

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

February 3, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* – Greg Viergutz

Also present: Shane Gruber, Jay Lewis, Sonja Richeson

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, Janssen seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- Council minutes – January 20
- Board of Adjustment minutes – January 23
- Police Report - January

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

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$64,899.88, except #1010; Public Works Division \$96,962.18; and the January 29 payroll of \$32,910.10. Roll Call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claim #1010 to Gothenburg Schools. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Community Comments:

- The new mower for the parks and cemetery arrived today.

Jay Lewis is coordinating a car show for the fifth year and he would like to have it in the Ehmen Park area on June 27. Cars would be placed along 15th and 16th Streets between Avenue F and Lake Avenue, and about a quarter of a block south of 15th Street on Ave F. He's hoping for a larger show this year as they have expanded their advertising and will have more vendors in the park, including food vendors such as the Boy Scouts. Last year there were 100 cars and he's hoping for 150 this year.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to allow Mr. Lewis' request for use of the streets on June 27 as requested for a car show. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – none.

The pipe has arrived for Van Kirk Contractors for the new pipe installation phase of the sewer project. The sewer lining is complete and the manholes epoxied. The work was inspected today by Miller & Assoc.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to allow payment of request #1 in the amount of \$212,496.95 to Midland Contractors for the sewer work. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of request #3 to Myer Construction in the amount of \$171,097.20 for work on Lake Helen. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

After continued publicity and explanatory signs, there is still abuse of the recycling at the City Maintenance Facility, especially the plastic. The crew monitors the containers but still has issues and often a load is rejected at the landfill. Therefore, security cameras have been installed that will detect movement, then zoom in on the activity. The intent is to then contact folks to correct their dumping practices. The cameras are connected to the I-net in the shop.

The concrete fence along Lake Avenue at Lake Helen has been broken and Council discussed removing it entirely. It will provide no protection once the lake is redone as the bank will slope to up to street level. Removal would make the area much easier to mow and maintain. The structure is easily broken because it has no rebar in it and is very old. Myer Construction has a concrete grinder on site and can remove it entirely or it can be repaired. Discussion was tabled to allow time for public input on the matter since the fence has long been a part of the lake.

Corporate Plan Management allows use a debit card for cafeteria plan claim filings. There is minimal cost to the City and Atty. Bacon has reviewed the contract. At this point it's unclear exactly how the card would work in our situation.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, authorizing signature of the contract with Bancorp for use of debit cards with the cafeteria plan. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – none.

The original thought on bidding at the tax sale for the property at 1804 Ave C was to protect the City's interest by possibly recouping some or all of the costs incurred in mowing, mold remediation, and demolition. The lot is easily worth \$15,000. There is a usable garage on the property but any buyer will be required to construct a residence or remove the garage as subdivision regulations do not allow accessory use buildings on lots without a residence. Several people have expressed interest in the lot. If the City ends up with the lot, it would be deeded to the Redevelopment Authority for sale, but the subdivision regulations would still apply.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2015-1 authorizing a maximum \$15,000 bid on the property at 1804 Ave C. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. Nay- none.

Brief discussion was had on the proposed fishing pier and parking area at Lake Helen that will be funded by \$100,000 from the Game & Parks Commission.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be February 17, 2015.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk