

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

November 1, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

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	
Deputy City Clerk	Brandi Kloopping	

Press: *Gothenburg Times* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Shane Gruber, Attorney Colten Venteicher, Gary Steele, Tom Franzen, Matt Weiss

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, Kennedy seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes – October 18 & 27
- Tree Board minutes – October 19
- Board of Health minutes – October 20
- Treasurer’s Report – September
- Annual Treasurer’s Report – 2015-16
- Tree Board minutes – October 26

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

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$134,693.80; Public Works Division \$84,581.17; and the payroll of \$33,847.62. Roll Call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay - none.

Community Comments:

- Matt Weiss discussed the vandalism at the Pony Express Station. He mentioned that someone burned some of the wood at the top of the building. There have been 4-500 comments from across the country with concerns. Discussion was had about a possible camera, police driving by more. No other vandalism has occurred and they may be able to scrape the building down. Administrator Clymer said Nate Baker, Chief Randy Olson, and himself are looking at better lighting.
- GIC Annual Banquet is November 9<sup>th</sup>, Council is invited and the Community Wellness Center will be discussed. There will be a luncheon at Monsanto 11:30-12:00 and open to the Public at 12:00.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> / final reading amended Ordinance 932, regarding revision of zoning regulations Chapters 152.041, 152.063, and 152.003. Roll Call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, introduction of Ordinance 934 to change zoning from C-2 to AG at 1103 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Roll Call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – none.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to advance Ordinance 933 amending Section 152.019 d.) which would allow commercial activities by Special Use Permit in AG-1 zone to 3<sup>rd</sup> / final reading. Roll Call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – none.

Discussion on Application Process for Special Use Permits will be held at a retreat.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve the proposed Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, cost of service and rate design contract for \$7,950.00 for two years. This will provide an expert opinion in the event rates are questioned by the public. Roll Call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay – none.

Discussion was had on the study of the 4% Electrical increase, 5% Water increase, and 5% Sewer increase. Based on a rate study the power pool did for electrical, Administrator Clymer added a new item in the Sewer 4) *Commercial Surcharge: A surcharge may be applied to those customers that deposit excess materials in which a degreaser must be used to ensure proper flow of the system. Surcharge shall be a direct cost to the city which can be identified as directly attributable to the customer.* This would be the cost of degreaser and possible labor. Administrator Clymer would like to talk more on this with Shane Gruber. Rates go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> and will be reflected on February billing.

Kennedy introduced, Janssen seconded, Ordinance 935 regarding Utility Rates – Electrical, Water, and Sewer. Roll Call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Janssen agreed to be on selection committee to review the three electrical engineering Requests for Proposal.

Gary Steele with Miller & Associates asked for an amendment to Construction Phases Services – Sanitary Sewer Project to increase engineering fees based on an additional 200 hours put into the project. They are asking for \$15,000.00 more which is considerably under the \$2.2 million budgeted amount. Miller's had to redesign and reroute sewer line due to obstacles that couldn't have been known when bidding the project including gas pipeline and fiber optic lines. Richeson moved to approve, Kennedy seconded. Roll Call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – none.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Sewer Project was originally designed with Nebraska Department of Roads pond and pipe to the Cozad ditch, but there was an oversight in the survey and it would not drain as anticipated. The pond is contracted with Game and Parks for a fishery so we cannot discharge the water there. The Cozad Canal has a dam farther down to move water, but the Cozad Canal

won't allow it. Cozad Canal has no issue with going under their canal to the river. The method would also allow the pond to function as intended. There will be clay on the banks to seal them, concrete bottom so no undercutting, rip rap across the bottom to protect it. This would add almost \$60,000.00 to the project and completion would be the middle to the end of January.

Administrator Clymer said this change is not budgeted but we may be able to use budget for salt spreaders from the Street or ask the Redevelopment Authority for additional funding on the project. Clymer did mention he is more comfortable with this because of quite an elevation difference.

Mr. Steele said they would produce an easement and submit an application to NDOR. Miller & Associates will not add additional cost for their time and work for redesign and permit processes. The only additional cost will be for construction. The contractor is ready to begin November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Janssen moved to approve the change order #1, Kennedy seconded. Roll Call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – none.

There were 25 handrails placed instead of 15 and we asked to have five more on hand, for a total additional \$9,838.00. Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded to approve change order #2 for Downtown Revitalization Project – Lake Avenue and Highway 30 corner project. Roll Call vote: Yea - Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved to approve pay request for the 3<sup>rd</sup> / final pay request in the amount of \$28,698.00 on the DTR and payment to Tom Franzen, Janssen seconded. Roll Call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Roll Call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay – none.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Brandi Kloepping, Deputy City Clerk