

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

February 6, 2018
7:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Heidi Galas, Roxanne Whiting, Tobin Buchanon.

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, to approving the consent agenda that included:
City Council minutes – January 25
Police report – January

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

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$45,689.15; Public Works Division \$105,732.65; and the January 31 payroll of \$31,684.09. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – None.

Community Comments:

- Administrator Clymer mentioned some conversation with Superintendent Teahon about parking. The school is thinking about summertime activities and would like to meet with Council.

Richeson approved, Janssen seconded, to pass and approve Ordinance #961 regarding a request by Ken Christensen to vacate 15th Street west of the north-south alley west of Avenue A, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – None.

Administrator Clymer said the planning grant through CCCFF for planning for a community center/convention center would be a match of \$6,000 by the City.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, the application and funding for a planning grant through the CCCFF for planning for a community center/convention center. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – None.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance #963 entitled:

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of highway allocation fund pledge bonds of the City of Gothenburg, Nebraska, in the aggregate stated principal amount of not to exceed three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of certain street improvements and related improvements within the city; prescribing the form of such bonds to be issued and authorizing officers of the city to approve certain final terms of the bonds; pledging funds to be received by the city from the state of Nebraska highway allocation fund for the payment of said bonds; providing for the levy

and collection of taxes to pay the same if necessary; providing for the sale of the bonds; authorizing the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser; and providing for the disposition of bond proceeds; and ordering the ordinance published in pamphlet form.

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Janssen and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Mayor Hudson declared motion adopted by full vote of Council and statutory rule suspended for consideration of said Ordinance. The ordinance was then read by title whereupon Council member Kennedy moved for final passage and Council member Janssen seconded the motion.

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #963 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance #963 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Kennedy Landscape Services LLC was the only proposal received for the downtown planters. There is an additional maintenance fee of \$200 added to the spring proposal and \$97/planter for 28 planters. There will be an additional maintenance fee of \$80 added to the fall proposal and \$46/planter for 16 planters. No additional maintenance fee will be added to the winter proposal and \$29/planter for 16 planters, any additional watering will be completed by Kennedy Landscape.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the contract in regard to Downtown Planters. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. Nay – None. Abstain – Kennedy.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded to approve the settlement agreement and release with Dan and Mary Meisinger. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – None.

Mayor Hudson represented the City at the agency meeting today. The lease will be financed by either bank in town and will be paid by the YMCA.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Per Section VI(m) of the Interlocal Agreement creating the Gothenburg Community Facilities Agency; approve the agency to enter into a five year lease agreement to obtain cardio equipment, strength equipment, and signage in an amount not to exceed \$160,000. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – None.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve RDA sales tax request for Avenue J improvements for \$124,205.15. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be February 20.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Klopping, City Clerk