

Regular City Council Meeting  
9, 2018  
City Council Chambers  
7:00 p.m.

January

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Ellen Mortensen, *KRVN* – Scott Foster

Also present: Ken Christensen, Heidi Galas, Pam Buddenberg, Devin & Jami Brundage, Claudine Kennicutt, Roxanne Whiting, Andrea McClintic, Gary Mroczek.

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 public hearing for Special Use Permit #148 was taken up. The Victory Assembly would like to put a sign on the building at 2611 Lake Avenue. A sign is only allowed by Special Use Permit in R-1 zone. Planning and zoning approved and recommended the permit to Council.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Special Use Permit #148 for a sign on the building at Victory Assembly. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approving the consent agenda that included:

    City Council minutes – December 19

    Police report – December

Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. Nay – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$85,228.12, except check# 10918044; Public Works Division \$218,540.42; and the January 3 payroll of \$32,855.25. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of check# 10918044 to Jeffrey Kennedy – Landscape for \$895.65. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak. Abstain – Kennedy. Nay – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Community Comments:

- Administrator Clymer mentioned the Employee Recognition Dinner is Friday night.

- Clymer also mentioned the City applied for Economic Development Grant for west side utilities, this will help NSG, Country Partners, and Healey's. The City received the grant for \$650,000 and will be a \$1.3 to 1.4 million total project. The city will move forward with entering into contract and hope to start construction this summer.

Devin Brundage with the Sun Theatre spoke about the theatre briefly through the years. Brundage said a gentleman wanted to do some pro bono work and put together a plan for remodeling the Sun Theatre. They want to be able to have meetings there and thought what if they added on at the time of remodel to make a Convention Center and have a 14,000 sq ft parking lot across the street.

Roxanne Whiting with the Sun Theatre wanted to apply for Community and Civic Center Financing Fund (CCCFF) and they would like to apply for a planning grant. In looking at this, she found that the letter of intent to apply for the grant would have to be turned in by January 15<sup>th</sup> and the building must be owned by the City, therefore the City would have to apply for the grant. Whiting volunteered to help with the letter. The grant application for planning is due February 18<sup>th</sup> and we would not have to apply even though we send in our letter of intent, there is no charge for the letter. If we apply and receive the grant would be a 50% match.

Andrea McClintic spoke about how another community went to Miller's for planning and would cost \$8,000 - \$12,000 making the local match \$4,000 - \$6,000. For the planning grant, the theatre would be one option, but there are other options. The theatre wants to work with the City and would change the design if the Sun Theatre becomes the place to have this center.

Ken Christensen asked if Keno funds could be used to help fund the center. Administrator Clymer mentioned the Pavilion area that is planned to go up at Lake Helen on the long term goal and the talk of having a convention center by the motels. Mayor Hudson asked about time frame. McClintic would come to the next meeting for funding and work with engineering to decide what site works best putting it towards late fall to winter. After that would be applying for up to \$350,000 from the same fund for a building with a one to one match also. The City would be working with an architect to plan starting in mid-2019, but it wouldn't have to start the next cycle, it could wait a year. The City would go out for proposals and it's not a CDBG so we don't have to have a certified administrator.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to move forward with the letter of intent that Roxanne Whiting puts together. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Gary Mroczek would like to put concrete in for off street parking on the north side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street west of Lake Avenue. Gruber has no issues and the drains will help water runoff. The electric department will work around.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to have the city attorney draw up a license to maintain. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to move Ordinance 960 to third and final reading for the 5 year extension of Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. Nay – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to introduce Ordinance 961 for a request to vacate 15<sup>th</sup> Street west of the north-south alley west of Avenue A. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Administrator Clymer discussed the additions and changes to the 2018 Utilities Rate Ordinance 962. There will be a 2.7% increase this year and next, eliminated all yard lights to just a non-metered yard light at \$14.00/month. It would be specific poles, if moved elsewhere; it will be billed to the customer. The City can refuse if it's not economically feasible or if a neighbor complains. The water rates will increase to help with the cost of painting the water tower. The cost of matching EDA grant for utilities will add approximately \$75,000 per year. The increase in water rates will affect the sewer rates, therefore, it will be \$0.80 per 1000 gallons for water usage over 5000 gallons. If the Ordinance is passed on the second reading, the changes will be on the February billing for January usage.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to introduce Ordinance 962 – 2018 Utilities Rate Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none. Absent and not voting – Richeson. The next regular meeting will be January 23.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk