

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

October 3, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson	Not present - City Attorney	Mike Bacon
Council members	Jeff Kennedy		
	Verlin Janssen		
	Jay Richeson		
	Randy Waskowiak		
City Administrator	Bruce Clymer		
City Clerk / Treasurer	Brandi Kloopping		

Press: *Gothenburg Times* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Attorney Colten Venteicher.

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, Kennedy seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

City Council minutes – September 19 & 28

Police Report - August

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

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$162,146.32; Public Works Division \$88,644.31; and the September 20 payroll of \$35,479.41. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Community Comments:

- Clymer said the community dumpster is planned to start in January in order for things to be set up and rules can be looked at.
- Clymer said we are currently with Payment Services Network (PSN) for online billing and the Public Works will switch to Bill Flash hopefully by January 1. The cost is different and the fee for credit or debit cards will be passed on to the customer.
- Clymer also said the Familiarization tour with DED went well with lots of compliments. DED sent out a project to several towns. Colten Venteicher, Jana Jobman, Helen Cool, and Will Rahjes worked on the proposal and did a great job with the project.

The major shaft in hydraulic system broke in a park mower and will cost \$13,000.00 in repairs and would be potentially trading in two years. The mower dumps in the truck and a new John Deere won't. We hope to have more on the next agenda.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2017-12 regarding bank signature cards. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – none.

Discussion was had on bonding of appointed and elected officials and office personnel. Council would like to pursue and get information.

Gary Steele provided new criteria to the Council for sidewalk repairs. The council wants the spalling to be ½” or greater and would like to start over on Avenue D to F from 8th Street to 20th. The Council would like to send regular letters not certified and only do certified on the 2nd attempt. If a tree is in the way of putting a sidewalk in due to roots; a person can clear minor roots, narrow the sidewalk to 36” to stay in the right of way, or raise the grade of the walk to go over a root. Council would like to add incline or decline on the cross slope criteria. Below are the criteria for marking sidewalks:

- Vertical Fault: Vertical offsets in the sidewalk. Severity measured in 1/2” or greater.
- Horizontal Fault: Horizontal gaps or opening of 2” or greater in the sidewalk.
- Spalling: Surface deterioration of 1/2” or greater on the sidewalk.
- Obstructions: Any obstructions that restrict the operating width of the sidewalk to less than 36”.
- Cracking: Excessive surface cracks in a sidewalk panel.
- Cross Slope: Excessive cross slope; or incline or decline on sidewalk from natural displacement or settlement.
- Ponding: Standing water or evidence of standing water on sidewalk.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to accept the criteria as proposed. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be October 17.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloepping, Deputy City Clerk