

Present: Mayor – Joyce Hudson  
Council members Jeff Kennedy  
Jim Aden  
Jeff Whiting  
City Administrator Bruce Clymer  
City Clerk Connie L. Dalrymple  
City Attorney Mike Bacon

Absent: Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Eppie Sisneros, Delvin Seil, Anne Anderson, Louis Bovitz, Tim Strauser, Travis Mason

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 purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments or objections to the introduction and passage of a Resolution of Necessity creating Sewer District #33. The district will install a 15” sewer line along the east side of Avenue I south from Washington Street to Highway 30. The cost of the installation is estimated at \$160,000 and will not be assessed to the property owners.

There being no public comment, Whiting moved, Aden seconded, to close the hearing at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Whiting. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution of Necessity 2008-16 establishing Sewer District 33. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2008-17 ordering construction of Sewer District 33. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

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

- City Council minutes – July 15
- Library Director’s Report – May – July
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – July 15
- Police Report - July

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

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$95,990.77; Public Works Division \$83,702.18; and the July 24 payroll of \$36,771.36. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none.

**Open forum:**

- The Airport Authority submitted a resolution requesting \$62,540 property tax for FYE 2009. Action will be required during the budget process.
- As part of a housing study, Dawson Area Development has invited developers to tour area communities on Thursday.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, approving Mayor Hudson’s recommendation to appoint Tim Strauser to fill the remaining two years of East Ward Council member Roger Dudley’s term. Dudley resigned July 31. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none.

Attorney Bacon administered the oath of office to newly appointed East Ward member Tim Strauser.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, electing Jeff Kennedy as Council President replacing Roger Dudley. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Strauser. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance #837, detailing City Administrator duties, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Strauser, Aden. Kennedy. Nay – none.

Building Inspector Gruber reported that the roof is up and block work nearly completed on the garage at 1302 Ave D owned by Lois Stanton. Council agreed to allow another 30 days to complete the work.

Miller & Associates will prepare a city-wide study of the sanitary sewer system for a fee of \$28,650. There is the possibility of a Facility Planning Grant to assist with the cost. The grant is awarded on a point system based on community need. Gothenburg does not rank high on a state-side basis but we do rank high enough to apply. We can enter into an engineering contract prior to award of the grant.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, to authorize signature of the contract with Miller & Assoc for the sewer study. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser, Aden. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to approve a license to maintain use of the platted, but unopened, alley for garage access at 2015 Avenue F. The City can terminate the license on 60-day notice. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay – none.

*Gothenburg Feed Products – electrical billing issues* was removed from the agenda and not discussed.

According to Travis Mason of Miller & Assoc, the engineer's estimated cost of the proposed 15 inch sewer line to be installed along the east side of Avenue I from Highway 30 to Washington is \$145,000 to \$185,000. Bid opening is scheduled for August 28 at 2:00 p.m. and award on September 2, 2008. Anticipated completion is May 1, 2009. At Council's request, this project is moving forward quickly, normally it takes more than two weeks to prepare specifications and bid documents.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the drawings and specifications for the sewer project along Avenue I, and to set the bid date for August 28. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Aden. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to support the application and activities of the Building Entrepreneurial Communities Act Grant as proposed by Dawson Area Development. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, allowing the Jobs Daughters to have a junior high dance at the Avenue I tennis courts on September 20 from 9 – 11:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Delvin Seil submitted an itemized bill of \$8263.27 for damage to his home caused by water and sewer backup during heavy rains earlier this summer. The City's insurance has denied the claim. According to Atty. Bacon the City has three options: take action to pay the claim, deny the claim, or take no action. If no action is taken, Mr. Seil can file a lawsuit after six months. If the claim is denied, he can file immediately.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to deny the claim submitted by Delvin Seil for water and sewer damage. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay – none.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Strauser, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be August 19 at 7:00 p.m.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk