

Present: Mayor - Larry Franzen
Council members Jeff Kennedy
 Jim Aden
 Roger Dudley
 Gary Norseen
City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Clerk Connie L. Dalrymple

Absent: City Attorney Mike Bacon
Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Eppie Sisneros, Shane Gruber, Stephan Johnson, Dale Stacey

Mayor Franzen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda were given to the Council and members of the press.

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

- City Council minutes – March 7
- Treasurer’s Report – February
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – March 14
- Tree Board minutes – February 28

Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Dudley, Kennedy, Norseen. Nay - none.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$28,961.76; Public Works Division \$249,591.62; and the March 9 payroll of \$26,615.19. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Norseen, Aden, Dudley. Nay - none.

- Stephan Johnson attended a meeting at the Senior Center regarding hay dust and asked what has been done since the public hearing on February 7. The following points were made:
 - o Council members have been in contact with Mike Linder, DEQ director.
 - o DEQ officials are trying to enforce clean air regulations at the mills.
 - o Additional PH monitors have not yet been placed pending the modeling process DEQ uses to determine the best location.
 - o Citations have been issued.
 - o Some mill owners are researching feasible options to reduce dust.
 - o In an effort to control costs, mills let the alfalfa sun dry before processing. That combined with very dry weather conditions increases the dust / dirt.
- Dale Stacey erected a fence in the front of his home at 2317 Ave F. The fence is on right-of-way and although the State apparently had no objection to the fence, the Council denied the request to let it remain or to be replaced with a hedge.
- The crew has been removing the snow that fell yesterday and today. Roger Hood Construction and Tri-County assisted with their equipment.
- The Clerk attended the Clerk’s Academy in North Platte last week.

Dudley moved, Norseen seconded, to advance Ordinance 805 vacating 3rd Street west of Avenue A, to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Norseen, Dudley. Nay – none.

Dana Cole, CPA’s, completed the 2004-05 audit. The administration will meet with them later to review it as the snowstorm prevented their presence at the meeting. Aden moved, Dudley seconded, accepting the 2004-05 audit as prepared. Roll call vote: Yea – Norseen, Kennedy, Dudley, Aden. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, approving Resolution 2006-2 authorizing the sale of excess equipment at auction on April 1. Roll call vote: Yea – Norseen, Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none.

Council reviewed a map of the proposed layout of the Frisbee golf course at Lake Helen. The current budget includes \$5000 for the equipment. The Mach II equipment includes anchors, collars, signs, and tower baskets for \$2250. Council had no objection to the purchase and the city crew will install it.

Director Angie Barkmeier provided an update of the Senior Center project. Plans are available at the city office.

Dudley moved, Norseen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Norseen, Dudley, Aden. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be April 4, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Larry Franzen Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk