

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 Kloepping	

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Amanda Williams

Also present: Shane Gruber, Eric Most, Roger Tederman, Lane Tederman, Steve Walker, Billie Marvel, Mindy Houchin, Brian & Jaimi Riley, Rebecca Riley, Ken Christensen, Joan Windrum

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearing 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 purpose of the public hearing was to consider Special Use Permit #137 requested by *The Crossing Fellowship* for use of the property at 1610 8th Street, currently occupied as Walker's Steakhouse, for religious services.

The Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the special use permit request at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon according to Administrator Clymer, and has recommended approval of the permit.

Administrator Clymer has requested clarification from Atty. Bacon as to whether or not the permit would allow additions to the existing structure which will be a non-conforming use in a C-2 (Highway Commercial) zoning district. Section 156.076 of the code indicates if a substantial area is added to the structure, a new SUP is required because it would be an expansion of a non-conforming use. Atty. Bacon was not present at the meeting.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – none.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve Special Use Permit #137 requested by *The Crossing Fellowship*, per all legal requirements of code, such as requiring an additional permit for additions / exterior alterations. Approval is given with the knowledge that changes may be required depending on legal opinion.

With confidence that the motion would pass, Mayor Hudson expressed her displeasure with the article in Tuesday's North Platte paper. She felt the Council had been insulted and 'put down'. *The Crossing* let their first special use permit expire, and the second failed to pass because it required a super majority vote of the Council due to a protest the Council had received. According to the paper, the question did not pass because the City wanted the property for residential construction and that was never said in any meeting held. The City Council worked long and hard to find a solution that was good for both the neighbors and the church. The property was posted, as required, with information about the hearing to allow the neighbors the opportunity to express any concerns or questions on the proposed use. Realizing the press often understands things different than intended, she still felt the Council was put down when in reality they went above and beyond to make this work. They spent hours and hours working for a solution that would be the best for all concerned.

Mr. Most said he was sorry she felt that way and that he is supposed to call the reporter after this meeting.

Roll call vote on the question of approval: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson. Nay – none.

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

- City Council minutes – August 2 & 4
- Police Report - July
- Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – August 9
- Building permit report - July
- Treasurer's Report - July

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

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$70,523.28; Public Works Division \$436,335.56 except #2288; and the August 10 payroll of \$48,222.25. Roll Call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak.– Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claim #2288 to Gothenburg Irrigation in the amount of \$500. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Community Comments:

- The employee pool party will be tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.
- Council member Waskowiak thanked the crew for picking up tree branches after the storm. Member Janssen said he'd received lots of comments on the quick clean up. Shane Gruber said there was a lot of help from citizens, too.
- Council member Richeson asked about the water issues on 19th Street after the 1.5" rain and Shane said the happened because the storm drains were covered with leaves after the earlier storm.
- The crew grinding down sidewalks had done a good job. They also worked on the pool deck.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 931, regarding extra-territorial boundaries, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, appointing Blake Munster and Michael Peterson to the Fire Department. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – none.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, approving the allocation of special assessments on Lot 13 and the West 25 feet of Lot 14, Block 29, Summit Addition in Improvement District 100 to Janice Libich from Virginia Raymond. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay –none.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of application #8 to Van Kirk Brothers in the amount of \$270,267.64 for work on the sanitary sewer project. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – none.

Item 6 d.) *Macy Finke – request to have a pet skunk* was removed from the agenda and not discussed.

Airport Authority member Roger Tederman responded to Ken Christensen's question at the August 2 meeting about the Authority's request for budget funds. According to CPA Joan Windrum, funds budgeted for capital improvements such as the roof, carry over to the next budget if not used in the requested year. If not used at all, the funds are returned to the tax payers through reduced taxes.

The Council will consider the Airport Authority's tax request at the budget work session and give them a response by September 1.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, setting a 2016-17 budget work session for 4 p.m. on August 23 and the budget hearings at 7 p.m. on September 6. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be September 6, 2016.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk