Regular City Council Meeting City Council Chambers May 21, 2019 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor – Joyce Hudson Not present – Council member Randy Waskowiak

City Attorney Mike Bacon

Council members Jeff Kennedy

Jay Richeson Verlin Janssen Bruce Clymer

City Administrator Bruce Clymer
City Clerk Brandi Kloepping

Press: *Gothenburg Times* – Eric Viccaro

Also present: Ken Christensen.

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.

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

Council Minutes – May 7

Treasurer's Report – April

Planning & Zoning minutes – April 9

Building permit report - April

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

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded allowing payment of claims against the City, \$65,435.56; Public Works Division \$385,770.59; and the May 8 payroll of \$34,820.36. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. No - none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

## **Community Comments:**

- Two new employees have been hired for the Street Department and will help in the Parks. They are Stephan Wehtje and Dane Ehlers.

Discussion a. was taken off the agenda and moved to the next Council meeting.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded to approve Ordinance 972, proposed change in zoning code to adopt C-3 Commercial Storage Zone, on third and final reading. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

A hearing date has been set for Planning & Zoning and the Council to adopt the C-3 zoning change west of the alley on Avenue A.

No discussion was had on agenda item c.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to move Ordinance 975 to third and final reading regarding parked cars on city right of way. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Administrator Clymer received a letter from Engineer Doug Hartman with RVW, Inc that stated the low bid was from Virginia Transformer Corporation of Roanoke, VA. The bid is \$405,912.00 for transformer plus \$12,000.00 for offloading and \$4,000 on-site testing. Council members wondered if there might be a cheaper alternative for offloading. Clymer mentioned high amount of liability that someone would carry if they were to offload this transformer and have something happen to it.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to authorize the mayor to enter into contract for the purchase of the transformer with Virginia Transformer Corporation for the substation at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Avenue J. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Gothenburg Health is getting a grant of \$300,000 from REDLG and the City gives \$60,000 from the sales tax fund in a loan to the hospital for 10 years at 0% interest. The \$360,000 comes back to the city to loan back out.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2019-8 regarding the USDA REDLG loan to Gothenburg Health. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

No discussion was had on agenda item g.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded,	to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea -
Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – No	one. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.
Joyce Hudson, Mayor	Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk