

Present: Mayor - Larry Franzen

Council members Jeff Kennedy
Roger Dudley
Gary Norseen
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: Eppie Sisneros, Mr. & Mrs. Craig Wilson, Stephan Johnson, Shane Gruber, Mr. & Mrs. Loren Block, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Williams, Brent Block, Lori Moody, Jeff Clymer, Steve Gable

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.

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

City Council minutes – February 7
Treasurer’s Report - January

Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Norseen, Dudley. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Aden

Kennedy moved, Dudley seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City \$21,529.08; Public Works Division \$216,729.11; and the February 9 payroll of \$27,053.29. Roll call vote: Yea – Norseen, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

- The Dawson Area Development board would like to meet in a retreat setting with its funding agencies on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cozad Council Chambers.

Dudley moved, Norseen seconded, to advance Ordinance 804 regarding Tree Board membership, to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Norseen, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Kennedy moved, Norseen seconded, to renew the maintenance agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for the state highways within the corporate limits. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Norseen, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Kennedy moved, Norseen seconded, approving the automatic renewal of liquor licenses:

Norm Lambertus - Bar-W Lounge	Class IB (Bottle Club/Beer Off-Sale)
R & C Petroleum dba Time Saver #18	Beer Off-Sale
Pizza Hut	Beer On-Sale
Pete's Lounge	Class I (Bottle Club)
Walker's Steakhouse	Class IB (Bottle Club/Beer Off-Sale)
Lakeside Bowl	Beer On-Sale
OK Bottle Shoppe	Package
Pit Stop, Inc	Beer Off-Sale
Randazzle Cafe	Class I (Bottle Club)
China Cafe	Beer On-Sale

Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Norseen, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting- Aden.

Dudley moved, Norseen seconded, to accept the bid from Fairbanks Equipment for a 2006 skid steer loader for \$1600. The dealer will transfer the lights. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Norseen, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Gary Reynolds has purchased the property in the area of 3rd Street west of Avenue A and has requested the platted street be vacated. It’s a partial street, unopened, and there are no utilities in the area. Council had no objection to the vacation and an ordinance will be available at the next meeting.

The Federal Aviation Administration has requested comments on air space above 700 feet above ground at the airport. Any regulations at that height would not affect the City.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, approving Change Order number 5 on the sanitary sewer improvements. The change order allows Van Kirk Construction to extend the sanitary sewer at 24th

Street and Avenue J to finish the area. Roll call vote: Yea- Norseen, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

First State Insurance, through EMC insurance, submitted a bid of \$105,932.00, a 7.6% increase, for the City's general liability insurance for the year beginning March 1. They are the current carrier.

Continental Western submitted a bid for the fireman portion of the insurance that included, workman's compensation, life insurance, liability, and hazardous material coverage. Bid price is \$4834 per year and a supplemental policy for an additional \$1716. They currently insure the Rural Fire Department and would like to carry the City as well.

Steve Gable, representing EMC insurance, noted their policy as quoted includes workers compensation. Exclusions cannot be attached to the work compensation portion because law dictates coverage; therefore Western Continental would have to cover all the work comp, not just the fire dept. EMC provides the same level of insurance except the hazardous materials portion. They did not, but can, quote replacement cost of buildings and equipment if the City wishes

The city requested a bid for complete insurance coverage, which EMC has provided, and the company prefers no exclusions. Continental Western only offered to insure the Fire Dept. It was suggested that the Continental Western supplemental policy might be an option the Rural Board would be interested in for all fire fighters.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to accept the bid of EMC through First State Insurance to provide general liability insurance effective March 1. Roll call vote: Yea – Norseen, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Norseen, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Aden. The next regular meeting will be March 7, 2006.

Larry Franzen Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk