

Present:

Council members Jeff Kennedy
Roger Dudley
Jeff Whiting
City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Clerk Connie L. Dalrymple
City Attorney Mike Bacon

Absent: Mayor – Joyce Hudson
Council member Jim Aden
Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Eppie Sisneros, Ted Steuban, Lori Kolbo, Ken Christensen, Don Abbott, Brad Jorgensen, Keith Block, Jerry Jobman, Larry Alger

Council President Dudley opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the absence of Mayor Hudson. 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 to consider a request for liquor license at Lakeside Fun Center was taken up at 7:00 p.m. The clerk reported receiving no comments, concerns or questions to the issuance of the license.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the hearing at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Whiting, Kennedy. Nays – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Kennedy moved, whiting seconded, to recommend to the Liquor Control Commission the issuance of a Class I license for the operation of Lakeside Fun Center. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

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

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

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$88,115.02; Public Works Division \$63,819.15; and the September 20 payroll of \$26,094.87. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Open Forum:

- Tim Lauer has been promoted to Park / Cemetery Manager.
- We will submit an application to the Peter Kiewit Foundation for playground equipment.
- The City and NPPD will co-sponsor a series of ads in the Times. NPPD will pay the costs.
- Atty. Bacon expressed thanks to the Dawson Area Development leadership class for the work and success at having Gothenburg designated a Certified Economic Development Community by the Department of Economic Development. The announcement was made at the Nebraska Diplomats banquet last week.

Discussion was had on the cemetery sexton contract with Blase-Strauser Memorial Chapel. The contract is for one year from October 1 with automatic renewal unless either party gives 60-day notice to terminate. Fees will be \$30 to sell lots and prepare deeds,

\$20 to set stakes for diggers,

\$20 to issue marker permits. All fees will be in addition to the lot prices.

Kennedy moved, Dudley seconded, to approve the sexton contract and offer it to Tim Strauser. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kenney, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

The City received a grant for security fencing at the water tower. Grant funds were \$4950 and the City match \$1647. If we use white vinyl fencing on the front and chain link along the side and back, we can do the entire project or we can do part this year and some next year. Fencing will align with the front of houses according the subdivision regulations. Future plans include landscaping and sprinklers.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approved the fence using grant funds. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

There is a parcel of ground on the north end of 4th Street east of Highway 47 that is of no use to the City. The property can be vacated as right-of-way to Pelstar Gothenburg LLC. Discussion was had and a motion made by Dudley, seconded by Kennedy, introducing Ordinance 820. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Discussion was had on the sand volleyball court at Lake Helen. The sand is full of weeds and sandburs and the area is in a low spot with poor drainage. Originally it was maintained by Gary Geiken, the installer, and his volleyball team. We need to either bring it under City maintenance, clean it up and bring new sand or remove the court altogether, fill it in and put it to grass. The courts were dedicated to Gary Geiken and a stone monument is also there. No action was taken but the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cozad Plastics has offered to install 614 feet of white vinyl fencing on the east side of the cemetery at a cost of \$5341.81 and will complete it this fall. Discussion was had and it was decided to delay action until spring when we're further into the budget year.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The next regular meeting will be October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Roger Dudley, Acting Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk