

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson	Absent: Council member Jeff Kennedy
Council members	Jim Aden	City Attorney Mike Bacon
	Roger Dudley	Police Chief Randy Olson
	Jeff Whiting	
City Administrator	Bruce Clymer	
City Clerk	Connie L. Dalrymple	

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Jennifer Wolf, Eppie Sisneros, Rodger Earll, Ken Christensen, Louis Bovitz

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearing 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 the revision of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street paving project was held open until later.

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

- City Council minutes – April 1
- Police Report – March
- Treasurer's Report – March
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – April 8

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

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$45,478.81, except #1047; Public Works Division \$253,478.81; and the April 3 payroll of \$28,025.39. Approval included an additional claim to Van Wall Inc. for \$33,700 for a spreader / sprayer for the Park Dep't. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Aden. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Whiting moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of claim #1047 to the Animal Hospital. Roll call vote: Whiting, Aden. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

#### OPEN FORUM:

- Clean City Week will be April 26 thru May 4. Since he does not have roll off containers, Mike Houchin has found an outlet for white goods and has offered a trailer for collection of them.
- We have received a grant for crumb rubber to be placed under the new playground equipment. We have been awarded \$5750.00 on an \$11,500 project. The play equipment is here and installation will begin soon.
- Tricia Maline will not lease the depot after May 31. We'll advertise availability of the building.

Whiting moved, Dudley seconded, to advance Ordinance #830 prohibiting tobacco products at the City recreation area, to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Dudley, Whiting. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, to allow payment of \$102,699.63 to Van Kirk Brothers Construction, by registered warrant, for installation of water and sewer improvements on Jefferson Street. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Rodger Earll owns the property at 618 Avenue B and wants to construct a building on the north end of the abandoned alley. Although abandoned, utility easements remain but a portion could be released and still provide access to the area. The Board of Adjustment will meet April 25 to consider a variance of the setbacks for construction. He will be 15 feet from the power line and on the west of the curb line.

Council member Aden introduced Ordinance 831 entitled:

*An ordinance of the City of Gothenburg, declaring public easements in a portion of Block B, Hiles & Reynolds Addition to be of no value or use to the public; abandoning the same; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date*

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Dudley seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following voted “Yea”: Whiting, Dudley, Aden. “Nay”: none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Mayor Hudson declared the motion adopted by a three-fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of said ordinance. Ordinance 831 was then read by title whereupon Council member Whiting moved for final passage and Council member Dudley seconded the motion.

Mayor Hudson asked *Shall Ordinance #831 be passed and adopted?* Roll call vote: “Yea” – Aden, Dudley, Whiting. “Nay” – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance #831 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Administrator Clymer talked to six local electricians about the state taking over residential electrical inspection duties. There were no strong feelings either way with three preferring the State, two preferring the City and one doesn’t care. The positive result of State inspection is that it removes all liability from the City, and the latest codes are enforced. Most electricians do not have a problem with the additional wait time because they have to wait for commercial inspections already. Inspections must take place within five days. Residential inspections are required only if there is a change to the main breaker panel. Changing an outlet does not require inspection.

Discussion was had and additional comments noted:  
Additional cost (over the current city’s \$30 fee)  
Temporary service connections during construction  
Loss of local control.

Council decided to table further discussion and asked Administrator Clymer to provide answers to:  
How temporary services are managed  
When were fees last increased, how often fees are increased, and how rates are set  
Contact other communities using State inspection about any issues they may have encountered.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, to approve funds from Sales Tax for the purchase of the lot at 702 10<sup>th</sup> Street as requested Redevelopment Authority. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

The public hearing was taken up at 7:32 p.m. According to Jennifer Wolf of Dawson Area Development, a public hearing was held December 4, 2007 on the application for CDBG funds for paving costs on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, and Avenue J. The Department of Economic Development requested that paving Avenue J be removed from the project based on the number of households in the target area. That left four blocks and reduced the total cost of the project to \$509,350 of which \$250,000 will be community development block grant and \$259,000 will be assessed. The removal of Avenue J changes the scope and budget of the project and necessitated a second public hearing.

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, to close the hearing at 7:34 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, to approve and allow signature of all special condition documents associated with CDBG 07-PW-014 for the release of funds:

Grantee Information Sheet	Environmental Review
Authorization to Request CDBG Funds	Financial Management
Procurement Standards	Excessive Force Certification
Affirmatively Further Fair Housing	Procurement Policies and Code of Conduct
Statutory Checklist	

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

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The next regular meeting will be May 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk

