

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

November 3, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson	Absent: City Attorney Mike Bacon
Council members	Jeff Kennedy	
	Randy Waskowiak	
	Verlin Janssen	
	Jay Richeson	
City Administrator	Bruce Clymer	
City Clerk / Treasurer	Connie L. Dalrymple	

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Linda & David Coakley, Shane Gruber, Chris Healey, William Healey

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.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:  
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Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$594,683.79 except #1397; Public Works Division \$112,301.05, except #1662; and the October 22 payroll of \$41,417.84. Roll Call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claim #1397 and #1662 to Gothenburg Irrigation. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Community Comments:

- While attending the recent conference Administrator Clymer was told the Game & Parks Commission would certainly reimburse the City for the alum treatment at the lake

William Healey is working on his Eagle Scout award and asked permission to construct a picnic shelter south of the new fishing pier at Lake Helen. He also asked if the City would provide the cost of the materials. The estimated cost is \$2000 but he is hoping to reduce that cost to about \$1100 by donated materials and labor. It will have a concrete floor and other Scouts will assist in the construction which will be similar to the fishing pier.

The City has not established a master plan for the lake and park area yet but the location requested should not interfere with any upcoming plans. Shane Gruber and Administrator Clymer agreed to work with William on the project location and design.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the Eagle Scout project as proposed by William Healey. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – none.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, introduction of Ordinance 925 that will update the building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and fire codes to align with the State codes. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – none.

Linda Coakley recently moved to Gothenburg and inquired about establishing a dog park. She often walks her dog and thought a fenced area where the dog could be off the leash would be a good idea. She feels it would be a good attraction but must have established rules such as hours of operation and prohibiting unfriendly dogs. It would be helpful for children and folks that have trouble maintaining balance.

Discussion was had and since Gothenburg has an owner control law instead of a leash law it doesn't seem much would be gained by a dog park. Council did agree it would be a good item for discussion in developing a master plan for the lake and park area.

The Chamber is trying to expand and grow interest in the Magic on Main Street Christmas event. They would like to close Lake Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Lake Ave to Avenue D. They will have pony rides, fire truck rides, the high school jazz band and an additional band playing at the theater. The event is December 2 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Discussion was had and was decided to close the intersection at 10<sup>th</sup> and Lake Ave to all but foot traffic.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, authorizing the street closures, Lake Ave from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Lake Ave. to Avenue D on December 2 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. as requested. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – none.

Administrator Clymer reported there had been a concern about broken sidewalks in the residential areas causing tripping hazards. Several options can be considered such as requesting property owners to replace sidewalks, or having the City do it by contractor and assess the cost. Mayor Hudson felt now is a good time to get a plan in place for action in the spring. Many aspects are to be considered such as sidewalk replacement that will require tree removal as opposed to those that just need a small section of open sidewalk replaced, cost share by the City, or establish a project to do a different street per budget year.

Administrator Clymer will work on a plan and bring to the Council for review.

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of \$33,962.53 to TL Sund for Ave I sidewalk installation. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be November 17, 2015.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk