

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Tobin Buchanan, Randy Isackson, Gary Steele of Miller and Associates, Ken Christensen, Allen Daup, Mark Ballmer, J. & Pam Buddenberg, Kim Slack, Shawn Boyd, Dave & Mandy Zorn, Tony & Suzanne Neels, Scott & Audrey Aden, Andy Jonas, John Kreuscher, Ervin Haynes, Dode Haynes, Ashton & Sara Hecox, Chris Walkemeyer, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lake, Marlene Jorgensen, Brian Kouba, K.C. & Amanda Lathrop, Mike & Deanne Trierweiler, Jeremy Wozny, Stacy Healey, Kenny Crisman.

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.

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

City Council minutes – November 15 & 22

Police Report - November

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

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$77,326.89; Public Works Division \$184,347.08; and the November 15 & 22 payroll of \$67,545.92. Roll Call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 934 on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay –none. Absent and not voting - Richeson.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 935 on third and final reading. Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Community Comments:

- Certification of Votes Cast shows 655 votes for Randy Waskowiak, 574 votes for Jeff Kennedy.
- City Clerk Dalrymple explained there will be a new process for Special Designated Licenses and this will take the council out of the application process and put in the hands of the applicant by filing applications online. Local recommendations may be signed by Police Chief Olson. The liquor commission is notifying the catering business and Dalrymple notified Mr. Graham at Wildhorse Golf Course.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Attorney Bacon administered the oath of office to Council members Randy Waskowiak and Jeff Kennedy.

The Council reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

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Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, that Jeff Kennedy continue as the Council President. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to introduce Ordinance 936 to change zoning in area of 1408 27th Street from R-1 to AG. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak. Abstain – Kennedy. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve the Tree Board's Tree Plan for the Lake Helen area. Roll call vote – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

No action was taken on Liliana Venegas claim regarding injury on a curb/sidewalk at 1900 Avenue G. The claim was sent to the insurance company.

Discussion was had on the proposed ordinances for creating Street Improvement District 2016-1, Paving District No. 2016-1 and 2016-2.

Administrator Clymer said the costs presented are estimated and have not been bid out. Many are asking "Why now?" and Clymer said they have been discussed for some time and have been on the 1 year plan road program. He is hoping they will be less with the actual costs. The difference in rates is due to Avenue K being narrower, Avenue L being wider, and Avenue J has lots of storm sewer. The projected costs are lower than originally sent and have changed more. Gap paving is just the Council's vote and the Avenue J, street improvement district can be protested by property owners but the Council may move forward with the plan in the next 2-3 years. Sidewalks are normally included, but are not on this project. The Ordinance typically has three readings before passage.

Resident J Buddenberg is not opposed to paving, he knew it would be paved eventually, therefore he was mentally prepared, but the cost is shocking.

Gary Steele of Miller and Associates stated there is more than concrete involved in the cost. Earth work, stripping, sod, sprinkler systems being replaced, storm sewer and 10% contingencies are added to the cost so it is higher. Actual prices may be lower in the end.

Many residents had concerns for the paving project:

- Why does it need paved and why does it cost them so much?
- Who can vote and how many votes does the Redevelopment Authority get?
- Are there any block grants that could help with this or any other options?
- Why are only homeowners facing the street to be paved allowed to protest the creation of the district?
- Why the farm owner on the west is not included?

In response:

- Clymer mentioned the City did pay for the design, and is paying for one half of Avenue J.
- Attorney Bacon said the project has been on the 1 & 6 year plan with no action and was brought up this summer.
- The voting is by linear footage and the RDA votes by foot also.
- Kennedy asked about possibility of more than 10 years to which Attorney Bacon said the interest rate increases significantly.
- Attorney Bacon said the state statute only allows properties facing the street to be paved to protest.
- Attorney Bacon said the farm ground was part of a negotiation for right-of-way property on the street; therefore the RDA will be paving that half.

Mayor Hudson recommended tabling the discussion and put it back on the agenda December 20th, 2016.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve and pay Final Drawdown #19F on DTR project for \$2,025.00 to Dawson Area Development. Roll call vote – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance 937 entitled:

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of highway allocation fund pledge bonds of the City of Gothenburg, Nebraska, in the aggregate stated principal amount of not to exceed four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of certain street improvements and related improvements within the city; prescribing the form of such bonds to be issued and authorizing officers of the city to approve certain final terms of the bonds; pledging funds to be received by the city from the state of Nebraska Highway Allocation fund for the payment of said bonds; providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay the same if necessary; providing for the sale of the bonds; authorizing the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser; and providing for the disposition of bond proceeds; and ordering the ordinance published in pamphlet form.

and moved that 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. Absent and not voting: Richeson

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 the title whereupon Council member Waskowiak moved for final passage and Council member Kennedy seconded the motion.

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #937 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none. Absent and not voting: Richeson.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance #937 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson. The next regular meeting will be December 20.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloepping, Deputy City Clerk