

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

July 16, 2019
5:30 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Jolene Block, Deb Egenberger, Shawn Rossell, Becky Rossell, Kristi Kreuzscher, Andrew Kreuzscher, 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 – July 2
- Planning & Zoning minutes – June 11
- Building permit report – June
- Treasurer’s Report – May & June
- Library Director’s Report – May 14, 2019 – July 8, 2019
- Library annual statistical report

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

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$44,575.33, except #71619036; Public Works Division \$379,200.96; and the July 3 payroll of \$35,310.57. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No - none.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of #71619036. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. Abstain – Richeson. No – None.

Community Comments:

- Shawn Rossell lost some inflatable rentals due to the council’s decision to not allow inflatables in city parks. He explained that even though they have to be staked down, he calls for locates when installing them and has sand bags that could be used instead of stakes. Rossell believes his inflatables are too big for Ehmen Park. He uses tarps under all inflatables and a Watch Dog siren. He also watches weather, uses a wind meter on site and watches a weather app and will shut it down if needed. The wind is the biggest problem and at 15 mph he gets a bit nervous, but at 20 mph he will shut it down. To help cover the

liability issue, he can name the City as a certificate holder. He would like council to reconsider having inflatables in city parks.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approving the issuance of a Special Designated Liquor License to Niobrara Valley Vineyards for the Beef & Wine on August 10. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approving the issuance of a Special Designated Liquor License to Around the Block Catering for a wedding reception on August 24. Roll call vote: Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to move Ordinance 974 to third and final reading for the revision to zoning ordinance R-2 to C-3. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. No – None.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to move Ordinance 986 to third and final reading for the request to vacate east/west alley at 1720 Avenue M and retain ownership. Roll call vote: Yea Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve payment of \$538.31 to CDS Inspections for OOR 16-HO-33067. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to approve payment of \$2,000.00 to GOTH08 and Eikmeier Construction, Inc. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak. No – None.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve payment of \$3,783.06 to GOTH01 and DeMilts Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to approve payment of \$64.18 to GOTH02. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve payment of \$67.02 to GOTH14. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Drawdown #8 for OOR – 16-HO-33067 for \$6,452.57. Roll call vote: Yea - Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

The “GOTH#” is the application number to provide confidentiality and payments are made to the individuals and the company on all OOR projects.

Engineers estimated a cost of \$1,150,000 for the new substation at 21st Street and Avenue J. Doug Hartman indicated that there’s pretty good bids and it has been a while since he’s quoted one. Hartman supplied a letter stating the bids are higher than expected due to steel prices and he recommends IES Commercial, Inc. of Holdrege.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to award the bid for substation at 21st Street and Avenue J to IES Commercial, Inc for \$1,368,807.35. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk