

City council says 'aye' to pharmacy change

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Action stems from federal lawsuit.

City employees now have an amended pharmacy services agreement.

During their Sept. 1 meeting, Gothenburg City Council members voted to amend the city employee health-care plan involving pharmacy services.

City administrator Bruce Clymer said the change—which is revenue neutral—was needed because of a federal lawsuit involving the publication of wholesale prescription prices.

Clymer said the change could affect the price of someone's prescription drugs but he didn't know for sure.

Deciding where and what streets to block off to accommodate Harvest Festival activities on Sept. 19 took up a bit of time.

The council finally settled on blockading streets around Ehmen Park where festival activities take place—along Lake Avenue, 15th and 16th streets and Avenue F—for a car show, a pedal pull, a bike rodeo and for food and craft vendors.

During other action, the council referred a conservation easement to the planning and zoning commission which involves the selling of water rights on a cornfield owned by the Gothenburg Improvement Company.

The commission will examine the request to see if it complies with the city's comprehensive plan and fits zoning regulations.

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Clymer said the action is to pay down debt and involves land in the southeast part of town that had been planned for an ethanol plant.

In other business, the council:

- reviewed and approved the 2009-10 budget for publication and a public hearing set for Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.
- approved the Harvest Festival parade route which is the same as last year—beginning at 20th Street and going down Lake Avenue to Ninth Street. The parade is Sept. 19 at 10:30 a.m.
- granted a special liquor license for Fairbanks Inc. and Brott's Auction to have a business-after-hours event on Sept. 18 at a Brott building on east Highway 30.
- voted to accept an \$8,211 change order, final payment and a certificate of substantial completion for street improvements on 22nd and 23rd streets. The change order is for a deduction in price because not as much material as thought was needed for the project.

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