

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

December 1, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson	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: Shane Gruber, Source Gas representative Ron Carey

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.

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

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Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$57,901.81; Public Works Division \$158,070.75; and the November 19 payroll of \$35,117.40. Roll Call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Community Comments:

- There will be a brief Council retreat at noon on Thursday, December 10.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 925 on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none.

The City of Gothenburg has not had a franchise agreement for natural gas service since 1984. Ron Carey of Source Gas was present to answer questions on the proposed agreement that will establish how they do business with the community.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to advance Ordinance 926 approving a natural gas franchise agreement with Source Gas and setting a franchise fee of one cent per therm, to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea- Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – none.

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded, to advance Ordinance 927 amending municipal Code Section 152.058 to require foundations on manufactured homes. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – none.

The Evangelical Free Church has requested a variance from Municipal Code Section 52.048 to place a water well less than the required 1000 feet from a municipal well. It will be used for the HVAC and sprinkler system at their new ministry building at 515 18th Street. Chris Miller at Miller & Assoc. has submitted the request to the State and it was approved since they do not consider it an encroachment on a City well if it's constructed in accordance with State regulations.

According to Council member Richeson the well placement will also require the approval of Central Platte Natural Resources District.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to allow the request from the Evangelical Free Church for water well less than 1000 feet from a municipal well. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, approving Drawdown #11 on the Downtown Revitalization Project in the amount of \$19,700 and payment to owners Deb's Diner \$7500, Miller & Assoc. \$12,200. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – none.

Runoff water from the overpass and 4th Street pools on Landmark Implement property. The State will allow the City to tie in to their storm sewer on the north side of 4th Street. Two bids were for that construction: BSB Construction - \$22,370 and Midland Contracting - \$20,171.

Following brief discussion a motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kennedy, to accept the \$20,171 bid from Midland Contracting for the storm sewer at 4th Street and Lake Ave. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be December 15, 2015.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk