

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

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Eppie Sisneros, Shane Gruber, Andrew Nickerson, Jared Slagle

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- March 20 & 26
- Board of Adjustment minutes – March 20
- Planning & zoning Commission minutes – March 21

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

Whiting moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$105,939.44; Public Works Division \$116,981.35; and the March 22 payroll of \$28,288.22. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Dudley, Aden, Whiting. Nay - none.

Open Forum:

- Kinder-Morgan announced the sale of their distribution operation in Wyoming and will launch a new identity May 7
- Viter Services will raise their grave opening fees May 1 due to fuel and operating cost increases.
- We've received notice of the upcoming tax sale of the northerly part of lot 21, Country Acres and will file a response within 20 days that includes the cost of the liens for mowing.
- There has been a lot of repairs to the street sweeper while the crew has been cleaning up the sand and gravel on the streets from winter ice and snow.
- City crew removed dead fish along the beach area at Lake Helen.

Deanna Miller, sponsor of mud races, has secured a location east of Horizon Ag on Highway 30. Overflow parking will be on Horizon Ag property, not Highway 30. Council had no objection to June and September races.

LB 564 amended the Recreational Liability Act to include public entities. There have been amendments offered that create liability to public entities if they are negligent in care and maintenance of property and equipment. Administrator Clymer has been in contact with the League and Senators on this issue and it's implications to the city. Council requested a Resolution at the April 17 meeting.

Administrator Clymer will seek bids for construction of a counter with sink and cabinets on the north wall of the Council chambers, and a pull down screen on the south wall with equipment for power point presentations. The pop machine has been removed from the old restroom and it will become a janitor's closet. There is \$8000 in the budget for new windows that can be diverted to this project.

Administrator Clymer has been researching installation of heat pumps at the swimming pool to replace the boiler. The boiler was new in 1994 but has some serious corrosion damage and when it is out of service, the pool is closed. Heat pumps would be air-to-air self-contained units, and would increase efficiency while significantly decreasing costs to heat the pool, while allowing more temperature control. We could also program it for off-peak power management. If one unit failed the others would still operate the pool. Several communities including Minden, Hemingford, and Rushville have had success with heat pumps.

Council feels it's too close to pool season to change heat systems this year but would like more information on the 2007 season from communities utilizing heat pumps and will consider budgeting funds for next year.

City-wide Cleanup will be April 22 thru the 28. There will be roll off dumpsters at the shop beginning April 21 for community use.

Aden moved, Dudley seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley, Aden. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be April 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk