

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: John LeViner

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, Waskowiak seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes – July 8
- Planning & Zoning Commission – July 8
- Cemetery Sexton report – April thru June
- Library Director's Report – May thru July

Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$38,260.18 except #1920 and #1323; Public Works Division \$515,986.53; and the July 17 payroll of \$44,821.44. Roll Call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claim #1323 to T & T Corporation. Roll call vote: Yea - Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Strauser moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claim #1920 to Kennedy Landscape Service. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Strauser. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Community Comments

- Aaron Pelzer has resigned as a full time police officer but will continue to help part time. We will be hiring a full time replacement and unless that person is certified it is a lengthy and costly training process.

Proposals for administration of the Downtown Revitalization (DTR) Project were received from Miller & Assoc., West Central NE Development District and Dawson Area Development (DAD). The DTR Committee met, scored the proposals, and recommends the Council offer a contract to DAD. They have the expertise from the past DTR project to meet our needs.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to offer the contract to Dawson Area Development for administrative service on Phase II of the Downtown Revitalization project and authorized the mayor to sign the contract. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

PinPoint Communications has been offered a 15 year non-exclusive contract with a 5% franchise fee for operation of the fiber communications system in Gothenburg. The contract is similar to that of Charter Communications.

Chris Karn of PinPoint reported that 90% of the strand is up and much of the underground is in place. The company will provide network TV, not cable. To date there are almost 600 interested parties for commercial and residential service. The company is excited about the reception they have received.

Council member Kennedy introduced Ordinance 890 entitled:

An ordinance granting a franchise to PinPoint Communications, Inc., its successors or assigns, to own and operate and maintain a cable system in the City of Gothenburg, Nebraska, setting forth

conditions accompanying the grant of franchise, and providing for the regulation and use of said system,

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Strauser and on roll call vote; the following voted “Yea”: Waskowiak, Strauser, Kennedy. “Nay”: none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Mayor Hudson declared the motion adopted by a three-fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of said Ordinance which was then read by title.

Council member Strauser moved for final passage and Council member Waskowiak seconded the motion. Mayor Hudson asked “*Shall Ordinance #890 be passed and adopted?*” On roll call vote the following voted “Yea”: Kennedy, Waskowiak, Strauser. “Nay” – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 890 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

The proposed pole use agreement offered to PinPoint Communications is the same as the Charter Communications agreement. Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve and authorize signature of the pole use agreement. Roll call vote: Yea – Strauser, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

Strauser moved, Kennedy seconded, introduction of Ordinance 891 confirming the sale of Tract 2 owned by the airport. Roll call vote: Yea- Waskowiak, Kennedy, Strauser. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

John LeViner, representing Rotary-After-Dark requested use of the tennis court at the swimming pool for a teen dance, 7th through 12th grades, on September 20. The dance will be from 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and will be attended by 10 – 12 Rotarians. They would also appreciate use of the restrooms at the pool.

Strauser moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing the request from Rotary-After-Dark for the teen dance as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Strauser. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Whiting.

The intent of the permitting process for construction trailers is to not allow them to be parked indefinitely on the street at either the construction site or the owner’s residence. Atty. Bacon will modify the ordinance for next meeting by adding that even though a trailer may be permitted, they owner may be asked to move it in the event of an emergency.

Item 5 g) *Determination hearing to appeal vicious dog charge* was removed from the agenda and not discussed.

A contract for purchase contract from Central Nebraska Seed and Chemical will be available at the August 5 meeting.

Kennedy moved, Strauser seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Strauser, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Whiting. The next regular meeting will be August 5, 2014.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk