

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

January 25, 2018
8:00 a.m.

Present:	Mayor	Joyce Hudson
	Council members	Jeff Kennedy Verlin Janssen Jay Richeson Randy Waskowiak
	City Attorney	Mike Bacon
	City Administrator	Bruce Clymer
	Deputy City Clerk	Jill A. Rubenthaler

Press: none

Also present: Colten Venteicher, Gary Steele and Ken Christensen

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting at 8:00 a.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 –January 8
- Building Permit report – December
- Planning & Zoning minutes – December 12
- Library Director’s Report – November 14, 2017 – January 8, 2018
- Cemetery Sexton Report – October through December 2017
- Treasurer’s Report - December

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

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$29,192.89 except #12318021 & #12318022; Public Works Division \$428,418.98 except for #12318006; and the January 17 payroll of \$32,385.57. Roll Call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims #12318021, #12318022 and #12318022 to Jeffrey Kennedy –Fire and Jeffrey Kennedy - Landscape. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. Nay – none. Abstain – Kennedy.

Community Comments:

- Administrator Clymer announced that the new solar park is up and running as of 1-24-2018. There is a machine that will show how much power it is generating, once the City learns how to operate it. Once the bonds for this are paid off in 10-15 years, all the power produced by the solar park will be ‘free’. The City has also been awarded \$150,000 from the Environmental Trust to put up panels to generate another 150 KW, but Clymer recommends that we see how Stage 1 goes first.

- Richeson commented that he had heard many compliments on the snow removal by the City crew. Others voiced their thanks as well.
- Mayor Hudson brought up the vote for LB840 and said that many residents still think that to vote for it would mean an increase in taxes which is incorrect. Bacon recommended that everyone tell the people that they come in contact exactly what the bill is.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance #960 regarding the 5 year extension of Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea –Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Janssen,

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to move Ordinance #961 to third and final reading regarding vacating 15th Street west of the north-south alley west of Avenue A. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – None.

Ordinance #962 was introduced on January 9 regarding 2018-2019 Utility Rates. Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, that the statutory ruled requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Roll call vote: Yea –Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Mayor Hudson declared the motion adopted by a full vote of the Council and the statutory rule suspended for consideration of said ordinance. Ordinance #962 was read by title, whereupon Council member Kennedy moved for final passage and Council member Waskowiak seconded the motion.

Mayor Hudson asked the question, “*Shall Ordinance #962 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance #962 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Deputy Clerk attested the signature.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution #2018-1 accepting improvements in paving district #2016-1 and #2016-2; finding the costs of improvements therein and establishing the time and place to set as a board of equalization and assessment to equalize and levy special assessments in paving district #2016-1 and #2016-2 and related matters. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson. Nay – None.

Discussion on options for the Depot was postponed until later in the meeting.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, approving Mayor Hudson’s recommend committee and personnel appointments:

Committees:

Cemetery Board: Heidi Galas

Planning & Zoning Commission: Brian Kouba

Tree Board: Connie Earll

PERSONNEL:

City Attorney - Mike Bacon	City Prosecutor – Todd Wilson
City Clerk – Brandi Kloopping	Deputy Clerk – Jill A. Rubenthaler
Police Chief - Randy Olson	Police Sgt. - Matthew Langley
Police Officers - Joe Humphrey, Jill McCandless, Chris Walkemeyer, Kyle Carlson, Aaron Pelzer - PT	
Fire Chief - Mark Ballmer	Building Inspector - Doug Swanson
City Physician - Dr. Garret Shaw	
Municipal Engineer - Miller & Assoc., Reed Miller Street Superintendent	

Fire Department:

Ron Alexander	Brock Anderson	Trevor Anderson	Alan Ballmer
Alex Ballmer	Mark Ballmer	Travis Binderup	Shane Butterfield
Justin Carlson	Andy Cowan	Richard Crown	Matt Farr
Adam Finke	Craig Franzen	Dale Franzen	Derek Franzen
Larry Franzen	Lyle Franzen	Troy Franzen	Wade Geiken
James Hecox	John Hecox	Tyrel Hite	Chris Horn
Jon Hudson	Joe Libal	Dan Meisinger	Travis Miller
Blake Munster	Troy Munster	Mark Ostergard	Mike Ostergard
Robb Ostergard	Michael Peterson	Jarrid Rickertsen	Corey Rossell
Shane Max	John Stuhr	Garland Underwood	Lane Van Natta
Jason Wagner	Michael Wagner	Dan Walker	Keith Williamson

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

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approving the issuance of a Special Designated Liquor License to Pals Brewing for the Hospital Gala on February 25. The event is sponsored by the Gothenburg Hospital Foundation. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded to approve NDEQ CWSRF Loan for west-side utilities – not to exceed \$625,000. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. Nay – none.

Discussion on the options for the Depot was reintroduced by Mayor Hudson. She reported that the Historical Society does not want the building and has informed her that the Depot that is sitting at Lafayette Park is not the original depot. The original depot is in Lexington at the Dawson County Museum. The Historical Society would, however, like to go through the Depot to see if there are any items of historical significance in it. Currently, the Boy Scouts store some things in it including their canoes, and the Lion’s Club stores their pancake griddle in it as well. Also the Depot is leased out by The Trading Post. It was recommended that the bids to purchase and remove the Depot from City property be advertised when the Council decides to move forth.

If no bids come forth, then bids for demolition will be requested. Mayor Hudson thinks that the building is not a good investment of tax dollars. No action was taken on this issue.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 a.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be February 6, 2018

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Jill A. Rubenthaler, Deputy City Clerk