

Tiffany Tiedeman said that while this is the first time she's had sewer backup, there are some homeowners that have dealt with it before. She pays her sewer bill every month and expects the system to work. She's maxed her insurance and still needs help to repair the basement living areas.

Discussion was had on several options and Council felt a dangerous precedence will be set if the City installs backwater valves in residences. The City has already installed additional sewer lines and is conducting a city-wide study. While there is no quick answer, all felt the backwater valves as demonstrated by Reed Miller last meeting would be very effective.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Kennedy, to reimburse property owners for the cost of backwater valves under the following conditions:

- The city will budget for expenditure, no more than \$10,000 for this project.
- Customers requesting reimbursement must have a basement.
- Devices will only be reimbursed in homes / structures that were completed structures prior to July 20, 2010.
- Customers must indicate their intent to request reimbursement by signature. Signature indicates the customer understands and agrees to abide by the terms here listed.
- Reimbursement will be for the cost of the device only, to a maximum of \$250. Installation will be the customer's expense.
- Only one reimbursement will be allowed per customer.
- Reimbursement will be on a first come, first served, basis as indicated by the date shown on the Intent to Request Reimbursement.
- Customers must purchase the backwater device, have it installed, and present proof of payment before submitting their request for reimbursement.
- Installation and request for reimbursement must be completed by October 1, 2011. No requests will be honored after that date.

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

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, to introduce Ordinance 858 abandoning a portion of the easement in lots 3 and 4, Gothenburg Industrial Park 2nd Addition. Roll call vote: Yea - Aden, Kennedy Strauser, Whiting. Nay - none.

Tree limbs on the streets have become an increasing and on-going problem. The City has always picked up branches that fell in the streets during storms. Through the years it seems to have become accepted practice for residents to carry any and all branches to the curb side expecting the City to pick them up. Several pictures were shown of areas where obviously cut branches were laid in the street and well as some that came from inside the property because the streets had been cleared prior to the date of the pictures. It's become a trash pickup issue that takes manpower and equipment from other duties.

Discussion was had and the Council directed that letters be sent with utility bills and to offenders. The City provides a free tree dump site and will only pick up tree branches that fall into the street during storms. All other branches and tree cuttings will be the property owner's responsibility.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, approval of a request from Monte Kenning of OK Bottle Shoppe for special designated licenses for Business After Hours events to be held on August 13, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at McMeen Physical Therapy and on August 20, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Gothenburg Tire, both in Gothenburg. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Aden, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Aden seconded, allowing payment of \$1785.75 to Lake Avenue Eye Care on the Downtown Revitalization project. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Whiting, Aden, Strauser. Nay - none.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of \$565.87 to Sander Furniture on the Downtown Revitalization Project. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Aden, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, approving Mayor Hudson's recommendation to appoint Jack Kniss, and Anne Anderson to the Retail Reuse Committee, replacing Marion Tatum and Kathryn Purintun. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Aden, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Aden moved, Strauser seconded, approving Terry Kruse as contractor on Homeowner Project 08-HO-3074-07 at \$19,891.00 Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Aden. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, approving Kreft Construction as contractor on Homeowner Project 08-HO-3074-08 - \$16,793.25. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Aden, Whiting, Strauser. Nay - none.

Aden moved, Kennedy seconded, approving Drawdown #11 for \$13,620 on the Downtown Revitalization Project. Roll call vote: Yea - Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy, Aden. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Aden. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be August 3, 2010.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk