

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

Absent: Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Jerry & Joyce Hudson, Henry Schaben, Bruce Schaben, Travis Schaben, Marye Franzen, Eppie Sisneros, Mike Houchin, Ken Christensen

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.

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

- City Council minutes – November 21 & 28
- Police Report - November
- Tree Board minutes – November 21
- Cemetery board minutes – November 6
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – November 27

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

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$56,232.73; Public Works Division \$63,018.32; and the November 30 payroll of \$28,998.78. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Dudley, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none.

- Administrator Clymer received notice from Kinder-Morgan that the company has filed for a rate increase. There will be Public Service Commission meetings around the state to allow public input. Their original rate proposal has been changed and Bruce has a copy.
- The Tree Board will continue their tree rebate program in 2007.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, approving draw down request #12 for CDBG funds of \$9757 for Senior Center renovation. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Dudley, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, seconded by Aden, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Aden, Dudley. Nay – none.

Attorney Bacon administered the oath of office to incoming Mayor, Joyce Hudson, Council members Roger Dudley and Jeff Whiting. The Council reconvened at 7:06 p.m. with the following members seated:

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

Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and presented a certificate of appreciation and his mayoral nameplate to Larry Franzen, thanking him for his years of service to the community.

Franzen thanked the staff, attorney, crew, and Council for their assistance during his term. He also recognized Administrator Clymer and the economic development efforts of the community.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, naming Roger Dudley President of the Council. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay - none.

The Lake Helen dam is consider a high hazard due to its location and the emergency preparedness plan sets out procedures to follow in the event of damage or disaster.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2006-21 adopting the Emergency Preparedness Plan for the Lake Helen dam. Roll call vote: Yea- Dudley, Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Discussion was had on a proposed rate increase for trash hauling services. The last increase was January 2005 and since then fuel costs have greatly increased as well as associated costs. The monthly fees include 25 cents to pay for the grass / tree lot and 50 cents the City retains to offset billing and collection costs.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the proposed trash rate in crease of 50 cents per month, effective January 1, 2007. Atty. Bacon will draft the necessary ordinance for introduction December 19. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none.

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Dudley, Whiting. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Larry Franzen Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk