

Present: Mayor - Larry Franzen

Absent: Council member Jim Aden

Council members Jeff Kennedy
 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: Shane Gruber, Eppie Sisneros, Ken Christensen, Matt Weiss, Boy Scouts: Anthony Rhinehart, Logan Cashman, Cody Larson, Kyle Johnson, Lance Peterson, Kyle Peterson and leader Todd Larson

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.

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

City Council minutes- November 7
Treasurer's Report – October
Annual Treasurer's Report – 2005-06

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

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$42,002.93; Public Works Division \$366,960.16; and the November 16 payroll of \$27,392.23. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

- Mayor Franzen welcomed the Boy Scouts.
- Nolan Golter has accepted the position of Mechanic, replacing Francis Osborn. We're still advertising for a lineman and will advertise in the Omaha World Herald the next two Sundays.
- Trash rates will be on the December 5th agenda.
- Atty. Bacon reported receiving a wire from RAE to purchase the ethanol site. One piece of the property has been purchased, the other three will close next week and the Gothenburg Improvement Company will own the land. A Redevelopment Plan will be considered at a special Council meeting on the 28th at 6:00 p.m. Martha Schlicher and two engineers from RAE were in town last week and indicated the company will be breaking ground soon.

Matt Weiss, representing Project Extra Mile, asked Council to consider a resolution of support asking the Attorney General and Liquor Control Commission to reconsider the taxing regulation and classification of 'alcopops', low alcohol content beverages. The beverages are taxed as beer, a rate substantially lower than liquor making them more readily available to young people and a loss of \$2 – 4 million dollars a year in taxes. It also makes them available in C-Stores.

Discussion and review of the information and statistics provided followed, and ultimately a Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2006-20. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Dudley. Nays – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Discussion on consolidating dispatch services was taken up from the meeting October 17. The only conversations from the public since that meeting were procedural questions and a question concerning regional dispatching. Chief Olson reported that there has been general discussion about establishing regional dispatch centers such as Kearney or North Platte. There is also a concern about 'dead spots' that will be eliminated by placing another tower north of town.

Since the October 17 meeting, Mayor Franzen and Administrator Clymer met with North Platte Mayor Richardson and Administrator Jim Hawks regarding the discussion draft of an agreement for services, fees, and procedures.

Chief Olson assured Council there is no downside with Dawson County Law Enforcement should Gothenburg decide to utilize North Platte dispatch services.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, authorizing the Mayor and Administrator to enter negotiations with North Platte for providing dispatch services for Gothenburg. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, approving CDBG drawdown #11 in the amount of \$4031.00 for Senior Center renovations. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay- none. Absent and not voting - Aden.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden. The next regular meeting will be December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Larry Franzen Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk