

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson	Absent: Council member Roger Dudley
Council members	Jeff Kennedy	City Administrator Bruce Clymer
	Jim Aden	Police Chief Randy Olson
	Jeff Whiting	
City Clerk	Connie L. Dalrymple	
City Attorney	Mike Bacon	

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: Travis Mason, Shane Gruber, Mr. & Mrs. Jay Buddenberg, Louis Bovitz, Monty Bowman, Karla Ricley, Delvin Seil, Lois Stanton

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.

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

City Council minutes – June 17

Treasurer's report - May

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

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$47,757.16, except #1920; Public Works Division \$49,242.49; and the June 26 payroll of \$36,707.00. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Whiting moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of claim #1920 to Kennedy Landscape Services. Roll call vote: Yea Aden, Whiting. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Open Forum –

- Atty. Bacon reminded Council the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Monsanto building will be July 8 at 11:30 a.m. Various dignitaries, including Governor Heineman will be present. Lunch will be served on site.

In continuing discussion about the water and sewer flooding in their home and along 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets east of Avenue H, Pam Buddenberg reported that Ostendorf Plumbing told them the valves discussed at the last meeting as a preventive measure for the water / sewer flooding would be costly and would cause more problems than they cured. There has been another rain causing more flooding issues and each claim to the insurance company results in an additional deductible because it's considered a separate claim. According to a local realtor, their property has lost \$18,000 - \$20,000 value.

Jeff Williams said he also has flooding issues at his home on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and would like his area to be included in any action taken by the Council. He acknowledged that heavy rains have been the cause of his recent issues and it's impossible to control that water, but feels the sewer should be cleaned on a regular basis.

According to City Services Director, Shane Gruber, the sewer lines are cleaned from Avenue A to Avenue G south of 20<sup>th</sup> Street once a year, usually in January or February when activities are slower for the City. This year it was done in spring because of the freezing weather and snow in winter.

Travis Mason, of Miller & Assoc, met with Shane Gruber and Bruce Clymer and has surveyed manholes, the size, depth, and fall of the lines east and west of Avenue I in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Street area. Lines appear to be sufficient although 10<sup>th</sup> Street could be an issue because it is a collector line and is a 12 inch line moving to a 15 inch line. There appears to be plenty of fall from Highway 30 to Washington allowing the water to move. We could televise the line looking for tree roots or a breakdown in the lines since they are clay. Another option would be to abandon the existing 12 inch line and lay a new 15 inch line to carry water from the north side of Highway 30 to the rail crossing. It would also serve well for future improvements on both the north and south side.

While growth does affect existing water and sewer lines, it's not likely the new school is a major contributor to the problem because their heat pumps deliver water to the storm sewer, not sanitary sewer.

Travis also recommended a study of the sewer system to see how much ground water infiltrates the lines, further overloading the system. Groundwater infiltration increases the water treated through the waste plant and reduces capacity of the lines. Estimated cost of such a study is \$25,000 to \$30,000. He would rather do a city wide survey, instead of a specific area, and include main lines such as 11<sup>th</sup> Street and feeder lines such as 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The survey would take two to three months.

Estimated cost of installation of the 15 inch line is \$150,000 to \$180,000 and probably would not be done until fall. Design, which has to be approved by the Department of Environmental Quality, drafting specifications, and bidding take time before construction can begin.

It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the installation of a 15 inch line and the recommended study of the entire system. The study will be included in the upcoming budget and a proposed engineer services contract for the new line will be available on July 15.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, approving the engineering contract with Miller and Assoc for paving on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Whiting. Nay- none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, approval of the engineering contract with Miller and Assoc, for paving on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay- none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the engineering contract with Miller & Assoc for 5th Street paving on. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

The City Administrator position is a contract appointment with the consent of the Council. Ordinance 837 will add the position to the Municipal Code and add the duties of fiscal agent. Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to introduce Ordinance 837 adopting the position of City Administrator. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Lois Stanton, property owner at 1302 Avenue D, has been served notice to repair or remove the collapsing concrete garage by June 30 as it constitutes a safety hazard. She has arranged for help remove the contents and repair the building. She requested a 30-day extension to complete the work.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to allow Stanton 30 more days to complete the repair of the garage at 1302 Ave D. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, to donate \$1000 to the Rotary Club for the annual fireworks display. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Aden. Nays – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

At their meeting on July 1, the Dawson County Commissioners passed a resolution allowing the City of Gothenburg to assume zoning jurisdiction for the new Monsanto learning center on south Highway 47. Zoning jurisdiction will be permanent but the area will not be annexed. It is a quarter section of ground that does not include the existing house.

Council member Kennedy introduced Ordinance 838 entitled:

*An Ordinance designating lands within one mile of the corporate limits of the City of Gothenburg to be subject to the zoning regulations of the City of Gothenburg; describing the boundaries thereof; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date*

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Aden seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following council members voted “Yea”; Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. “Nay” – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley.

Mayor Hudson declared the motion adopted by a three-fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of the said ordinance. Ordinance 838 was then read by title whereupon Council member Kennedy moved for final passage and Council Member Whiting seconded the motion.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 838 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Dudley. The next regular meeting will be July 15, 2008.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk