

Present: Mayor - Larry Franzen

Council members    Jeff Kennedy  
                              Roger Dudley  
                              Jeff Whiting  
City Administrator   Bruce Clymer  
City Clerk             Connie L. Dalrymple  
City Attorney         Mike Bacon

Absent: Council member Jim Aden

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Mayor Franzen opened the meeting at 12:04 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.

Atty. Bacon informed Council that the time frame on the annexation ordinance is urgent because the ethanol plant has several parts to their project coming together quickly and dependent on the City. On October 24 there will be a public hearing to declare the area blight and substandard and a meeting in November to approve the redevelopment contract to begin project funding. RAE will send money for the property next week. All this needs to be done prior to December 1 in order for other parts to fall in place.

Ed Foster, of Co-op, has no objection to annexation, nor does Sargent Irrigation. Administrator Clymer has contacted Roger Donner and asked him to contact Rod Donner about the airport but he has not responded as yet.

Administrator Clymer has fielded questions about the effect on buildings on leased property at the airport. Property taxes will be affected.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 811 on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m. The next regular meeting will be October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

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Larry Franzen Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk