

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: Shane Gruber, Louis Bovitz, 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.

Dudley moved, Whiting seconded, to approve the consent agenda that included:  
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Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Whiting, Dudley, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$56,972.89, except #1047; Public Works Division \$66,570.33, except #4901; and the January 24 payroll of \$28,715.44. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Dudley, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of claim #4901 and #1868 to Quality Fire Extinguishers. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Dudley, Whiting. Nay – none.

Open Forum:

- Administrator Clymer thanked the Mayor and Council for their participation in the employee recognition dinner on February 1. Five employees had perfect attendance and Shane Gruber was named Employee of the Year. In addition, there were four service awards, Nate Baker for 10 years, Shane Gruber and Mike Libich for 15 years each, and Marg Dillon for 25 years.
- Mayor Hudson received notification that Gothenburg is again designated a Tree City USA.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, to allow the 2008 Relay for Life at Lake Helen in July. Roll call vote: Yea Whiting, Kennedy, Aden, Dudley. Nay – none.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, to introduce Ordinance 827 adopting the 2006 International Building Code, 2006 International Residential Code, the 2008 National Electric Code, 2006 International Plumbing Code and the 2006 International Mechanical Code. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Aden, Dudley. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, introducing Ordinance 828 adopting the 2006 International Energy Code. Roll call vote: Yea – Dudley, Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Some time ago the Council discussed installing heat pumps at the swimming pool. The current boiler was installed in 1993 and has long exceeded its 5 year life expectancy. We've had significant repairs and need to replace it at approximately \$10,000 or do something else to heat the pool.

Two prices were received for Heat Siphon pool heat pumps: \$17,161.92 for 6 analog units and \$21,356.92 for 6 digital units and a Coach Control package. The control package is not necessary and adds about \$800 to the cost but would simplify water temperature adjustments and help with load control. Without it each unit is individually set.

The heat pumps have a ten year life expectancy and according to Nebraska Public Power District's analysis of current pool information the heat pumps would pay for themselves in ten years in cost savings to heat the pool.

Dudley moved, Aden seconded, to purchase the digital Heat Siphon heat pump system with the Coach control. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Dudley, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none.

Whiting moved, Dudley seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Dudley. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be February 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk