

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

May 16, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson
Council members	Jeff Kennedy
	Randy Waskowiak
	Verlin Janssen
	Jay Richeson
City Attorney	Mike Bacon
City Administrator	Bruce Clymer
City Clerk / Treasurer	Brandi Kloeping

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Randy Olson, Shane Gruber, Ramona Ollendorf, Randy LeRoy, Shawn Boyd, Roxanne Whiting.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing and 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.

The public hearing on a request for a special use permit from Verlin Janssen to replace an existing garage to a larger garage at 1421 Lake Avenue was taken up at 7:00 p.m. Administrator Clymer said the new garage does not meet the new setbacks of 12 ½ feet and it would be 12 feet wider than the garage now. The Planning & Zoning Commission held a hearing on May 9 and had a tie for approval and no approval. Janssen mentioned if he does the 12 ½ feet, the garage would be about 8 feet from the plastic fence of the Methodist Church and it wouldn't be closer to the street than it is now. Mayor Hudson asked for a motion of approval. Richeson stated if it's moved to the correct setbacks it would leave people more inclined to park across the sidewalk and if it's left with the 3 foot setback, the car would likely not block the sidewalk as the back of the car would stick out into the street.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – None. Abstain – Janssen.

Richeson moved, to keep the sidewalk from being blocked and making it safer for kids, Waskowiak seconded, to approve special use permit #144. There has to be a majority of the Council vote for the motion to carry. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson. Nay – Kennedy. Abstain – Janssen. Motion not carried.

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

- City Council Minutes – May 2
- Treasurer's Report – April
- Board of Health minutes – May 2
- Planning & Zoning minutes - May 9

Building permits report - April

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

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City \$72,473.42; Public Works Division \$309,116.33; and the May 3 payroll of \$32,111.33. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. Nay – None.

Community Comments:

- Dawson Area Development business and industry day is June 14, be sure to sign up ahead of time.
- Van Kirks is about ready to start on water, Paulsen's is working very well on asphalt. The asphalt does not need cured due to the process they use putting it down. The millings have been recycled back into the roads.
- Lots of fishing is happening at Lake Helen. Have not had to scare geese off much and the ducks just don't scare, but are not staying either.

Chief Randy Olson stated that the Health Board requested a property inspection last fall on 1501 Avenue D. The inspector said most of the interior was in good shape, but the exterior was in great need of work. Information was provided to owner Ramona Ollendorf. In late March, some children broke a window and crawled in the church. As the children walked through, there were soft spots in the floor and the children broke through by accident. The children were cited and the window is still not fixed at this time. Ollendorf mentioned there was no ventilation so the ground moisture made the particle board disintegrate. Olson stated Ollendorf is not financially able to fix the issues and the Health Board is recommending Council to take legal action due to no gutters so water runs on the side of the building, the cracks in the foundation and it needs painted. It is unsightly and detrimental to area appraisals. Ollendorf hopes what she has done to preserve the church is taken into consideration. Council had comments about neighbors won't want to look at it for another 3 years and would paint stick?

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to delay prosecution until August 31, 2017 to get the money and get the property fixed at 1501 Avenue D. Roll call vote: Yea - Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – None.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to advance Ordinance 941 regarding Alternative Energy System in all zoning districts to third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – None.

A proposal and quote for Sewer Jet/Vacuum Unit was received from Mid-Iowa Solid Waste for \$161,238.00 after trade-in. The old sewer jet is not worth keeping around due to parts being obsolete and with the vacuum on this; we should be able to save money. Money is budgeted in the sewer fund but will be tight for three to four years.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to award the contract to Mid-Iowa Solid Waste including the line locating apparatus. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. Nay – None.

Review of two contracts for extension of 34.5 line on 7th Street west of the tailrace for approximately 2,000 ft. Ward Engineering looks to have better wire and fiberglass cross arms for less money than Watts Electric Company. The other option would be to hire an engineer and spec it out.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to award a contract to Ward Engineering. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve RDA request for \$220,000.00 in Sales Tax Funds for 4th Street Storm Sewer Project. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Janssen approved, Richeson seconded, to approve request 10th street closing from Avenue D to GSB driveway from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a circus performance at Sun Theatre on May 25th. Roll call vote: Yea - Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – None.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approving the issuance of a Special Designated Liquor License to Kinkaid Brewing for a tasting event at Nebraska Salt & Grain on August 12. The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce AG Committee. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2017-6 appointing Brandi Kloepping and Bruce Clymer as Trustees for the 401(a) Money Accumulation Plan. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – None.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – None. The next regular meeting will be June 6.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk