

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

Also present; including but not limited to: Randy Isackson, Ken Christensen, Brad Morris, Melissa Garcia with Black Hills Energy, David Young with Black Hills Energy, J. Buddenberg, Tony Neels, Andy Jonas, Brian & Ashley Kouba, K.C. & Amanda Lathrop, Jeremy Wozny, Kim Crisman, Monty & Linda Bowman, Attorney Colten Venteicher, Mike Johnson, Crystal Ryker.

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.

Public hearing for Special Use Permit #141 for an electronic full color billboard at First State Auto Bank was taken up. The sign will be a larger, electronic version on the same site as the current sign. Planning and Zoning recommended approval to City Council.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:02 pm. Roll Call Vote: Yea: Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Special Use Permit #141 to First State Bank for an electronic full color billboard. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. Abstain – Waskowiak.

Public hearing for Special Use Permit #142, requested by Monty Bowman, recommended by Planning and Zoning to City Council for a RV / car garage at 907 11th Street with stipulations.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to close public hearing at 7:05 pm. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – None.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Special Use Permit #142 with the following stipulations:

- The south end of the building has to set 30' from the property line, the west side of the building to be set 6' from the primary structure.

Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – Kennedy.

Public hearing for Special Use Permit #143, requested by Brad Morris, recommended to City Council with stipulations to operate an outdoor storage facility.

Janssen move, Waskowiak seconded, to close public hearing at 7:10 pm. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay – None.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Special Use Permit #143 with the following stipulation:

- No unsightly accumulation of litter.

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

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes – December 6
- Building Permit Report – November
- Treasurer's Report – November
- Planning and Zoning minutes – December 13

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

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$40,270.08 except #2988; Public Works Division \$355,362.99; and the December 14 payroll of \$32,440.48. Roll Call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. Nay - none.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claim #2988 to Jeffrey Kennedy – Landscape in the amount of \$101.48. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. Abstain – Kennedy. Nay – None.

Community Comments:

- The police department received a grant for two new in car cameras; they are compatible with body cameras.

Melissa Garcia, the Community Affairs Manager for Black Hills energy spoke about Black Hills Energy acquiring Source Gas. She said their core value is being a community partner and they are committed to at least three years in the Choice Program. She also introduced Dave Young, the Operations Supervisor.

Randy Isackson requested Council forgo the second and third readings and mentioned that community members in his area are ok with them moving forward with the zone change from R-1 to AG.

Having been introduced for first reading on December 6th, Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to suspend the second and third reading required by statutory rule for Ordinance #936. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson. Abstain – Kennedy. Nay – None.

Mayor Hudson declared motion adopted by three quarters vote of 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 Richeson seconded the motion.

Mayor Hudson asked, “*Shall Ordinance #936 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Abstain – Kennedy. Nay – None.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance #936 adopted and signed it in presence of Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Mayor Hudson said Council members have met with the property owners including the Redevelopment Authority and made the following offer. The City agreed to share up to 1/3 of the assessments per lineal foot; except that no lineal foot assessment will be less than \$105 (unless the actual cost of the project is less than \$105 per foot). In addition, for streets with higher costs, the city will go beyond the 1/3 contribution to limit the property owners assessments to no more than \$125 per lineal foot. This does not apply to the RDA property that will be assessed fully.

Mayor Hudson said, the cost of improvements has reached a point at which the sharing of costs has become necessary to assist property owners in paving districts; and that such assistance may be different for each project due to cost.

Janssen approved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2016-9 regarding assessments on 2016-2017 paving projects. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None.

Janssen introduced Ordinance #938 entitled:

An Ordinance of the City of Gothenburg, Nebraska creating Street Improvement District No. 2016-1; defining the boundaries and limits thereof; providing for paving, grading, and other necessary and incidental work; approving plans, specifications, and estimates of cost; providing for the securing of bids; providing for the payment of such improvements and other incidental expenses by the issuance of warrants, bond anticipation notes and bonds; providing for assessment of the costs of such improvements against the property specially benefited thereby and the levy of general taxes; providing for the publication of this ordinance in pamphlet form; and related matters.

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Waskowiak and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay – None.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #938 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance #938 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Waskowiak introduced Ordinance #939 entitled:

An Ordinance of the City of Gothenburg, Nebraska creating Paving District Nos. 2016-1 and 2016-2; defining the boundaries and the limits thereof; providing for paving, grading, curbing, and guttering, or such other work as is necessary and incidental thereto; approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost and securing

of bids; providing for the payment of such work and other expenses incidental thereto; providing for assessment of the cost of such improvements against the property in such districts especially benefited thereby in proportion to such benefits; providing for the issuance of paving warrants, bond anticipation notes and paving bonds and for the levy of special assessments and general taxes to pay for such improvements; and providing for the publication of this ordinance in pamphlet form and the time when this Ordinance shall take effect

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Janssen and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. Nay – None.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #939 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance #939 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to appoint Shane Max as a Fireman. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy.

Discussion was had on the Corps of Engineering Agreement to do a flood risk management study. Administrator Clymer said they do the study and send results to FEMA for different flood plain. If we get the designation removed, it would help the City.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Corps of Engineering Agreement. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay - None.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve pay request #1 to Adams Civil Resources on the 4th Street Drainage Project in the amount of \$90,637.79. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay – None.

January Council meetings will be combined into one on January 17th, 2017.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the agreement with JEO Consulting Group for Electrical Sub-transmission Line. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be January 17.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloepping, Deputy City Clerk