

Present: 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
Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Absent: Police Chief Randy Olson

Also present: Garrett Klein of Olson Assoc.

Mayor Hudson 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.

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

- City Council minutes – December 19
- Treasurer's Report – November
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – December 18

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

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$54,199.77; Public Works Division \$34,297.01; and the December 18 payroll of \$27,384.59. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none.

- Council received a thank you from the family of Louis Clymer.
- Clerk reported a thank you from Jerry Jorgensen to the City and Street crew for snow removal.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to advance Ordinance 812 regarding trash rates, to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none.

Two months ago bids were received for the transformers to serve the ethanol plant. Five bids, ranging from \$623,000 to \$993,000, were received and evaluated by Olson & Associates. Evaluation criteria included price, availability dates, service record, and experience of the company.

Since RAE has experienced a change in their planning department, we're reluctant to accept a bid that may not meet the needs of the proposed ethanol plant and are waiting for specific needs information from them. Olson Assoc recommends the Waukesha Electric Systems bid for \$926,497. It will take 55 – 58 weeks to build and ship the transformer but the company is willing to reserve a 46-week time frame and will hold the price for 30 days pending receipt of a letter of intent to purchase.

Discussion was had and Dudley moved, Aden seconded, to accept the bid of Waukesha Electric Systems contingent upon approval of other contracts and agreements with Rural Agriculture Energy (RAE). Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Aden, Dudley. Nay – none.

It may be necessary to have a special council meeting in late January to finalize all documents.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, introduction of Ordinance 813 to change the zoning of the ethanol site from AG to I-2. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to allow the Redevelopment Authority to use Reuse Funds for acquisition of property. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Dudley, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Dudley, Aden. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be January 16, 2006.