

Present: Mayor - Larry Franzen
Council members Jeff Kennedy
 Jim Aden
 Roger Dudley
 Jeff Whiting
City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Clerk Connie L. Dalrymple
City Attorney Mike Bacon
Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Eppie Sisneros, Joyce Hudson, Wendy Cardenas, Jeanne Janssen, Mandi Atterberry, Verla Monty, Geri Govier, Randy Burge, Brett Tiller, Joe Richeson

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. 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.

The public hearing on a request for special use permit was opened at 7:00 p.m. Richeson Well Service has requested a pole sign at their business, 911 Ave H. The proposed sign will not have lights and will be next to the building. The area is zoned C-1 which does not allow free-standing signs. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the request at their hearing on October 10 and there has been no public comment or questions.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to close the hearing at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, approval of a special use permit for construction of a free-standing sign at Richeson Well Service, 911 Ave H. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Kennedy, Aden, Whiting. Nays – none.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the consent agenda that included:

City Council minutes- October 3, 5, and 6
Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – October 11
Treasurer's Report - September

Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay - none.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, except #1047 and #4901, \$74,746.42; Public Works Division \$278,272.05; and the October 5 payroll of \$26,754.23. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Dudley, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claim #1047 to the Animal Hospital. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of claims #4901 to Quality Fire Extinguishers. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Dudley. Nays – none.

- Mayor Franzen welcomed the members of the Dawson Area Development Leadership Class. Randy Burge explained their class project to help the City of Gothenburg and Gothenburg Improvement Co. in attaining certification as an Economic Development Community.

Representatives of *Dawson County Relay for Life* requested permission to use the Lake Helen area for their cancer society fundraiser the last weekend in July 2007. They would use the walking trail for the relay and the park area for spectators and ceremonies. Funds raised are used for public education, advocacy, and cancer patient services such as wigs, nutrition information, support and drivers for appointments. The relay walk is open to caregivers, survivors, and family members of all ages.

Discussion was had on available seating and restrooms for large groups. Ultimately a motion was made by Dudley, seconded by Kennedy allowing the *Relay for Life* to take place in Lake Helen July 27 and 28, 2007. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none.

Matt Thomas re: Opportunity Builders (CRWON Housing) was not discussed, as Mr. Thomas was not available.

Administrator Clymer discussed with Council the three options for dispatch services, costs, savings, pros and cons:

Continue as now with required equipment upgrades:	\$192,500 annual property tax cost
Dawson County consolidation:	\$141,500 annual property tax cost
North Platte consolidation:	\$77,000 annual property tax cost

If dispatch services are moved to either Dawson County or North Platte, the City will provide a direct dial lobby access 24/7 to the dispatch center for public use and the office will be open during the day with services of a police department secretary.

The consolidation proposal with North Platte has been investigated because Dawson County consolidation fees are based on an equal cost split between Lexington, Gothenburg, and Cozad even though Gothenburg has, by far, less calls for service than the other communities. Space for additional dispatch stations is limited in Dawson County. Chief Olson reported the Dawson County Sheriff's office has guaranteed no change in our current excellent working relationship with that department. We also maintain an excellent relationship with the State Patrol and Lincoln County Law Enforcement offices.

Both North Platte and Dawson County have submitted a proposed agreement for services for the Council to review. No action was taken to allow public input into the decision process. Further discussion will be November 21.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be November 7 at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the senior's recreation room at City Hall due to the general election taking place in the Council Chambers at that time.

Larry Franzen Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk