

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

August 15, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Shane Gruber, Deb Egenberger, Ruthie Ostergard, Dee Miller.

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, Richeson seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

City Council Minutes – July 18

Police Report – July

Treasurer’s Report – July

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

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City \$158,743.44; Public Works Division \$543,729.16; and the July 26 payroll of \$33,961.50 & August 9 payroll of \$35,712.34. Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Community Comments:

- Attorney Bacon reported about Dennis Brown’s lawsuit against Gothenburg Airport Authority.
- Administrator Clymer reported about a comment from a local farmer having trouble making the corner at Pinpoint on 10th Street & Avenue D. The farmer would like the curb set back further so it may be put on an agenda for further discussion. Council would like to know thoughts from Pinpoint and think about which route is the best. Possibility of Avenue A rather than Avenue D, but there are many children playing on that street also.

Legislature adopted new state statutes and they affect the Ordinances in the City, these new Ordinances will align our ordinances with state statute.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance 943 regarding alcoholic beverages by 16 years or older.

Waskowiak introduced Ordinance 944 regarding alcoholic beverages and occupation taxes.

Richeson introduced Ordinance 945 regarding alcoholic beverages licensee requirements.

Janssen introduced Ordinance 946 regarding alcoholic beverages acquisition & possession.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance 947 regarding alcoholic beverages retail sales.

Waskowiak introduced Ordinance 948 regarding City Council members.

Richeson introduced Ordinance 949 regarding criminal mischief.

Janssen introduced Ordinance 950 relating to gambling.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance 951 regarding public ways.

Waskowiak introduced Ordinance 952 regarding prostitution.

Richeson introduced Ordinance 953 regarding dead or diseased trees.

Janssen introduced Ordinance 954 regarding vehicle operation.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance 955 regarding weeds, litter and stagnant water.

Waskowiak introduced Ordinance 956 regarding animals.

Richeson introduced Ordinance 957 regarding elections.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to set special meetings and public hearing for budget as follows:

Special meeting August 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Special meeting August 28, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Public hearing for September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Deb Egenberger with the Chamber of Commerce asked to close 15th & 16th Streets from Lake Avenue to Avenue F and Avenue F from 15th to 16th Streets on September 15th for a car show for Nebraska's 150th Birthday party and Harvest Festival. Shane Gruber will do angled intersections. Egenberger also mentioned the YMCA would bring knocker balls for a human soccer game in the grass, an inflatable obstacle course. All events would take place from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and volunteers will take down the barricades after so City workers will not have to.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to close the streets. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Luke Rickertsen with Gothenburg State Bank stated they enhance lives of customers, community, and employees so they try to volunteer time on a project. Last year they volunteered at the school and this year they would like to paint the shelters in the parks at Lake Helen and Ehmen Park. They want to start next week and finish before the Harvest Festival. He doesn't believe it should be difficult to paint. They would like to paint Tuesday, August 22nd, Thursday, August 24th, and Saturday August 26th. They will paint poles, beams, and rafters. The city will purchase the paint and basic supplies. Council thought that would be good project.

There will be a meeting at 10:00 am Wednesday, September 6th, with the Corp of Engineers, Central Platte Natural Resource District, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, Cozad Ditch, and the City. This will be conducted as a Retreat.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Technical & Professional Services Contract from Miller & Associates for the OOR project. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – None.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to change the name on Job Description Lineman II will be Lineman 1st Class and Lineman I will be Lineman 2nd Class to match other pay surveys. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – None.

The last three items on the agenda were not discussed because the mayor has already been approved to sign them.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk