

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

January 21, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Present:

Council Members Randy Waskowiak
 Verlin Janssen
 Jay Richeson
 Jeff Kennedy
City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Clerk Brandi Kloopping
City Attorney Mike Bacon

Not present:

Mayor Joyce Hudson

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen
Gothenburg Times – Eric Vicarro

Also present: Randy Olson, Ed Schrock, Chris Haggert, John Kreuzer.

Council President Kennedy opened the meeting at 5:30 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:

- Council Minutes – January 7 & 14
- Planning & Zoning minutes – December 10
- Building permits – December
- Cemetery Sexton Report – October to December

Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No - none.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$60,515.18, except check #12120028; Public Works Division \$143,916.42; the January 15 payroll of \$35,606.44. Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No - none.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of check #12120028. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. Abstain – Kennedy. No – None.

There were no Community Comments.

Chris Haggert and Ed Schrock with NPPD updated the council about what they are doing at NPPD and played a short video of the past year. They talked a bit about carbon free, coal, and wind farms.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to award Kennedy Landscape the downtown planters for all seasons to cost \$95/each in the spring, \$48/each in the fall, and \$32/each in the winter with the \$220 maintenance fee as needed. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson. Abstain – Kennedy. No – None.

Chief Olson stated they have more room and are more comfortable in the police pickup. They are now getting bids on another pickup. The state doesn't offer the Chevrolet so Olson took the lessor of the Ford and added the options to it to come up with the cost of \$35,630. Pony Express Chevrolet bid the Chevrolet with the options for \$34,300. Pony did say they would give \$5,000 for trade in of the car. Olson mentioned working local makes it easier for work that may need done and they don't have to pay an additional charge for delivery.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve police purchase of the Chevrolet pickup from Pony Express Chevrolet. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

The right of way is 80 feet and there is a request to vacate 10 feet on both sides of Avenue B from 6th street north to the alley. This is because of the houses being in the right of way and trying to sell them. The garage on the east is not in compliance and they are generally given a license to maintain on public right of way to let them continue using their garage. There was a license to maintain in 1997, but a finance company won't finance due to the wording that it could be revoked.

Waskowiak introduced Ordinance #990 entitled:

An ordinance vacating a portion of Avenue B in the city of Gothenburg/ describing the boundaries thereof/ providing for reversion of title to said portion of vacated street, retaining easements located in the vacated portion of said streets; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date.

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Janssen. The roll was called and the following Council member voted "yea" Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None.

Council President Kennedy declared the motion adopted by full vote of the Council and statutory rule suspended for consideration of said Ordinance. The ordinance was then read by the title whereupon Council member Janssen moved for final passage and Council member Waskowiak seconded the motion.

Council President Kennedy asked the question, "*Shall Ordinance #990 be passed and adopted?*" Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. No – None.

Council President Kennedy declared the Ordinance #990 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve payment of \$368.80 to CDS Inspections for OOR 16-HO-33067. Roll call vote: Yea - Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve payment of \$4,700.00 to GOTH13 & Eickmeier Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to approve payment of \$3,250.00 to GOTH08 & Eickmeier Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. No – None.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve payment of \$438.00 to GOTH16 & Solid Rock Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Drawdown #18 for OOR 16-HO-33067 for \$9,973.40. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None.

Jeff Kennedy, Council President

Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk