s parade on September 15th and the Harvest Festival parade on the 16<sup>th</sup>, subject to approval from the Nebraska Department of Roads. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Norseen.

Jennifer Wolf, Dawson Area Development Director, discussed the CROWN home project. The housing concept provides a nice home while transitioning the occupant from renter to owner. Homes are 1200 square foot, three bedroom, two bath units. There are five home styles and colors and they qualify for NIFA tax credits. Rent is based on income and \$50 / month goes toward home equity, which in turn becomes the down payment for purchase in six years. During the rental period, property managers inspect the property to assure proper care and maintenance and provide counseling on home ownership. There are no tax breaks and there is no penalty to the renter for wage increases.

After hearing a presentation on the CROWN project the County has agreed to allow 15 single family homes in Gothenburg, Cozad, and Lexington. If Gothenburg accepts any of the housing units, they will need lots with infrastructure in place.

The Pony Express Foundation owns lots in the east part of town that were originally from Goshen Rubber Co to be used for housing but there is no infrastructure. Discussion was had on the possibility of providing infrastructure by having Miller & Associates doing the design work and the city crews laying the water and sewer lines. A combination of Housing Corporation funds, sales tax, and tax increment financing to cover the cost of street work could make the project work. This project could not only provide five new homes but would also open other lots in the area owned by private individuals. Unfortunately, the area has a high water table that does not allow basements.

The general contractor uses local subcontractors, but supervisors are from Aurora and materials are his choice although he tries to get some locally.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to support a CROWN home project in Gothenburg and to proceed with plan approval, infrastructure design, redevelopment contracts and agreements with the Housing Corporation, Dawson Area Development and the Community Redevelopment Authority. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Norseen.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to approve Mayor Franzen’s recommendation appointing Greg Viergutz to the Redevelopment Authority, to fill the vacancy created by Pat Cordell’s resignation. The term will expire in January 2007. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Norseen.

Kennedy moved, Dudley seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Norseen. The next regular meeting will be September 5 at 7:00 p.m.

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Larry Franzen Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk