

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

June 2, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Shane Gruber, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Walkemeyer, Devin Brundage

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 – May 19

Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – May 12

Police Report - May

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

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$43,684.92 except #1903 and #1326; Public Works Division \$184,300.30; and the May 21 payroll of \$37,850.32. Roll Call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims #1903 and #1326 to Gothenburg Irrigation. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Community Comments:

- The Annual Firemen's Ball is Saturday evening.
- Lake Helen is looking good. Someone threw a tree in the lake that should not be there. The walk area on the jetty will be handicap accessible and the dock will soon go in the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Walkemeyer were introduced by Chief Olson. Chris is the newest member of the Police force. He a certified officer and is currently in field training.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, approving Mayor Hudson's recommendation appointing Christopher Walkemeyer as a Gothenburg Police Officer. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 919, prohibiting use of live bait fish in Lake Helen, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak. Nay – none.

Two proposals have been received for a SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system that will include equipment to monitor and control the municipal wells and water system. Based on a minimum 10-year life, financed for 5 years:

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| HOA solutions | \$62,165 | City owns equipment |
| Central NE Public Power & Irrigation | \$66,000 | City leases equipment at \$750 / month for two years and \$500 / month thereafter. Central monitors equipment and wells. |

Based on a 20-year life, financed for 5 years:

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| HOA Solution | \$62,165 | City owns equipment |
| Central NE Public Power & Irrigation | \$114,000 | City leases equipment at \$750 / month for two years and \$500 / month thereafter. Central monitors equipment and wells. |

Two questions at this point: How much maintenance / replacement costs could there be from HOA and would Central stay at the \$500 / month lease for 20 years? It's also difficult to compare systems when one is an outright purchase with City responsibility for maintenance and monitoring and the other offered as a lease that includes maintenance and monitoring. The City is familiar with SCADA as there has been one in place at the waste treatment plant for several years and it works very well. The SCADA system would be paid for with water use fees that will likely be increased in the upcoming budget year.

During discussion Councilmember Richeson said he favors a SCADA system but thinks other improvements need to be made to do the system justice. Neither option includes updates to the wells, removal of clay valves, or metering issues. Both he and Councilmember Janssen feel we should look at other improvements to make the system perform optimally and these additions would be required on either proposal.

The HOA proposal will use existing meters with new heads for the SCADA system. The City is State permitted for up to 4 million gallons water pumped per day.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, authorizing purchase of the SCADA system from HOA Solutions as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – none. (Richeson abstained due to the possibility of his company providing well services on the project.)

Some changes were made to the proposed traffic plan in the school area after a meeting that included Shane Gruber, Chief Randy Olson, Administrator Bruce Clymer, Superintendent Mike Teahon, Principle Jim Widdifield, and Jay Holmes.

- Handicap parking spaces, constructed to code, and a cross walk were moved further north on Ave G to align with existing curb cuts. The drop off zone was extended for school hours.
- Angle parking will be placed as previously proposed but for specified hours.

This proposal will be a major change on Ave G between 12th Street and 16th Street, Ave H between 12th and 13th Streets and on 12th and 13th Streets between Ave I and Ave H and will include new signage, lights, and times and process of use. The Police Department will monitor the area closely. Chief Olson feels that ultimately the area will be avoided during school hours by non-school traffic and that the plan will eliminate the traffic back-up on Ave G at 13th Street that currently results due to the stop sign and cars angle parking.

The authorizing resolution mirrors the proposal offered and will require signs and cross walks to be installed as soon as possible to allow the public to get used to the changes before school starts in August. Administrator Clymer is working with Brown Traffic Control for signs and solar lights.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2015-4 implementing the vehicular and pedestrian traffic plan for the school area. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. Roll call vote: Yea - Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be June 16, 2015.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk