

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: Joan Windrum

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearings at 1:30 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 public hearing on the 2009-10 budget of municipal funds and the hearing to set the tax levy were opened at 1:30 p.m.

The final budget proposal is as approved for publication on September 1. The total budget of \$15,632,069.00, excluding cash reserve, carries a tax request of \$444,246.00 based on a levy of .309224, the same levy as last year.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to close the hearings at 1:32 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Aden, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Strauser seconded, to approve an additional 1% restricted funds authority. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Aden. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to adopt the 2009-10 budget as presented. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none.

The public hearing to set the 2009-10 levy was taken up at 1:33 p.m.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2009-19 setting the 2009-10 levy at 0.309224 resulting in a tax asking at \$444,246. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Chief Randy Olson presented a sketch for alteration of the southwest area of the building into offices, restrooms, and storage for police department use. The proposal also includes the addition of two garages to house city vehicles. The drawback to the proposal is the necessity for a public hallway that creates a separation of space and will require additional building security.

Discussion was had and it was decided to have Administrator Clymer contract Miller & Assoc to discuss architectural drawings, documents for bidding purposes, costs of services, and matching new brick to the existing brick on the building.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay – none.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L Dalrymple, City Clerk