

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

Also present: Joan Windrum CPA, Eppie Sisneros, Barry McDiarmid, Lori Hoesel, Ken Christensen, Angie Barkmeier, Anne Anderson

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearings 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.

The final budget proposal is as requested at the August work session except that the Airport Authority request is increased from \$2544.00 to \$5088.00 because the County did not levy tax for their debt retirement in 2006-07. The State Auditors office has suggested it be added to the 2007-08 budget. It is a lid exception and has no effect on the levy.

Ken Christensen and Angie Barkmeier asked if the budget included an emergency generator for the Senior Center since it's used as an emergency shelter, particularly in winter. If there is no generator, there should be a plan for emergency situations longer than 24 hours. The generator itself would have no benefit to the Center unless the community uses it as a shelter.

Council agreed a generator is needed but there is no room in the budget this year and would rather have a committee formulate a plan rather than just buy a generator without forethought. Such a plan would include size of generator, funding options, how many people can be in the Center at such times, who prioritizes use of the Center as a shelter and other questions.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the budget hearing at 7:15 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, to approve the additional 1% restricted funds authority. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Aden, Dudley. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the 2006-07 budget of municipal funds as presented, including wages and benefits. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none.

The public hearing to set the final levy was taken up at 7:15 p.m.

As presented the 2007-08 budget carries a tax levy of .309218, down from .318786 last year, and produce tax receipts of \$428,770.00. The Airport Authority budget request of \$53,000 carries a levy of .038222. Brief discussion was had and a motion made by Whiting, seconded by Dudley to close the hearing at 7:16 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Dudley, Whiting. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2007-14 setting the 2007-08 tax levy as presented and discussed. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley. Nay- none.

The public hearing on the updated zoning map was taken up at 7:17 p.m. The map incorporates new boundaries through annexation and changes in zoning.

Kennedy moved, Dudley seconded, to close the hearing at 7:19 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Dudley, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to approve the updated zoning map with the noted changes. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none.

The public hearing on a request for liquor license for the Pamida Store was taken up at 7:19 p.m. The store manager reported an anticipated opening in early November. They have installed extensive technical equipment to ensure minors to do buy or sell liquor.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, to close the hearing at 7:21 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Dudley, Kennedy, Whiting, Aden. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to recommend to the Liquor Control Commission the approval of a Class D license to Pamida #665 at 718 4th Street. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Dudley, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

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

City Council minutes – September 4

Police Report – August

Treasurer’s Report – August

Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – September 11

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

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$49,386.46, except #1047; Public Works Division \$388,828.28; and the September 6 payroll of \$25,393.72. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none.

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

Open Forum

- The NCIP judges will be here September 25 at 9:00 a.m. A community tour will follow project presentations at the Senior Center.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, approval of a special designated liquor license to sell wine at a Chamber of Commerce sponsored Beef and Wine Tasting event on October 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Stone Hearth Estates, 110 20th Street in Gothenburg. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none.

A request was received from Barry McDiarmid on behalf of the Matthew Stebbins family for a special designated license to dispense alcohol at a family wedding reception in the Lafayette Park pavilion on October 6. Ordinance 802 specifically prohibits licensing or allowance of alcohol in the park for private parties. No action was taken on the request.

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2007-15 naming depositories for fiscal year 2007-08. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Whiting, Dudley. Nay – none.

Administrator Clymer presented a contract proposal for cemetery sexton duties with Blasé-Strauser Memorial Chapel. Strauser has indicated a willingness to locate, stake, and sell lots, maintain records and map and attend Cemetery Board meetings as part of the duties. The proposal will be discussed further at the October 2 meeting.

Kennedy moved, Dudley seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. The next regular meeting will be October 2 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Dudley, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk