

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: CPA Joan Windrum, Shane Gruber, Deb Egenberger, John Leviner, Colten Venteicher

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearings 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, Richeson seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes – August 16 & 23
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – August 16
- Police Report - August

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

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$136,344.49; Public Works Division \$152,725.60; and the August 24 payroll of \$41,999.02. Roll Call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay - none.

Community Comments:

- Administrator Clymer introduced Ellen Mortensen, *Gothenburg Times* new General Manager. She stated that she has a real passion for community newspapers and she started on Thursday, September 1.

The public hearing on the 2016-17 budget of municipal funds and the hearing to set the tax levy were taken up at 7:06 p.m.

According to CPA Joan Windrum, the final budget proposal is as approved for publication at the August 23rd budget work session. The total budget of \$21,325,643.00, including cash reserves of 2,502,751.00, carries a tax request of \$703,555.92, the same as last fiscal year, based on a levy of .330213. The total levy of .363067 includes the airport tax request of \$70,000.00. The budget is well within the levy limits and restricted funds authority limit. The budget could be increased by \$291,000.00 and still be within the limit imposed by State regulation.

Upon a question from Councilman Richeson regarding the 1% restricted funds authority, Joan Windrum explained what is included and the purpose of restricted funds.

The public hearing to approve the levy for the 2016-17 budget was then taken up and brief discussion was had.

Motion was made by Waskowiak, seconded by Kennedy, to close the budget hearing and the public hearing setting the levy at 7:20 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve an additional 1% restricted funds authority. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Councilman Janssen mentioned that a citizen expressed concern with the electrical rate increase.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adopt the 2016-17 budget of all municipal funds as presented. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay - none.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2016-7 setting the 2016-17 tax asking at \$703,555.92 on a tax levy of .330213. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. Nay - none.

John Leviner requested to use the tennis courts on Ave I for Rotary-After-Dark to sponsor a youth dance on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. He said this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year and they usually have 80 to 100 kids and will have 8-10 sponsors.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to allow the Rotary-After-Dark dance as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea - Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the automatic renewal of the Class C liquor license held by Nebraska Barn & Grill. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay - none.

*Item 6c.) Determination of Obstruction per §30.133 – 11<sup>th</sup> and Lake Avenue* was removed from the Agenda and not discussed.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the proposed September 17 Harvest Festival parade, namely use of Lake Avenue / Highway 47, from 27<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street for the parade. The event will be from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The City will meet all requirements of Subsection (2) of LB589/NRS 39-1359. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Brandi Kloepping, Deputy City Clerk