

Present: Mayor - Larry Franzen

Absent: Police Chief Randy Olson

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

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Eppie Sisneros, Ken Christensen, Jennifer Bartlett, Joyce Hudson, Travis Mason of Miller & Assoc.

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. 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 meeting was held in the Seniors Recreation Room on the west side of the building due the general election taking place in the Council Chambers.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, to approve the consent agenda that included:

City Council minutes – October 17 & 24
Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – October 24
Police Report - October

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

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$88,158.62 except #1047; Public Works Division \$86,286.35; and the October 19 payroll of \$28,76.14 and November 2 payroll of 26,152.53. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of claim #1047 to Gothenburg Animal Hospital. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

- Due to recent Supreme Court rulings and the Legislative amendment to the Recreational Liability Act, regarding use of public facilities, NPPD will not extend their lease to cover the bridge crossing on the proposed Hiking Trail from the city to Wildhorse Golf Course. Insurance companies are also reviewing their coverage of public facilities. In light of these changes, Administrator Clymer will contact the State and withdraw our application for grant funds to construct the proposed walkway.
- Council members are asked to bring their code books for update pages.
- There will be a Redevelopment Authority hearing on November 27 regarding a redevelopment contract for the ethanol project.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2006-19 regarding assisting the Dawson Area Development Leadership Class in attaining Certified Economic Development status for Gothenburg. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Whiting, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, authorizing signature of Draw #10, \$49, 490, in CDBG funds for the Senior Center renovation project. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Aden, Dudley. Nay – none.

The City has applied, and received, from the Central Platte Resources District, a variance for water to supply the proposed ethanol site. The farther away from the river basin water comes, the less land is required for water offsets. Therefore, a new well will be drilled north of 27th Street. Depth of the well will be determined by a test hole and water quality at the well site. The new 12” line will loop the town and can serve the community as well as the ethanol site. We will try to implement the project without adverse affect on local users thru rates.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, authorizing signature of a contract with Miller and Assoc for the well and well control system design at \$24,800.00 and authorizing the \$2500 for preliminary design. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, a contract with Miller and Assoc for Water Infrastructure Improvements, \$71,600.00. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Dudley, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Item 5 d.) *Possible executive session regarding real estate negotiations* was removed from the agenda and not discussed.

A Resolution updating the emergency preparedness plan for the Lake Helen dam will be discussed December 5.

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. The next regular meeting will be December 5, 2006.

Larry Franzen Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk