

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

July 19, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Lane Tederman, Joe Richeson, Colton Venteicher, Eric Most, James & Amy Headley, Ben Headley, Joseph Headley, Dawn Jobman, Jennifer McKeone

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and continued 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.

The public hearing on a proposal to change the boundaries of the 1-mile extra-territorial boundary was continued from June 21. The boundary is currently a radius of the community which makes the territorial line uneven and it's difficult to determine if some areas are city or county jurisdiction when considering building permits. The proposed jurisdiction limits would follow section lines clarifying the boundaries for the County and the City. It would avoid situations such as we've had in the past when a family owned property inside and outside the radius. The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the proposed change.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, introduction of Ordinance 931 changing the extra-territorial boundary from a radius to section lines. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

The public hearing on the loan of CDBG reuse funds to the hospital was taken up at 7:04 p.m.

Jennifer McKeone of Dawson Area Development told Council that the City's Community Development Block Grant reuse funds are requested for the purchase of equipment at the hospital. The loan of \$95,000 will be short term, about 90 days, will carry no interest, and will be repaid to the Dawson Area Development NDO. This process would also de-federalize the funds making them available for future loan or grant on City projects, such as infrastructure. There is also an invoice from DAD for administration fees of \$1500.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to allow the loan of CDBG reuse funds in the amount of \$95,000 to GMH, Inc. and \$1500 to Dawson Area Development for administration fees, as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

At 7:06 p.m. the public hearing on the special use permit requested by *The Crossing Fellowship* was taken up. Action on special use permits requires a majority vote of the full Council. Council member Janssen was not in attendance and Council member Waskowiak would abstain from voting due his property adjoining the property in question; therefore, no action was taken, no discussion had, and the hearing was left open until the August 2 meeting when the full Council is seated.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, approval of the consent agenda that included:

- City Council minutes – June 21
- Building permit report – May & June
- Cemetery Sexton report – April thru June
- Police Report – June
- Library Director’s Report – May 10 – July 11
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – July 12
- Treasurer’s Report- June

Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$96,898.17, except #2571; Public Works Division \$527,529.41; the June 30 payroll of \$47,107.28 and the July 13 payroll of \$46,235.17. Roll Call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay - none. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Community Comments:

- Construction on the northeast corner of Highways 30 and 47 is looking nice.
- The sewer project is moving along and there will be a meeting Wednesday morning with the contractor and engineer regarding scheduling the rest of the project. Working at Ave K and 10th Street means the paving from Avenue G to Avenue I will be torn up for a while. Gravel will be put down to allow traffic. The same is true at Avenue H. All residents have been notified. The railroad crossing area is completed.
- We have been waiting for a new pump and motor for the pool slide and the parts should arrive the end of the week. The old pump and motor will be rebuilt for a spare and hopefully swimmers won’t be without a slide in the future. It was also noted that the water heater in the women’s restroom is bad and will cost about \$6200 to replace and the water heater in the men’s restroom is going out. We will replace the women’s this year and the men’s next year.

- Precision Sidewalk Cutting of Lincoln will be smoothing public sidewalks and making them ADA compliant. They will fix all cracks in Ehmen Park and at the pool for \$2200. GIS is used to find cracks. The company has worked with the Housing Authority in Cozad, and is talking to the local Housing Authority.

Atty. Jerry Pigsley of Woods & Aitken LLC, a firm specializing in employment law, reviewed the Employee Personnel Policy and made recommendations that will bring it into compliance with federal law. In addition, the Police Department had concerns with the *Use of Equipment* and *Use of Vehicles* sections. Strict compliance with those sections would inhibit use of in-car computers, radios, phones, and sometimes social media in police investigative work. It could also cause issues with maintenance crews. That language has been modified.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2016-5 adopting the personnel policy as updated. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, approving Drawdown #15 on the Downtown Revitalization Project in the amount of \$3960.00 and payment to Dawson Area Development for administrative services. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, approving Drawdown #16 on the Downtown Revitalization Project in the amount of \$55,042.00 and payments to vendors:

\$7500 to Ribbons & Roses - facade

\$3825 to Dawson Area Development NDO – Ribbons & Roses loan

\$3285 to Terry Jessen – façade

\$37,800 to Tom Franzen Construction – Highway corner project

\$2632 to Dawson Area Development NDO – Deb’s Diner loan

Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Anne Anderson has been active in promoting historical Lincoln Highway (now Highway 30) and was instrumental in obtaining a *Lincoln Highway* post being placed at the northeast corner of Highways 30 and 47. The corner area is being renovated and she proposed that the area be named and no longer known as the “ugly corner”. It’s too small to be a park but is enclosed like a courtyard; therefore, she’s proposed *Lincoln Highway Courtyard*. It was also proposed to include a brief history of the Lincoln Highway and perhaps some local information in the corner area. The Tourism Committee and the Downtown Revitalization have approved the proposed name and the Tourism Committee has money that could be used for a sign.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2016-6 naming the area at the northeast corner of Highways 30 and 47 the *Lincoln Highway Courtyard*. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Council member Kennedy also suggested a map be added to the Courtyard area showing the route of the old Lincoln Highway through Dawson County.

Item 6e *Assign reuse funds to Dawson Area Development NDO (regional reuse account)* was removed from the agenda and not discussed.

The Harold McFadden Estate was served notice of an unsafe building and given 60 days to repair it or the City would take care of it. Administrator Clymer was contacted by Dennis McFadden who told him the property was being sold and the new owners intend to repair or demolish the building. Administrator Clymer recommended allowing 90 days for the new owners to make their improvements.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded to allow 90 days for the new owners to either rehab or demolish the unsafe structure at 14th Street and Ave A. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Janssen. The next regular meeting will be August 2, 2016.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk