

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

January 8, 2008
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: City Attorney Mike Bacon
Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Jennifer Wolf, Tim Lauer, 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.

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

City Council minutes – December 18

Police Report – December

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

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$72,815.91, except #1047; Public Works Division \$82,774.89; and the December 27 payroll of \$29,372.35. Roll call vote: Kennedy, Aden, Whiting, Dudley. Nay - none.

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

Open Forum:

- Administrator Clymer received a list of Gardenaires that helped with the Christmas decorations on the corner of Highways 30 and 47. We've received many nice compliments from the public.

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, approval of Ordinance 822 regarding Chapter 9 building regulations, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley. Nay – none.

Ordinance 823 was amended to reflect an average electric rate increase of 9% instead of the proposed 10.9%. Whiting moved, Aden seconded, to approve Ordinance 823, as amended, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Dudley, Aden, Whiting. Nay – none.

Jennifer Wolf of DAD, provided information on the proposed \$250,000 grant for paving on 22nd Street between Ave H and J. The total project cost is \$823,000 and will also include 22nd Street and 23rd Street from Avenue G to H, 22nd Street from Ave J to H and Avenue J from 23rd Street to 27th Street which is not currently open. It will also include sidewalks on 22nd Street and on Avenue J between 23rd and 27th Streets

\$237,000 of the grant will be allocated to the assessment costs of property owners in the low to moderate income range and \$13,000 for administration. Of the total project \$398,488 will be assessed to property owners leaving a net cost to the City of \$187,717.

Applicants for the grant will be required to provide information to verify their low to moderate income status. If there are more applicants than funds, we can reduce the parameters for qualification.

Dudley moved Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2008-1 authorizing Mayor Hudson to sign the application for grant funds. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley. Nay- none.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, authorizing the signature of documents relative to the grant process including: *Statement of Assurances and Certifications, Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, and Citizen Participation Plan*. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Dudley, Aden, Whiting. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of \$36,742.72 in sales tax funds to the RDA for payment of interest on their loan at Gothenburg State Bank. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2008-2 updating user fees and deposits. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Dudley. Nay – none.

Council decided that while the north end of EG West Park has no grass due to dirt removal earlier this fall, now is the time to consider installation of underground sprinklers. Lines could come off the four inch main already there and provide adequate pressure. The project was not budgeted this year so it could be held over a year, paid with sales tax money, or by lowering the cash reserve. Two cost estimates were received, one for \$15,700 from F & B Lawn Sprinklers and the other from the Feed Store for \$8589.93.

Due to the big price difference, Council asked Park Manager Tim Lauer to visit with both vendors to determine exactly what their price quotes include. Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to approve the purchase from The Feed Store contingent on the outcome of Lauer's discussion and the final approval of the Mayor. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – none.

The Community Redevelopment Authority has requested \$250,000 payment of the final installment to Mann Hay Co from reuse funds. Since reuse funds are insufficient, sales tax will make up the difference. Sales tax will be repaid from reuse receipts as it becomes available.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded approval of a \$250,000 payment to the RDA from reuse and sales tax funds. If proceeds from the sale of the Mann Hay property are insufficient to repay the reuse loan, the loan will be forgiven. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Aden, Dudley. Nay – none.

Aden moved Dudley seconded, to enter into executive session at 7:45 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes to discuss real estate negotiations. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Aden, Kennedy. Nays – none.

Mayor Hudson stated for the record that the Council will meet in executive session for a maximum of 15 minutes to discuss real estate negotiations.

Council reconvened at 7:56 p.m. and stated that action had been taken during the executive session.

Dudley moved, Whiting, seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be January 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk