

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson
Council members	Jeff Kennedy
	Jay Richeson
	Verlin Janssen
	Randy Waskowiak
City Administrator	Bruce Clymer
City Clerk / Treasurer	Brandi Kloopping
City Attorney	Mike Bacon

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Ellen Mortensen.

Also present: Shane Gruber, Attorney Colten Venteicher, Ken Christensen, Mike Wagner, Troy Franzen, Lane VanNatta, Jeffrey Skinner, Sean Sabin, Randy Sabin, Jason Wagner.

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearings 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 #149 was taken up. Sabin Motor Company would like to operate a used car dealership at 900 Avenue L. It is allowed in the I-2 zoning and they would also park cars on John Schmeeckle's property. They have a signed lease with John already. The drive through area between the properties is not an alley.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – None.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Special Use Permit #149 for a used car dealership at 900 Avenue L. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – None.

The public hearing for Special Use Permit #150 was taken up. Verizon would like to put up a 108' wireless telecom tower at 520 Cottonwood Drive. Jeffrey Skinner explained there will be no guide wires; the tower supports Verizon and two more carriers if they want to rent. The tower will be fenced for security purposes. The tower is intended to alleviate capacity problems, giving more bandwidth. Planning and Zoning recommended approval to Council, but would like a red light on top. Skinner also mentioned that more equipment can be added to the tower later if needed. It will take 3-4 weeks to build, will have power for roughly 5 hours without power and will have a backup generator if power is out longer.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. Nay – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Special Use Permit #150 with the addition of a red safety light on top of the tower. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – None.

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

City Council minutes – March 6

Treasurer's Report – February

Library Director's Report – January 9, 2018 – March 12, 2018

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

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$48,754.23; Public Works Division \$407,668.48; and the March 14 payroll of \$30,809.66. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – None.

Community Comments:

- Administrator Clymer mentioned that the City received a check from Ace for \$4,636.00 and to date Ace has given \$42,634.00 back to Gothenburg. Ace is an organization that works with Black Hill Energy.
- Attorney Bacon mentioned Open House for the YMCA will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> and they will open on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Venteicher said that there will have to be 5 registered voters of the City for the Citizen Advisory Review Committee. The Committee will be given certain financial info to look at but it will not be public information.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to introduce Ordinance 965 regarding LB840. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve second reading of Ordinance 964 regarding annexation of certain territory to the corporate limits of the City. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson. Nay – None.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Fire Department's request for fireworks display at Lake Helen on July 4, 2018. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – None.

The fire department has looked at the current range for ambulance rates and determined they are quite low. None of the firemen want to make a big jump so they proposed a 5% increase for the next 5 years or one lump sum all at once to bring the ambulance fees up to the current low end of the range. Council members discussed and decided they want to do one lump sum this year making non-emergency fees \$500.00, emergency fees \$625.00 and the mileage \$15.00 per mile. These fees are used to buy a new ambulance and if they are not at least on the low end of the range the department will not be able to stay on top of upgrades.

Dog tags are \$6.25 for new or yearly renewal before January 31 and \$16.25 for renewal after January 31. Dog tags include \$1.25 for the state licensing fee.

The campground would like to switch from 30 to 50 amp camping spaces therefore; they would also like to change their fee to \$20 for a camper and tents only up to 4 people with use of shower house to \$10.0/day with each additional person being \$2.50. Other campgrounds are charging \$33.00 to \$35.00 with water and sewer. Some that have no water hookup charge \$20.00. The Council thinks that \$25.00 will be a better fee for a camper.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, approving Resolution 2018-6 with non-emergency ambulance fees \$500.00, emergency ambulance fees \$625.00, dog tags \$6.25 and \$16.25, campers \$25.00 and tents \$10.00. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – None.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, appointment of fireman Mason Ackerman. Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – None.

There will be a request for bids on the alfalfa ground put in the *Gothenburg Times*.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the revised Council meeting hours to be every first and third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers starting May 1, 2018.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. Nay – none. The next regular meeting will be April 3.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Brandi Kloopping, City Clerk