

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

October 15, 2019
5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson	Not present –	City Attorney	Mike Bacon
Council members	Randy Waskowiak			
	Verlin Janssen			
	Jay Richeson			
	Jeff Kennedy			
City Administrator	Bruce Clymer			
City Clerk	Brandi Kloeping			
Assistant City Attorney	Colten Venteicher			

Press: *Gothenburg Times* – Eric Viccaro
Gothenburg Leader – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Tobin Buchanon, Susan Lunkwitz, Brianna Loftin.

Mayor Hudson opened the 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.

Susan Lunkwitz has been running a daycare at her parents' house and would like to continue running it at her son's house at 816 Washington Street. Susan is applying for a Special Use Permit to continue operating the daycare at the new address. The planning and zoning recommended it to the council at their October 8th meeting with stipulations. The council listened to the stipulations: permit expires upon sale of property or daycare; employee parking off street or in front of property; no more than 12 children; hours are Monday – Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. No – None.

Kennedy moved Jansen seconded, to approve Special Use Permit #153 to operate a daycare at 816 Washington Street with the following stipulations.

- The permit shall expire upon sale of the property or daycare.
- Employee parking shall be off street.
- There shall be no more than 12 children.
- The hours are Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- The permit is contingent on approval of state licensure.

Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

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

Council Minutes – October 1
Police Report - September
Treasurer's Report – September
Cemetery Sexton Report - September

Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No - none.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$95,248.81; Public Works Division \$581,168.22; and the October 9 payroll of \$34,568.03. Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. No - none.

Community Comments:

- Administrator Clymer said the water tower is back in operation and everything went well.

Tobin Buchanan with First National Capital Markets explained that he had an ordinance to authorize interim financing for preparation of the new substation at 21st and Avenue J. It is approximately 1.6 – 1.75% interest rate and a 1-2 year note for now. The longer bonds have lower interest rates than this short term bond. This will be open until June 2021, but can be paid off before that time. The substation is expected to be finished by the end of January or February and this note will not exceed \$1.1 million.

Janssen introduced Ordinance # 988 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRIC REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2019, OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,100,000), FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INTERIM FINANCING FOR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY; PENDING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT ELECTRIC REVENUE BONDS; AGREEING TO ISSUE SUCH BONDS TO PAY THE NOTES AT MATURITY OR TO PAY THE NOTES FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID NOTES; PLEDGING AND HYPOTHECATING THE REVENUE AND EARNINGS OF THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM OF SAID CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID NOTES AND INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND APPLICATION OF THE REVENUE OF SAID ELECTRIC SYSTEM; ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY WITH THE HOLDERS OF SAID NOTES; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Richeson. The roll was called and the following Council member voted “yea” Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question, “*Shall Ordinance #988 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Mayor Hudson declared the Ordinance #988 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Production Cost Adjustment flows to the customers. The new wording in the ordinance states “All rates and the billings for service rendered hereunder may be adjusted by resolution to reflect a variance from the base cost of purchased power. Adjustments may be made on a seasonal or annual basis to minimize inconvenience to the customers.” Administrator Clymer said the last one was in 2008 and there may be one coming up.

Council member Waskowiak introduced Ordinance #989 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH ALL UTILITY FEES AND CHARGES IN A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Kennedy. The roll was called and the following Council member voted “yea” Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question, “*Shall Ordinance #989 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Mayor Hudson declared the Ordinance #989 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the updated Dispatch Services Agreement. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Payment #2 to Maguire Iron for \$110,724.30 for paint restoration of elevated water storage facility. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Phase 2 of the sidewalk repairs is for the east side of Avenue F to the west side of Avenue I from 12th Street to 20th Street. Originally letters were sent to homeowners to repair the sidewalks; there were 72 requests and only 12 left that haven’t repaired them. The next step is for council to make the determination that these owners are in default. There will be letters sent giving 10 days to respond and an agreement homeowners can sign giving them until next June to get them finished. The address and homeowner name will be published and letters sent. 1702 Avenue H needs to have the name changed from Anderson to Marriott.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to move forward with publishing and sending letters to those that haven't repaired their sidewalks. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk