

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

March 15, 2016
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* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Matt Weiss, Theresa McFarland

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearing 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.

The purpose of the public hearing was to consider a request for Special Use Permit from Kent Kline to use an existing building on his property at 215 West 29th Street, an AG-1 zone, as a carpentry shop, warehouse, and office. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of Kline's request at their public hearing on March 8 and the office has not received any comment from the public.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none.

Janssen moved Richeson seconded, approving Special Use Permit #132 from Kent Kline as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay –none.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, approval of the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes – March 1 & March 4
- Building Permit report - February
- Police Report –February
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – March 8
- Library Directors Report – January thru March

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

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$107,212.66; Public Works Division \$452,999.03; and the March 8 payroll of \$32,054.68. Roll Call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Community Comments:

- There will be a public hearing on April 11 at 5:30 regarding the Lake Helen Master Plan.
- The Corp of Engineers will hold flood study meetings in April on the 7,12,13, and 14. Bruce asked Council to let him know which day they can attend.

Matt Weiss reviewed the proposed contract he was given for operation of the Pony Express Station. He has been working at the Station lately and has already had visitors. The proposed management fee is \$15,000 payable on April 1, \$10,000 and June 1, \$5,000. He has the insurance in place but is still working on the incorporation. Atty. Bacon will revise and complete the contract when the incorporation is finished.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, authorizing Mayor Hudson to sign the proposed agreement when completed by Atty. Bacon and to make the payments as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – none.

In further discussion of the Pony Express Station, Mr. Weiss told Council the fireplace was installed in the 1950's and without a foundation. It is now leaning and pushing the logs out. The City can disassemble the fireplace, add a foundation and rebuild it or remove it altogether because it's not original to the building and we are trying to become more era specific.

Mayor Hudson asked the matter be placed on the next agenda allowing time for public comment.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, appointing Chris Scott to the Fire Dep't. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. Nay – none.

We adopted an ordinance against tree topping several years ago but it was not codified into the Municipal Code and it did not carry a penalty provision. Therefore Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, introduced Ordinance 930 prohibiting tree topping. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – none.

When Dawson Public Power had to renew a lease with a landowner for the location of a tower, their lease increased from \$600 to \$900. As a result we must approve a new lease with DPPD for our police communications tower.

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded, approving the lease with Dawson Public Power for the City communications tower. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson. Nay – none.

Theresa McFarland, representing Mac's Creek Vineyard, requested a special designated liquor license for a fundraising event on April 16 at Stone Hearth Estates to benefit the Hero Flight.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Mac's Creek Vineyard for an April 16 fundraising and wine tasting event to be held at Stone Hearth Estates, 110 20th Street, in Gothenburg. The event will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay - none.

When we ran a sewer line under the railroad tracks we moved it had to be moved from where we thought it could be placed which required a change to our agreement with Sprint. The original agreement carried a \$21,000 cost but the revised agreement will be \$22,148 and must be approved by Sprint.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded authorizing Mayor Hudson to sign the proposed agreement upon its approval by Sprint. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – none. The next regular meeting will be April 5, 2016.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk