

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

December 3, 2019
5:30 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Gary Steele with Miller and Associates, Becky Jobman, Mick Brant.

Council President Kennedy opened the public hearings 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.

The Planning & Zoning had questions and wanted the City Attorney to look at the revisions to the zoning & subdivision regulations regarding bed and breakfast.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Gary Steele with Miller & Associates worked with Clymer and Gruber on the road program. They would like to move Avenue I from Highway 30 to 10th Street from the 6 year program to the 1 year program. The addition of wheelchair ramps at every intersection from Avenue D to Avenue F from 13th Street to 20th street will be on the 1 year program. We will replace breaks and redo those that need a pad with money that is in the CDBG Reuse plan. The state wants the money unless we have a use for it, therefore there will be a public hearing on this in the future. We have to use the lump sum at first for the 1 year program and use the money coming in for the 6 year program for other curb improvements to be ADA acceptable.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve Resolution 2019-15 with the change of Avenue I from Highway 30 to 10th Street will be on the 1 year project. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:
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Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. No - none. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$112,557.38, Public Works Division \$178,013.79; and the November 20 payroll of \$32,842.84. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. No - none. Absent and not voting - Richeson.

Community Comments:

- Administrator Clymer stated that they are starting work at the substation by the hospital and believe it is to be completed January 31.

Becky Jobman said the hospital is applying for funds for an upgrade to the Data Center. They need to replace Microsoft on the server to keep from having cyber security attacks. The grant they are applying for is for \$300,000 from the USDA REDLG fund and the City will give \$60,000 from the economic development sales tax fund. When the hospital pays the money back it will be put in the revolving loan fund and can be loaned out again.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve Resolution 2019-16 regarding REDLG fund application by Gothenburg Health to the USDA. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded to approve Maintenance Agreement #56. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

The Site and Building Development Fund contract is tied to the Curbtender project. This grant is for \$400,000 from the state and the GIC will submit an LB840 application later.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the Site and Building Development Fund Contract #20-01-039 with NDED. Roll call vote: Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

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

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to approve payment of \$3,269.86 to CDS Inspections for OOR 16-HO-33067. Roll call vote: Yea - Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve payment of \$7,200.00 to GOTH10 & Straight Line Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting –Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to approve payment of \$5,810.00 to GOTH08 & Eickmeier Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting –Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve payment of \$6,144.00 to GOTH16 & Solid Rock Construction and \$122.59 to GOTH16 & Butterfield Electric, Inc. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting –Richeson.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve payment of \$80.00 to GOTH02 & Mike's Sanitation. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to approve payment of \$8,760.00 to GOTH17 and Eickmeier Construction. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve payment of \$4,662.00 to GOTH14 & Dimensions Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Drawdown #16 for OOR 16-HO-33067 for \$36,048.45. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Richeson.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting - Richeson.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk