October 6, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor – Joyce Hudson

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: Terry Jessen, Shane Gruber, Louis Bovitz

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 redevelopment plan for construction in Terry's Business Park Subdivision. The redevelopment plan includes:

- Construction of a 74-room Comfort Inn Motel at 315 Platte River Dr. Groundbreaking is set for October 29 and the contractor is in place to begin construction.
- Tax Increment Financing to the maximum possible for such construction
- Forgivable Reuse Loan \$160,000
- Sales tax on that area will be dedicated to assist with infrastructure costs.

Discussion was had and a motion made by Whiting, seconded by Strauser, to close the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Aden, Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2009-20 approving the redevelopment plan as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

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

City Council minutes – September 15 & 21

Cemetery Board report – July – September

Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – October 2

Tree Board minutes – September 11

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

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$77,579.61; Public Works Division \$103,697.13, the September 17 payroll of \$32,245.00; and the October 1 payroll of \$31,315.03. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Aden, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay - none.

Open Forum:

- The small print on the entrance sign has been filled in and larger lettering has been etched on the bottom panel. The discoloration on the middle panel should diminish in about a month.
- There will be a FEMA meeting on October 14 at 10 a.m. in the Dawson County Courthouse. Administrative and elected officials are asked to attend.
- The eight pillars at the entrances of Ehmen Park are being repaired. Bricks will be replaced and a cement overcoat applied.

The budget includes a study for another railroad overpass. The study is estimated to cost \$60,000 but Dawson County Transportation Safety Committee has committed to fund up to \$45,000. The Committee includes, by state law, three Lexington Council members and three County Commissioners. Firms conducting such studies must be state qualified. The study would include public comment on routes, plans, and necessity. A county-wide tax has been levied to pay the cost.

During discussion it was noted that even if we do not proceed with construction of another overpass, the planning brings in a lot of information that would be good for future development. If we do proceed with the construction and expect federal, state, and railroad cost assistance, we will be required to close both crossings.

Kennedy moved, Aden seconded, to seek Requests for Proposals for the transportation study. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Aden, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Due to recent legislation, animal facilities must be licensed and are inspected. These additional costs are reflected in the fees The Animal Hospital will charge the City for animal pick-up and impound. Animal pick up will be \$35 and impound fees will be \$15 / day. Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2009-21 updating user fees. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Whiting seconded, to allowing payment of \$4,399.04 to Miller and Associates for:

Jefferson St Paving - \$287.50

5th St Paving - \$175.00

2008 St Improvements – 3936.54.

Payment will be made by registered warrant. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting, Aden. Nay – none.

Aden moved, Strauser seconded, approving Drawdown #1 and payment of \$4500 to Dawson Area Development for administration on the Downtown Revitalization project. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Aden. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, approving Mayor Hudson's recommended appointment of Jason Wagner to the Cemetery Board until January 2011 to complete the term vacated by Sharyl Munster. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Aden, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded approving Drawdown #7 of \$1877.00 for Miller & Assoc services on the Downtown Improvement Project. Roll call vote: Yea – Aden, Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, approving Drawdown #6 and payment of \$3000 to Dawson Area Development on the 2008 Street Improvements. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, whiting, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Chief Olson and Administrator Clymer met with Richard Stacey of Miller & Assoc to discuss the proposed interior renovation of City Hall and 30' x 40' garage addition. The fee will be on \$90 / hour, not to exceed \$10,000. The estimated cost is higher than anticipated but would not be substantially lower by a bidding process. It is felt the cost can be kept to a minimum by the involvement of Chief Olson.

Discussion was had and a motion made by Aden, seconded, by Whiting, to authorize signature of the contract with Miller & Assoc, for architectural services on the proposed alteration to City Hall. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Strauser, Whiting, Aden. Nay – none.

Whiting moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Aden, Kennedy, Whiting. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor	Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk