

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

Press: Gothenburg Times - Beth Barrett

Also present: CPA Joan Windrum, Shane Gruber, Travis Mason, Joyce Kolbo, Terry Jessen

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.

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

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

Aden moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$60,063.71; Public Works Division \$83,007.44; and the August 20 payroll of \$36,549.34. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Aden, Strauser. Nay - none.

Joyce Kolbo, representing the Chamber of Commerce, discussed plans for the September 19 Harvest Festival activities. The Saturday parade route will be the same as previous years using Lake Ave from 27th St to 20th for the staging area and the parade proceeding south from 20th St to 9th Street, then west on 9th to disassemble at Avenue D. The Kid's Parade will be on Friday at Ehmen Park. Other Saturday events include pedal pull, car show, and bike rodeo, craft and food vendors.

With so much activity in the park area there is concern about children running into the street and Council discussed blocking 16th and 15th Streets and Avenue F for the events and still providing access to the Methodist Church for their luncheon. Ultimately Council had no objection to blocking the streets.

The request for teen street dance has been withdrawn.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to recommend to the Liquor Control Commission the approval of a one-day license to the Chamber of Commerce to dispense beer, wine, and distilled spirits at a Business-After-Hours event on Friday, September 18, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. sponsored by Fairbanks, Inc and Brott Auction. The event will take place at 1402 8th Street in Gothenburg. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

The 2008 Street Improvements, 22nd and 23rd Streets east of Avenue G are complete with a one year guarantee on workmanship. Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, approving Change Order #1, a deduction of \$8210.50 on the 2008 Street Improvements. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Strauser, Aden, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, approving the final pay request which is zero due to the deduction on change order #1. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Strauser seconded, acceptance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion on the 2008 Street Improvements. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Aden, Strauser. Nay – none.

The bond counsel is working on bonding documents to finalize the project and will forward hearing notices and information for the Board of Equalization to set assessments.

According to Joan Windrum the budget has been compiled based on discussion at the budget work session. The 2009-10 tax levy rate is the same as 2008-09, at .309224. Based on the valuation, the tax asking will be \$444,246. Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approving the 2009-10 budget for publication and hearing on September 15.

The Gothenburg Improvement Co has decided to sell the irrigation rights on the field at the east end of the ethanol site to pay debt and keep the area as an industrial tract. State statute requires the question be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their approval and determination of compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2009-17 referring a conservation easement for the GIC property to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Whiting moved, Aden seconded, authorizing signature of amendment #1 to the pharmacy services agreement of the employee health care plan. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Aden, Whiting. Nay – none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be September 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk