

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
Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times – Deb Engenberger

Also present: Shane Gruber, Loren Block, Anne Anderson, Eppie Sisneros

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.

Due to the July 4th holiday, the regular meeting on the 3rd was moved to the 10th and there will be only one meeting in July.

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

City Council minutes – June 19

Police Report - June

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

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, except #1047 and #1920; \$107,025.52; Public Works Division \$357,837.23; and the June 28 payroll of \$33,361.72. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley. Nay - none.

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

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of claim #1920 to Kennedy Landscape Services. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Aden. Nay – none.

Open Forum:

- Administrator Clymer has set a July 20 meeting with the trash haulers to discuss franchise renewal.
- Roofing replacement in Ehmen Park is complete and the company is working on other city buildings damaged by hail.
- The Rotary Club, Jack Moore, John Paul, and Shane Gruber installed covers at the 4-plex dugouts.
- The Rotary Club ball tournament is this weekend.
- Anne Anderson presented a preliminary design from John Bell for a community sign. Brief discussion was had on where the signs should be placed, phasing in placement, and future changes such as allowing room for additional awards and city designations.

The Clerk reported receiving one business and two individual comments favoring establishment of a City Parks Dept. Discussion was had on the cost of the department vs. the cost and probable increases of a contractor. Ultimately it was the consensus of the Council to establish a Park Dept. Administrator Clymer will prepare a job description, incorporating local codes, and advertise for the position. Park Caretaker, Jack Moore, will be notified that the contract will not be renewed.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to introduce Ordinance 818 changing the zoning at 1103 West 7th Street from AG to C-2. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none.

A check for \$3546.31 in revenue sharing from ACE can be used as we decide. Options discussed included: Netting over the 4-plex playground - \$1700

Playground equipment - Whirl - \$2245 plus \$550 shipping

Teepee Whirl - \$3130 plus \$550 shipping

Anthill climber - \$3813 plus \$550 shipping

Netting over concession stand area at 4-plex - \$7000 - \$8000
Community signage

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to use \$1700 of the ACE funds for netting over the 4-plex playground and save the remainder for community signage. Voice vote: Yea - Dudley, Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

According to Atty. Bacon, Terry Mann has fulfilled a portion of the agreement with the Community Redevelopment Authority. The east site is cleaned and the bin site ready for sale. Sale will include the bins, legs, and scale. The property is ready for transfer from Mann to the CRA.

Aden moved, Dudley seconded, to transfer \$275,000 reuse funds to the Mann Hay escrow account pursuant to the agreement. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley, Aden. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The next regular meeting will be August 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk