

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

October 16, 2018
5:30 p.m.

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

Press: *Gothenburg Times* – Katy Soller

Also present: Damon Hubbard, Anne Anderson, Deb Egenberger.

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearings at 5:30 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.

Discussion on Special Use Permit # 152 for Damon Hubbard to build a carport attached to his existing garage at 1517 Avenue C was taken up. The carport would be too close to the property line making it non-conforming. The garage exists as non-conforming. Planning and Zoning voted to recommend approval to the City Council. Hubbard plans to keep it on the cement and does not intend to extend past garage into the alley. The neighbors have no issues.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:34 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved to approve the Special Use Permit #152. Motion not carried.

Mayor Hudson asked to keep the public hearing open until November 20th for the zoning ordinance due to Planning and Zoning discussing at their next meeting.

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

City Council minutes – Oct 2

Treasurer's Report – August, September

Cemetery Sexton Report – July to September

Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$74,641.17; Public Works Division \$645,166.01; and the October 10 payroll of \$33,247.36. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Community Comments:

- The depot is set to move on October 24th.
- Colten Ventiecher's son was born.

Anne Anderson with the Tourism Committee would like to put a Barn Quilt on City Hall. She said quilts date back to the 1830's, hex signs are for good fortune, and they were used for advertising in the 1930's. Barn quilts have turned into the fastest growing grassroots art movements in the US and Canada. The City

can pick a design and it will be 4x4 on the side of the building. No sign permit is needed for this and it is paid for by the Dawson County tourism which gets their money from lodging tax.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the barn quilt and allow the office staff to pick the design. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

The Airport signed a petition to annex the rest of the property. There is a limit that the City can blight and this will make all of the airport property annexed since only a portion was annexed before.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the petition for annexation. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Janssen introduced, Kennedy seconded, Ordinance 969 regarding annexation of portions of the Gothenburg Airport. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting: Richeson.

There have been comments for sidewalks that need worked on for the school kids walking. Administrator Clymer has proposed the next area to be fixed and will send out the same letter as Phase I. The sidewalks will be marked and a letter sent from the staff to fix them by October 1, 2019 and will move forward like Phase I.

Janssen moved to cut out the lower section proposed, Waskowiak seconded, to approve the area of 12th - 20th Streets between East side of Avenue F through the West side of Avenue I. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Maintenance Agreement #56. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Shane Hoffman had a building permit on February 22, 2017 for a garage, there was a letter sent to side it that he received on August 16, 2018. It looks as if he has added onto the house without a permit and Administrator Clymer is requesting to move forward with this. He will need notified by the building inspector to get a permit or take it down. Attorney Bacon said they can revoke the permit and have the garage taken down.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to have the City Attorney take action against Hoffman. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

This is an SR loan fund for engineering, hoping to start next spring. Administrator Clymer met with Country Partners 3 weeks ago and needs to get easements from 5 property owners. Engineers are working on getting a permit to go under the railroad that goes north. There is a need for a pumping station.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the outlay request #1 for Westside water/ sewer improvements. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Klopping, City Clerk