

Present: Mayor – Joyce Hudson Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Council members Jeff Kennedy
Jim Aden
Tim Strauser
Jeff Whiting

City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Attorney Mike Bacon
City Clerk Connie L. Dalrymple

Also present: Shane Gruber, Joe Humphrey, Sherry DeBoer

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 1 Year and 6 Year Road Program hearing was taken up at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to set an improvement program as a planning tool for budgeting purposes and is required for the receipt of highway allocation funds. The plan can be accelerated, altered, or not done at all. As proposed, the 1-year plan includes: Completion of a study of the storm sewer system

Continuing a transportation study (we're currently working on an agreement for services)
Blacktopping Avenue M from the airport to 27th Street

The 6-year plan includes:

- Paving – Avenue J between 22nd and 27th Streets
- Paving – 18th Street between Avenue A and Avenue B
- Paving – 17th Street between Avenue L and Avenue M
- Paving – Avenue L between 17th and 18th Streets
- Paving – Avenue K between 19th and 20th Streets
- Concrete – 6th Street between Hiway 47 and Cottonwood Dr
- Drainage – Lakeview Dr across the Gothenburg Irrigation Canal.
- Paving – 2nd Ave west to corporate limits
- Overlay Lake Ave between 4th and 7th Streets
- Establish road from to former ethanol site

Discussion was had and a motion made by Kennedy, seconded by Strauser, to close the hearing at 7:09 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Aden, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2010-2 approving the 1 Year and 6 Year as presented. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser. Nay - none.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes - January 5
- Police Report - December
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes - January 12
- Treasurer's Report - December
- Library Director's report - November thru January

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

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$37,810.59; Public Works Division \$341,853.76; and the January 7 payroll of \$31,714.41. Roll Call vote: Yea - Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none.

Open forum:

- Officer Ryan Randolph and Atty. Mike Bacon attended a League Transportation Committee hearing to testify in defense of LB 688 that will include inoperable and unlicensed boats, trailers and such in the nuisance codes with cars and pick-ups.
- Council Member Kennedy reported receiving good comments on the recent snow removal.

Ordinance 852 regarding utility rates was introduced on January 5 but with billing time constraints Aden moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Strauser seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following voted "Yea": Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser, Aden. "Nays" - none

Mayor Hudson declared the motion adopted by a full vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of the ordinance. Ordinance 852 was then read by title and Council member Whiting moved for final passage. Council member Aden seconded the motion and Mayor Hudson asked "*Shall Ordinance 852 be passed and adopted*". On roll call vote, the following voted "Yea": Kennedy, Strauser, Aden. Whiting. "Nay": none.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 852 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the clerk attested the signature.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to advance Ordinance 853 regarding liquor licensing to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Central Platte Natural Resources District has offered an interlocal agreement with the communities of Gothenburg, Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings, Central City, North Platte, Cozad, Lexington, and Adams and Hamilton Counties for orthophotos aerial photography. The mapping is a valuable resource to engineering firms and economic development and could be made available to the public as well. The area proposed by Administrator Clymer is 15 square miles that includes Monsanto on the south, north to the zoning jurisdiction boundaries (the Doug Block home).

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, to enter into agreement with e CPNRD for 6 inch orthophotos mapping at a cost of \$4000. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none.

The property owned by Gary Reynolds on Avenue L has been a meets and bounds description and property development growing around it. He now wants to set his house apart from the rest of his property by developing a small subdivision of less than five lots. The 4-lot plat has changed slightly since the Planning & Zoning Commission approved it by straightening the line between lots 1 and 4.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Reynolds Subdivision plat. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Aden. Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, approving Drawdown #8 and payment of funds on CDBG project 07-PW-014 (Street Improvements) in the amount of \$184,813. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

The City had received approval for grant funds to landscape the community sign area but those funds are no longer available. Kennedy Landscaping submitted a plan to add perennials, trees, drip irrigation, and LED lighting. Annuals could be added if desired. The plan is designed to be low-maintenance and costs \$9400. Some of the trees could be an Arbor Day planting and that cost pulled from the Parks budget.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, to accept the plan submitted by Kennedy Landscaping for the community sign area. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of \$1500 to Miller & Assoc for preparation of assessments on the 2008 Street Improvements. Payment will be by registered warrant. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Aden, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Aden seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy Whiting, Strauser, Aden. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be February 2, 2010.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk