

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

November 12, 2019
12:00 noon

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

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

Also present: Shane Gruber, Jacque Haupt with Miller and Associates, Tyler Hilmer with Miller and Associates, Tim Strauser.

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting at 12:00 noon. 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.

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

Council Minutes – October 15

Police Report - October

Library Director's Report – September 9, 2019 – November 8, 2019

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

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$132,639.70, except for claim #111219019; Public Works Division \$422,026.64; and the October 23 payroll of \$36,350.51 and November 6 payroll of \$32,614.99. Roll call vote: Yea - Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. No - none. Absent and not voting - Janssen.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claim #111219019. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy. Abstain – Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Community Comments:

- Administrator Clymer stated that Shane Gruber received a service award at the waterworks conference.
- The City workers have started picking up leaves and Council said they are doing a nice job keeping them out of the way of traffic in the mornings.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2019-13 regarding opening a checking account for CDB grants contingent upon Attorney Bacon drawing it up. The signors will be Mayor, Council President, Clerk, and Deputy Clerk. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve Drawdown #14 and payment of \$5,962.00 to Miller and Associates for OOR – 16-HO-33067. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Drawdown #1 and payment of \$3,000.00 to Miller and Associates for 18-TD-003. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

The edges of the library need concrete to protect the windows and to get drainage away from the library. Paulsen's put together a quote of \$13,860.00. The City will pay half and the Library Foundation will pay half.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the quote from Paulsen's for \$13,860.00. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen. Tim Strauser stated on behalf of Herb Doering that Doering wants to connect the 2 houses at 1518 and 1520 Lake Avenue to be one structure. There is a carport at 1520 that is 30 inches away from 1518 and they wouldn't be able to start until probably September 2020 due to contractor's schedule.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded to approve the Contiguous Parcel Agreement for 1518/1520 Lake Avenue with the stipulation that it has to be started by January 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve Resolution 2019-14 regarding signing of the year-end certification of city street superintendent. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Pony Express Chevrolet is going through Woodhouse at the Nebraska Bid Price for the Dump Truck \$53,500.00. LCL bid has taller sides on the box and is heavier, will be in state and won't have travel time. They are in the middle on price of the three options. The Street department is replacing a 1979 dump truck. This will upgrade the truck and they will keep the old one and use it for the patch truck.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to award the contract for 2020 dump truck, box, and plow to Pony Express Chevrolet with the LCL options for a total of \$88,000.00. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to approve payment of \$620.00 to CDS Inspections for OOR 16-HO-33067. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve payment of \$2,900.00 to GOTH06 & Window World. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve payment of \$178.66 to GOTH02. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve payment of \$7,635.95 to GOTH14 & Dimensions Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Drawdown #15 for OOR 16-HO-33067 for \$11,334.61. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to appoint Logan Ricley to the Planning & Zoning Board. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to appoint Lou Bovitz to the Board of Adjustment. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Tyler Hilmer with Miller and Associates stated the completion of the Westside Water/Sewer Improvements is expected to be May 31, 2020; they would like to get easements across the tailrace by April 1. There is the possibility of condemning the railroad's right of way due to crossing the railroad three times, giving them lots of stipulations and costing more. This would mean the railroad will own the tracks, but the City will own the crossing if this happens. This is a 2-3 week process so they would have to pay others to be here for that entire time which means more cost.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the drawings and specifications and bidding documents for Westside Water/Sewer Improvements and to set the bid date for December 12, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. contingent upon the EDA concurrence. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve \$60,000 from the Sales Tax Fund for the Hospital REDLG loan #2. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

We will move Project 2020 and Ordinance regarding snow removal to a retreat on November 26th.

Administrator Clymer stated that Project 2020 is to try to decide if everyone is on board with the sales tax vote. He would like to invite in some community members, superintendent, bank members, etc to get others involved in helping make the decision. It will be more of a discussion than a decision.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Janssen.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk