

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

January 17, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor - Larry Franzen  
Dudley

Absent: Council member Roger

Council members Jeff Kennedy  
Jim Aden  
Gary Norseen

City Attorney Mike Bacon

City Administrator Bruce Clymer  
City Clerk Connie L. Dalrymple  
Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Eppie Sisneros, Travis Mason, Mike Teahon, Shane Gruber, Stephan Johnson, Curt Carskadon, Ken Christensen, Gene McElliney

Mayor Franzen opened the meeting and the 1-Year and 6-Year Road Program hearing at 7:00 p.m. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda were given to the Council and members of the press.

Travis Mason of Miller & Associates reminded Council that the hearing is a planning tool required for the receipt of hiway allocation funds. As proposed, the 1-year plan is maintenance of existing roads. The 6-year plan includes: Gravel – 27<sup>th</sup> Street from Lake Ave west to the corporate limits

Paving – 23<sup>rd</sup> Street between Avenue G and Avenue H  
Paving – 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between Avenue G and Avenue H  
Paving – 18<sup>th</sup> Street between Avenue A and Avenue B  
Paving – 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Avenue L and Avenue M  
Drainage & grading – Avenue J between 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Paving – 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between Avenue H and Avenue J  
Paving – Avenue I from 22<sup>nd</sup> Street north to the corporate limits  
Paving – Jefferson Street between Avenue J and Avenue L  
Paving – Avenue K between 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets  
Concrete – 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Hiway 47 and Cottonwood Dr  
Drainage – Lakeview Dr across the Gothenburg Irrigation Canal.  
Asphalt – milling and asphalt overlay Lake Avenue

Kennedy moved, Norseen seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Voice vote: Yea – Norseen, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – one. Absent and not voting –Dudley.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to approve the 1-Year and 6-Year Road Program as presented. Roll call vote: Yea – Norseen, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Aden moved, Norseen seconded, to approve the consent agenda that included:  
City Council minutes – December 20

Police Report - December

Treasurer's Report - December

Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – January 10

Library Director's report – November & December

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

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$68,995.86, except #1711 pending an explanation of the services; Public Works Division \$311,079.55; and the December 15 and 29<sup>th</sup> payrolls of \$56,005.12. Roll call vote: Yea – Norseen, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

- The new Kinder-Morgan business relations representative, Rhonda Jaeschke, left business cards for the Council.
- Administrator Clymer discussed his 2005 water usage report and the possible effect of upcoming legislation regarding water usage.
- Administrator Clymer reported the highest ever December kilowatt sales, thanks to the many heat pumps installed in the community.

Norseen moved, Aden, seconded approving the Fire Department roster. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Norseen. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

An ordinance incorporating the proposed changes to the Tree Board regulations will be discussed at the February 7 meeting

The state has updated and increased requirements for the street superintendent duties; therefore, Miller and Associates presented an updated agreement for their services. The increased duties will increase the cost of services but the state has also increased the incentive payment amount from \$2000 / year to \$4,000 / year. Miller's fees will not exceed the \$4,000 maximum.

Kennedy moved, Norseen seconded, authorizing signature of the street superintendent agreement with Miller & Assoc. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Norseen, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Since no de-watering was necessary in the installation of the new sanitary sewer line along 10<sup>th</sup> Street, the project was finished at \$291,093.07, a total of \$66,370.00 under contract price.

Aden moved, Norseen seconded, approving change order #4, the Certificate of Substantial Completion, and the final pay request of \$29,019.31 to Van Kirk Bros Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Norseen, Aden. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

The school, in conjunction with *Cindermates* is upgrading and replacing the track. As proposed the track will be safer, more durable, and wider to accommodate larger track meets. Superintendent Teahon discussed the application for \$25,000 of tax credits through the Community Development Assistance Act administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Cash donations have been secured for the improvements to the track and field located at the school.

Ken Christensen questioned street safety on the north side of the football field since there is no sidewalk there now and the track will require more space. He was also concerned that if the sidewalk is an alternate to the project, it will be open to exclusion from the project altogether.

Superintendent Teahon assured those present that safety at the school is important and had been discussed already but the sidewalk and the track are two different projects as the tax credits and donations go.

Aden moved, Norseen seconded, to give favorable consideration for \$25,000 of CDAA tax credits for track improvements. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Norseen, Aden. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Craig Bartruff presented a plat of Bartruff 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, a replat of Lots 3 – 5, Bartruff Addition. The replat will accommodate construction of two townhouses, four residential units by Gene McElliney. They will not be rental units. The easement between lots 3 and 4 will be moved to lot 1 of the new plat.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, approving the Bartruff 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition plat as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Roll call vote: Yea – Norseen, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Kennedy moved, Norseen seconded, setting the employee 2006 floating holiday for July 3, and approved the annual employee recognition dinner for January 27, 2006. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Norseen, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Kennedy moved, Norseen seconded, approving the 2006 committee and personnel appointments, with the exception of the tree board appointment pending the revision of the Tree Board membership ordinance:

Board of Adjustment	Reappoint	Dan Yancy, Steven Johnson, Dick Nelson
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Cemetery Board	Reappoint Appoint	Dick Larson, Pat Amber Gerald Jobman to replace Damon
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Housing Authority	Reappoint Appoint	Audrey Rose Nate Wyatt to replace Brian Miller
Library Board	Appoint	Dennis Van Overbeke
Recreation Committee	Reappoint	Randy Evans, Libby Franzen
Redevelopment Authority	Reappoint	Jack Kniss

Personnel appointments:

City Attorney	Mike Bacon
City Prosecutor	Willard Weinhold
City Clerk / Treasurer	Connie L. Dalrymple
Police Chief	Randall Olson
Police Officers	Matthew Langley, Sgt Greg Gilg Chris Galas

Fire Chief  
Electrical Inspector  
Building Inspector  
City Physician

Ryan Randolph  
Joe Humphrey  
Dale Franzen  
Mike Libich  
Shane Gruber  
Dr. Craig Bartruff

Norseen moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kenney, Norseen. Nay – none. Absent and not voting - Dudley. The next regular meeting will be February 7, 2006

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Larry Franzen Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk