

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

September 4, 2018  
5:30 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 Kloopping		

Press: *Gothenburg Times* – Katy Soller

Also present: Attorney Colten Venteicher, Tyler & Ainsley Swan, Pastor David Boyd

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing and meeting 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.

Attorney Venteicher said the Citizen’s Advisory Committee met and plans to come up with an application. There is not much money in the account since it just started. They plan to meet the first Monday of February and August at 1:15 p.m.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approving the consent agenda that included:  
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Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$71,886.35; Public Works Division \$99,263.37; and the August 29 payroll of \$37,749.83. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None.

Community Comments:

- Attorney Venteicher thinks Preston Smith’s project sign at Lake Helen for Frisbee Golf looks nice.

Administrator Clymer said the north south alley is open, but the east west in not officially open between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Street and between Avenue J and K. There is a fence and electrical equipment at one end so it will be hard to maintain or get big trucks through. The electric and street department foremen’s don’t see a problem with opening the alley. The will have to maintain it with a tractor and blade rather than the maintainer. Pastor David Boyd said his only issue is the big trucks, but most back out now so he didn’t have a problem with it opening either.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve opening the alley between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Street and between Avenue J and K. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

The City uses the Dawson Public Power District's communication tower north of town for the Fire Department. The agreement is for 5 years and is the same agreement as before. They charge \$6 per foot and the tower is 140 feet tall.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve the contract with DPPD for use of the communication tower. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None.

The last time the City applied for Owner Occupied Reuse, we were going to do a \$25,000 match, but the state had extra money so we didn't match. How much if any do we want to match for the next grant?

Randy Waskowiak mentioned that First State Bank would like to make the pledge to give the matching funds of \$45-50,000 because they have a Community Reinvestment Act to put back into the community. We will do a letter of commitment and have a public hearing with a \$45,000 match provided by First State Bank.

Discussion was taken up on the fencing around the solar array. The temporary fencing will come down and Nuttleman Fencing will put up a permanent fence around the complete solar array. It will be in the Phase II amount and the state electrical requires fencing so we have to put it up.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Nuttleman Fencing for \$34,878.60 for permanent fencing around the solar array. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. Nay – none.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk