

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

March 18, 2008
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Council member Roger Dudley
Police Chief Randy Olson

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Jim & Judy Williams, Travis Mason, John Paul, Eppie Sisneros

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearing 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 purpose of the public hearing was to consider a special use permit requested by Scott Williams to remove the dilapidated buildings at 1402 8th Street, a C-2 zone, and install a new modular home. The replacement would allow the continuation of a non-conforming use. The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the permit.

Whiting moved, Aden seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Whiting. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Aden moved, Kennedy moved, approval of the special use permit requested by Scott Williams. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

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

- City Council minutes – March 4
- Police Report - March
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – March 11
- Library Directors Report – Jan – March
- Treasurer's Report - March
- Board of Adjustment minutes - March 14

Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Aden. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$104,567.11; Public Works Division \$289,469.29; and the March 6 payroll of \$26,897.25. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

OPEN FORUM:

- Administrator Clymer received a thank you from the family of Neola Tetley.
- The water and sewer crew is working on the GRN Subdivision for the CROWN Housing project.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2008-7 allowing the sale of excess city property. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2008-8 allowing participation in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Bids were received for the Jefferson Street paving project on March 13:

Blessing	293,120.00
Roeder	204,322.00
Cement Products	180,772.50
Paulsen’s Inc	169,573.00

The engineer’s estimate was \$177,672.50. Travis Mason of Miller & Assoc tabulated the bids and recommended approval of Paulsen, Inc as the low bidder. Anticipated completion date is July 15, 2008.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to accept the bid of \$169, 573.00 from Paulsen Inc for Jefferson Street paving. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay- none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Discussion was had on prohibiting all tobacco projects in the Gothenburg Recreational Complex that includes the swimming pool, 4-plex ball fields and all adjoining parking areas. This would create a safer and cleaner environment for the participants and spectators. Administrator Clymer will discuss a similar ban with the library director at that facility.

Atty. Bacon was directed to prepare an ordinance prohibiting tobacco products at the recreation complex for the April 1 meeting.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley. The next regular meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on April 1, 2008.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk