

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

October 21, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Al Childers, Ken Christensen, Travis Mason, Jim Widdifield, Jennie Rodriguez, Sylvia Ehlers, Yvette Joy

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.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes – October 7
- Building permit report - September
- Police Report – September
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – October 14

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

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$63,417.62, except #1010 and #1920; Public Works Division \$405,306.36; and the October 9 payroll of \$35,748.04. Roll Call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Kennedy Waskowiak. Nay - none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, allowing payment of claim #1010 to School District #20 Treasurer. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none.

Strauser moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claim #1920 to Kennedy Landscape Services. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Whiting, Strauser. Nay – none.

Community Comments:

- Work has begun on Lake Helen with a lot of dirt being moved already. Myers Construction indicated the project got off to a better start than they had anticipated.
- Mayor Hudson welcomed members of the Dawson Area Development Leadership class. They included Sylvia Musil, Jennie Rodriguez, Jim Widdifield, and Yvette Joy.

Waskowiak moved, Strauser seconded, to advance Ordinance 895 regarding Mayor and Council salaries, to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Strauser, Whiting. Nay – none.

Whiting moved, Waskowiak seconded, to advance Ordinance 896 adopting the 2009 Building, Mechanical & Housing Codes, to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Strauser, Waskowiak, Whiting. Nay – none.

Discussion was had on the sidewalks proposed for Avenue I between 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets. The engineer's estimate of probable cost for four foot sidewalks was \$72,710. Six foot wide sidewalks would cost about \$95,480.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, authorizing signature of the agreement with Miller & Associates for design of six foot sidewalks between 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets on Avenue I. The fees will be \$6900. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Four bids were received for a Mini Excavator:

NMC	Cat 304ECR	\$52,500.00	no rollover trade option
Murphy Equipment	John Deere 50G	\$57,750.00	no rollover trade option
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Titan (Fairbanks)	Bobcat E42 T4	\$43,621.65	rollover trade option - \$15 /

hour

Four bids were received for a trailer:

Mid-Plains Equipment	Titan	\$ 5,640.00
Murphy Equipment	Felling	\$10,500.00
Titan (Fairbanks)	Kohler	\$ 5,195.00
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The Bobcat model with the Kohler trailer being the low bidder, some additional options are available for the unit: A second auxiliary hydraulic system bringing the price to \$44,456.85, and a hydraulic angle blade could be added for a total cost of \$46,017.81. If we add a second pavement breaker, the cost would be \$59,144.45.

Our Bobcat skid steers average 200 to 250 hours per year at \$8.00 / hour for the rollover to a new model. We are not obligated to roll over the mini excavator to a new model if we feel there are too few hours to warrant it. We anticipate 150 to 300 hours on the machine.

Motion was made by Whiting, seconded by Kennedy, to accept the bid from Titan (Fairbanks) for the Bobcat E42 T4 mini excavator with the second auxiliary hydraulic system and the hydraulic angle blade for \$46,017.81, the rollover option at \$15 / hour, and the Titan Kohler trailer for \$5195. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Whiting. Nay – none.

Considering grant funds to NCEA from the Nebraska Environment Trust and tax credits for Nissan, the city is able to lease / purchase an electric vehicle. The city has no use for the vehicle but the school does, therefore the City can enter into a lease/purchase arrangement with Nissan and in turn lease the vehicle to the school at a total cost of \$9,621.26.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, authorizing Mayor Hudson to sign all documents relative to the lease / purchase of a Nissan LEAF electric vehicle from Woodhouse Auto Family of Bellevue for a net cost of \$8,421.26. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Strauser seconded, to enter into an interlocal agreement with Gothenburg Schools for a new Nissan LEAF vehicle. The school will pay \$1000 to NCEA for grant administration, attorney fees to prepare the agreement, and the lease fee of \$8,421.26 for a total cost of \$9621.26. They will also provide the insurance. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Kennedy, Strauser, Waskowiak. Nay – none.

*Ordinance to vacate three parcels between 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets on 2nd Ave. (Ken Christensen) was removed from the agenda and not discussed.*

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2014-14 amending the Comprehensive Plan to include the Energy Element. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Strauser seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Whiting, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be November 4, 2014.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk