

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

June 6, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Attorney Colten Venteicher, Shane Gruber, Tom Franzen, Charles Franzen, Chris Healey, Ryan Healey.

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, Richeson seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

- City Council Minutes – May 16
- Library Director’s Report – March 14 – May 8
- Police Report – April
- Tree Board minutes – June 5

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

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City \$135,957.39, except #3433; Public Works Division \$504,720.17; and the May 17 payroll of \$35,107.49 and the May 31 payroll of \$36,085.03. Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – None.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claim check # 3433 to Jeffrey Kennedy – Landscape in the amount of \$521.35. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson. Abstain – Kennedy. Nay – None.

Community Comments:

- Marg Dillon with the Gothenburg Public Library resigns June 16, 2017. She is 2 months short of 35 years.
- The planters are placed downtown and there have been many good comments.
- There is a temporary fence going in at the turn around at Lake Helen by the war memorial.
- Curt Carskadon had some very interesting information on the old cemetery that he talked about at the Memorial Day service.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance 941 regarding Alternative Energy Systems in all zoning districts. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Item 5b *Resolution to borrow funds for interim financing for 2017 Paving Projects* needs be an ordinance, therefore, it will be on the next meeting.

Administrator Clymer discussed putting a stop sign at Ave J and 27th Street (north-bound on Ave J) and yield signs on 22nd Street at the intersection of Ave G (for east/west traffic to yield to north/south traffic).

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2017-7 to put in stop sign and yield signs. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve pay request #2 to Paulsens Inc. on 2017 Asphalt Resurfacing Project - \$190,799.54. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2017-8 to appoint Brandi Kloepping and Bruce Clymer as Trustees for the 401(a) Money Accumulation Plan. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – None.

Discussion was had on adding another 500KW to the solar project for 2018. With no increase in energy cost, the return on investment would be approximately \$150,000.00 and with a 2.3% increase in energy cost, the return on investment would be approximately \$300,000.00. It is unknown what they will generate. Clymer stated it would cost \$500 to write the grant.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to pursue the grant for an additional 500KW solar project for 2018. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak moved, to approve pay request #2 to GenPro for Solar Project - \$276,000.00. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the job description for Assistant Library Director. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – None.

Tom Franzen wants to pave half of the alley and would like a license to maintain at 5th & Avenue F for WearParts Tillage Tools LLC. The drainage will go to the storm sewer and there should be no issues according to utility supervisors.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the City Attorney to draft a license to maintain. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None.

Eagle Scout, Ryan Healey asked the Council for permission to put in a sidewalk to the Will Healey shelter and a sidewalk from the shelter to a patio at Lake Helen. He also wanted to put a new fishing pier just out from the patio. Healey will raise the money to do the concrete and the

cost to the city would be for lumber for the pier at \$541.40. Discussion about the pier was that it wouldn't be safe for young children and not handicap accessible.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the sidewalk from the existing sidewalk to the shelter, the 12 x 12 patio, and the sidewalk from the shelter to the patio. Roll call vote: Yea: Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – None.

Discussion was had to set a meeting, Tuesday, June 13th, at 7:45 a.m. at Ehmen Park to look at the restroom facility and possible upgrade of the electric panels.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, approving Mayor Hudson's recommendation appointing Attorney Colten Venteicher to the Community Redevelopment Authority to replace Joe Richeson. The term will expire January 2020. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. Nay – None.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, approving Mayor Hudson's recommendation to remove the Dawson Area Development member from the REDLG Reuse committee and appoint Morgan Fornoff from Gothenburg State Bank. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Nate Baker with the tree board asked the Council to use the ACE money that the City received of \$3,883.00 and the \$1,387.00 of tree board budget money, to plant trees at Lake Helen in areas 4, 10, and 11 on the master plan map. They plan to look into grants for trees toward the end of the year. They do have an extra person hired to help water the trees this summer.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the tree board to use the money totaling \$5270.00 to plant trees at Lake Helen. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. Abstain – Kennedy. Nay – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay – None.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloopping, City Clerk