

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

Absent: Council member Jim Aden
City Attorney Mike Bacon
Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber

Mayor Franzen opened the meeting and public hearing at 7:06 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.

Notice of the meeting was given by posting in three public places as required by law. Notice of the public hearing was given in publication in the *Gothenburg Times*.

The Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing and passed Resolution 2006-1 approving the blight and substandard designation to the following described property:

Lot 2 and the southerly 50 feet of Lot 1 Steakhouse Subdivision to the City of Gothenburg; all that portion of U.S. Highway 30 adjacent to said Lot 1; all that portion of Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way lying adjacent to and directly south of said portion of U.S. Highway 30 in the Southwest Quarter of Section 15, TWP 11 N, R 25 West of the 6th PM; all that portion of the SW quarter of Section 14, TWP 11 N, R 25 West of the 6th PM, lying south of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way; all that portion of Section 23 TWP 11 N, R 25 West of the 6th PM, lying north of the north channel of the Platte River; and a strip of land 250 feet in width lying adjacent to and directly south of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way in the SW quarter of Section 24, TWP 11 N, R 25 West of the 6th PM, all in Dawson County, Nebraska.

Administrator Clymer explained the criteria that allow blight and substandard designation:

- Some dilapidated buildings in the area (they impact the entire area)
- Inadequate street layout
- The area is inaccessible for development
- The area is in the flood plain
- The area's usefulness is limited
- The area's improvement is required for the growth of the community
- The area is not subdivided

Blight and substandard designation allows an interested party to submit a redevelopment plan for the Council to act on at a future time. The designation does not affect property value.

Law allows a maximum of 50% of the area within the corporate boundaries to be designated blight and substandard.

There being no further comment or discussion, Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2006-18 designating a portion of the southeast area of the community blighted and substandard. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Kennedy moved, Dudley seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden. The next regular meeting will be November 7, 2006.

Larry Franzen Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk