

Present: Mayor – Joyce Hudson
Council members Jeff Kennedy
Jim Aden
Roger Dudley
Jeff Whiting
City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Clerk Connie L. Dalrymple
Police Chief Randy Olson

Absent: City Attorney Mike Bacon

Press: Gothenburg Times – Deb Egenberger

Also present: Shane Gruber, Ken Christensen, Deanna Miller, Bruce Schaben

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

City Council minutes – February 21
Police Report - February

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

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$41,342.78, except #1047; Public Works Division \$70,741.65; and the February 22 payroll of \$29,963.14. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay - none.

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

- Administrator Clymer received a letter from the Department of Roads regarding our request to reduce speed limits on Highway 47 to 27th Street. Based on their criteria the speed limits will not be changed.
- Administrator Clymer received a letter from NPPD proposing to the Board of Directors the imposition of a 4% Production Cost Adder (PCA) for 12 months beginning April 1. The PCA will be a pass thru cost with no adjustment to existing rates. The PCA will offset lost revenue due to winter storms. Line repair costs will be an amortized expense.

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 814, updating the Fire Safety Code, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 815, adopting the Life Safety Code, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none.

Due to liability issues resulting from an accident at the recycling site, Schaben's want the recycling containers removed from their property. The parent company, Waste Management, wants to continue the recycling operation but at a different location. Discussion was had on possible locations, such as the industrial site on 4th Street since it's proximity to the Schaben business site would be easy to monitor. No action was taken, but the issue will be placed on the May 1 agenda.

Deanna Miller has co-ordinated the mud races northwest of town in conjunction with Harvest Festival activities for three years but is looking for a location closer to the city. She would also like to hold a similar event in the summer. The race event is from noon to 5:00 p.m. and she has insurances, ambulances and law enforcement on site. It requires a substantial parking area and she wants to comply with all codes and restrictions if a site could be found inside corporate limits.

Council suggested she find a possible location, put her information together and return to the Council with her proposal.

The Senior Center is used as a shelter during storms. A generator would allow them to provide hot meals as well as other services when needed. There is no funding in the current budget but we could lower the cash reserve or budget specifically next year if the Center is willing to conduct a fund drive to

assist with the cost. An enclosed unit with automatic switch is preferable, so it was decided to budget in 2007-08 but begin researching needs now.

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, approving Lot Split 2007-1 between John Block and the RDA contingent upon Attorney Bacon's review of required acreage minimums. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Dudley seconded, approving Lot Split 2007-2 between Gordon Block and the RDA. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Dudley, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Both lot splits pertain to property on West 7th Street. The Block's will retain their business buildings; the RDA portion will be used for water offsets required by construction of the ethanol plant.

Chief Olson discussed pricing for the equipment needed to implement consolidated dispatch. Radio equipment, vehicle location software, software for cruiser computers, and city hall security totals \$100,000 and is within the price range anticipated. Discussion was also had on a lease purchase arrangement through the bank. Cost breakdown is:

Motorola radios, etc	78,000	equipment and install
E911 Qwest switch to North Platte	4,000	service fees
Software costs	6,000	service fees
City Hall security (approximate)	12,000	equipment and install

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the purchase of equipment to facilitate consolidated dispatch with North Platte and to work with First State Bank on a lease purchase note with annual payments over seven years. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Dudley seconded, approving CDBG draw down #14 in the amount of \$4,497 for Senior Center renovations. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Dudley, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, approving CDBG draw down #15 in the amount of \$1,100 for Senior Center renovations. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Dudley, Whiting, Aden. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley, Aden. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk