

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: Travis Mason of Miller & Assoc, Verlin Janssen, Shane Gruber

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and One Year and Six Year Road Program 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 is to establish a program of street improvements and is the planning tool required for Highway Allocation funds. The plan can be modified through the year, but we are not bound to it. Travis Mason presented the following plan:

One Year Project: Replace sanitary sewer on 10<sup>th</sup> St from Ave G to Ave I  
Industrial Park road from Cottonwood Dr. east 2650

Six Year Projects: Overlay 27<sup>th</sup> St from Lake Ave to west corporate limits

Paving 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Avenue A to Avenue B

Pave 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Ave L to Ave M and Ave L from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 18<sup>th</sup> Street

Pave Ave K from 19<sup>th</sup> Street to 20<sup>th</sup> Street

Pave 6th Street from Hiway 47 to Cottonwood Dr.

1000 feet storm drainage west from Cottonwood Dr.

Pave 13<sup>th</sup> Street from Ave I to Ave H

Pave 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Ave A approximately 800 feet

Pave Ave J from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to 27<sup>th</sup> Street

Pave Ave K from Hiway 30 to Washington Street; Ave J from 10<sup>th</sup> St to Washington Street;  
Washington St from Ave J to Ave L, 11<sup>th</sup> St from Ave I to Ave K; 10<sup>th</sup> St from Ave I to Ave L

Pave Ave L from 21<sup>st</sup> St to 22<sup>nd</sup> St

Pave Jefferson St from Ave J to Ave L

Drainage structure across Gothenburg Irrigation Canal

Discussion was had on the proposal and the possibility of including the cul-de-sac east of Ave J at 24<sup>th</sup> St.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Whiting, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Whiting seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2014-16 adopting the One Year and Six Year Improvement Programs as proposed with the addition of the cul-de-sac at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Ave J to the six year program. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Waskowiak, Whiting, Kennedy. Nay – none.

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

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

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$55,690.22; Public Works Division \$181,719.63; and the November 20 payroll of \$32,388.15. Roll Call vote: Yea – Whiting, Waskowiak, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Whiting moved, Strauser seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 897 regarding NET Metering, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting, Strauser, Waskowiak. Nay - none.

Administrator Clymer told Council there are approximately \$5,000 - \$6,000 in back taxes plus \$21,000 in liens for mowing, demolition, and related costs against the property at 1804 Ave C. The detached double

garage is still on the site which makes the property non-conforming because R-2 zoning regulations do not allow accessory use buildings on lots without residences. With the garage the lot should be worth \$15 - \$20,000. He would like authorization for the City to bid on the property when it comes up for tax sale in an attempt to recoup at least some of the City's costs.

Atty. Bacon suggested the bid include known costs, current and delinquent taxes, and court costs. If the City wins the bid they should transfer ownership to the Redevelopment Authority as there are many of statutory regulations the City must comply with to dispose of property.

Discussion was had and a motion made by Kennedy, seconded by Strauser, authorizing the City to bid on the property at 1804 Ave C when it comes to tax sale to the extent of the \$21,000 owed the City, current and delinquent property taxes, and court costs. Roll call vote: Yea – Whiting, Waskowiak, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Strauser moved, Whiting seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Whiting. Nay – Waskowiak, Strauser. Mayor Hudson voted “Yea” to break the tie vote.

Atty. Bacon administered the oath of office to newly elected Council member Verlin Janssen and Mayor Hudson. The Oath of Office will be administered to incoming member Jay Richeson at a later date.

The newly installed Council reconvened at 7:16 p.m. Mayor Hudson thanked Jeff Whiting and Tim Strauser for their service to the community.

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Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, that Jeff Kennedy continue as the Council President. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay - none.

Community Comments:

- Midland Construction has been working on the sewer lining project but will hold off now until early spring as the top coat requires minimum 40 degree temperatures. They will submit a change order later. They have completed the sewer lining at the manhole and on the lines and are moving to Ave L.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to advance Ordinance 898 vacating a portion of 6<sup>th</sup> Street west of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Administrator Clymer received objection to Ordinance 898 from Lois Stanton but feels there may be a misunderstanding in that her property is a block east of that being vacating. He will continue to try to contact her or she can bring her concerns to Council at the final reading.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to advance Ordinance 899 vacating a portion of the alley in Block 3, Hiles & Reynolds Addition to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to advance Ordinance 900 vacating a portion of 4<sup>th</sup> Street west of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Since there are no utilities or future need for the property, a motion was made by Kennedy, seconded by Janssen, to introduce Ordinance 901 that will vacate the easement on 14<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side of the alley west of Ave A. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay- none.

The hospital's shop sits on property directly west of the emergency room entrance parking lot. The hospital doesn't own the property but should own it for the loan process required in the renovation currently under way. The parcel is 60 feet by 60 feet and is the east 60 feet of closed 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance 902 entitled:

*An ordinance declaring that the Gothenburg Memorial Hospital District is a public agency for purposes of NEB. REV. STAT 17-503; conveying real estate located in the City of Gothenburg, Dawson County,*

*Nebraska, more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A" to the Gothenburg Memorial Hospital District; repealing ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for effective date*

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Waskowiak and on roll call vote the following Council members voted "Yea": Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Mayor Hudson declared the motion adopted by a three-fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of said ordinance. The ordinance was then read by title whereupon Council member Waskowiak moved for final passage and Council member Janssen seconded the motion.

Mayor Hudson asked the question *Shall Ordinance 902 be passed and adopted?* Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. Nay – none.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 902 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Part of the Lake Helen rehabilitation includes a bid of \$38,350 for a screen that would keep undesirable fish out of the lake. If we fill the lake with NPPD canal water the cost is about \$1900 / year. We can also fill the lake with clean water from the lake well at a cost ranging from \$950.86 to \$2800 / year. Cost will depend somewhat on evaporation and dry weather. It will take about 56 days to fill the lake. Discussion included concerns:

- We are not certain the screening process will work as anticipated.
- The screen is another maintenance issue for the city crew.
- If we just use the well and no canal water, we won't need the screen.
- If we save all or some of the \$38,000 and use the well, it's safer regarding the fish issue and we have to maintain the well anyway.
- If we give up NPPD water, how much time do we have to change our mind if we find the well can't keep up?
- Future issues on water pumping restrictions. Council member Janssen said we could add or increase pump size, we just couldn't add acres.
- Are we sure the well can keep up? There is a hydrant near Stone Hearth Assisted Living that could be used to help.
- The screen system would be all city cost, if we try the well for a year and it doesn't work.

Ultimately the Council authorized staff to approach the contributing agencies, CPNRD, Environmental Trust, and Department of Economic Development for their approval on use of the well to fill and maintain the water level in the lake.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be December 16, 2014.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk