

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

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

Also present: Ken Christensen, Eric Christensen.

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting and public hearing 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 C-3 zone was recently passed, therefore, a request to change the zoning from R-2 to C-3 has been made for Block 5 Lots 7-12, Block 12 Lots 7-12, Block 13 Lots 7-12, & Block 16 Lots 7-12 West Lawn Addition. This is the area east of the tail race and west of the alley behind Avenue A from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The Planning and Zoning Commission looked at this last Tuesday evening and a concern was mentioned by a resident about chemicals being stored if there was a lawn care/fertilizer business there. The Planning and Zoning committee did not make a recommendation to approve or disapprove to City Council. According to the city attorney, the council does not have to have a recommendation and can move forward if they want to.

Ken Christensen would like to rezone the area for future use of the land at the mobile home area. He cannot take new homes due to the bigger amps they require which are more than he currently has and it doesn't meet fire code requirements at this time.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:37 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to allow the city attorney to draft an ordinance for the zoning change. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

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

- Council Minutes – June 4
- Planning & Zoning minutes – May 14
- Building permit report – May

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

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$44,438.16; Public Works Division \$354,635.02; and the June 5 payroll of \$33,656.82. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No - none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Community Comments:

- The City lost a police officer, Jill Larson. It has been a tragedy and will be a big loss for our police department and community.
- There are at least two people in the room that are going to Denver for the All-America City finalist presentations this week and we are hoping they come home with the award.

No discussion had on Ordinance 974.

Janssen introduced Ordinance #976 entitled:

*An Ordinance relating to abandoned vehicles; adding new provisions related to removing abandoned vehicles from private property; revising provisions relating to removing abandoned vehicles from public property; to harmonize with state law; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections; and to provide an effective date.*

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Kennedy and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #976 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 976 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance #977 entitled:

*An Ordinance relating to alcoholic beverages; adding bottle clubs to location restrictions; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections; and to provide an effective date.*

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Richeson and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

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Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #977 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 977 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance #978 entitled:

*An Ordinance relating to alcoholic beverages; adding bottle clubs to license renewal procedures; to harmonize with state law; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections; and to provide an effective date.*

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Richeson and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared the motion adopted by a full vote of the Council and the 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 Richeson seconded the motion.

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #978 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 978 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance #979 entitled:

*An Ordinance relating to alcoholic beverages; authorizing citizen complaints regarding bottle club licensees; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections; and to provide an effective date.*

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Janssen and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #979 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 979 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Janssen introduced Ordinance #980 entitled:

*An Ordinance relating to alcoholic beverages; adding bottle clubs to the restrictions of consumption in public places; to harmonize with state law; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections; and to provide an effective date.*

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Kennedy and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #980 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 980 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Janssen introduced Ordinance #981 entitled:

*An Ordinance relating to alcoholic beverages; adding bottle clubs to license procedures; to harmonize with state law; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections; and to provide an effective date.*

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Richeson and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #981 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 981 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance #982 entitled:

*An ordinance relating to alcoholic beverages; adding bottle club licensees to the requirement of frequent inspection; to harmonize with state law; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections; and to provide an effective date.*

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Richeson and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared the motion adopted by a full vote of the Council and the 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 Richeson seconded the motion.

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #982 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 982 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Janssen introduced Ordinance #983 entitled:

*An Ordinance relating to traffic and roads; changing the rural highway classification of major arterial to include super-two highways and changing maximum highway speed limits; to harmonize with state law; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections; and to provide an effective date.*

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Kennedy and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #983 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 983 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Janssen introduced Ordinance #984 entitled:

*An Ordinance relating to fire departments; removing the requirement that fire departments file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for the county a certified copy of the rolls of their respective companies so as to obtain for the members thereof the privilege of the exemption from militia duty in time of peace; to harmonize with state law; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections; and to provide an effective date.*

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Kennedy and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #984 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 984 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Attorney Venteicher asked for \$20,000 from LB840 sales tax funds for the lodging, meals, travel etc. for GIC efforts in going to Denver for the All-America City. This shows the inclusiveness and collaboration of the community. Gothenburg won back in the 90's and Dawson County won once.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve resolution 2019-9 approving the application and the agreement. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to appoint fireman Trent Good. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None. Absent and not voting: Waskowiak.

We previously passed an ordinance for the same thing as the following ordinance; it just needed a correction in the legal description.

Richeson introduced Ordinance #985 entitled:

*An Ordinance to vacate a portion of the north south alley in Block 1 Summit Meadows Addition to the City of Gothenburg; providing for the reversion of the ownership thereof; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and providing an effective date.*

and moved that statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Janssen and on roll call vote the following Council members voted “Yea” – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question “*Shall Ordinance #985 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 985 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Attorney Venteicher proposed an interlocal agreement for early childhood funding. They have been working with private providers and the school. There is a \$50,000 grant to support a Community Coordinator. The School is committing to \$20,000 and they are asking for \$10,000 each from the City and the Hospital. This is to hire a person to go out and get access to help. Many people that look at moving into the community ask about housing and childcare affordability. This would be a 2 year commitment to use funds from the previous sales tax dollars.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the interlocal agreement for early childhood funding. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Administrator Clymer stated we just received the final pay request for the solar array. We have until the end of June to get the application in for grant money so we don't have to ask for an extension. The project finished last Friday; we will hold the check until we know it's approved.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the final payment and acceptance for the solar array. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Administrator Clymer stated there were letters sent to the property owners on Avenue D, Lake Avenue, and Avenue F that stated the administrative determination to have sidewalks repaired by September 2018. They were given an option to sign an agreement that gave them until June 1, 2019 to finish. There were a couple of property owners that didn't respond and a couple that signed

the agreement but haven't finished them. It takes action from the Council to move forward. Council can look at a list of properties if desired. Venteicher stated they would identify the property, get the specific footage, an estimated cost, mail a notice and publish a notice with names and property in the paper. The owner can make repairs or the city will fix it and it will get an assessment on their property.

Council would like to put it on the next agenda to move forward.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. No – None. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk