

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

July 2, 2019
5:30 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ken Christensen, Tyler Buesing.

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, Richeson seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

Council Minutes – June 18

Police report - June

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

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$88,355.43, except #70219025; Public Works Division \$84,605.19; and the June 19 payroll of \$38,689.72. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. No - none.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of #70219025. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. Abstain – Kennedy. No – None.

Community Comments:

- Congratulations to the City on the All-America City and thank you to everyone that contributed.
- The new sign is up at Ehmen Park for the arboretum.

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

The first group of sidewalks only has 4 properties that are not in compliance. To move forward the City will have to send out a letter and publish in the paper the properties that are not compliant which include Wayne Benash at 1417 Avenue D for 3 panels at an estimated cost of \$500.00, Hope Lafleur at 1509 Avenue D for several panels at an estimated cost of \$1,450.00, Jim Bebensee at 1602 Lake Avenue for 2 panels at an estimated cost of \$500.00, and Eric Millsap at 1015 Avenue F for 3 panels at an estimated cost of \$675.00. The property owners will then have 30 days to fix it before the City will fix them and assess it to the owner.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to declare the 4 properties noncompliant and to move forward with the process. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

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

The legal description on Ordinance 970 had a mistake, therefore, a new ordinance has been put together.

Janssen introduced Ordinance #987 entitled:

An Ordinance of the City of Gothenburg, Dawson County Nebraska, amending ordinance no. 970 to correct the legal description; ordering the change of the official zoning map to reflect such amendment; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for 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, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

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 #987 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy. No – None.

Mayor Hudson declared Ordinance 987 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Attorney Venteicher said that John Bell is taking care of the low hanging branches obstructing the sidewalk this evening.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve payment of \$1,265.11 to CDS Inspections for OOR 16-HO-33067. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve payment of \$7,706.56 to GOTH10 and Eustis Heating & \$195.00 to GOTH10 and Butterfield Electric. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve payment of \$9,670.00 to GOTH16 and AJ Sheet Metal. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve payment of \$6,561.92 to GOTH01 and DeMilts Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve payment of \$715.71 to GOTH02. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to approve payment of \$7,944.00 to GOTH17 and Franzen, Inc. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Drawdown #7 for OOR – 16-HO-33067 for \$15,680.35. Roll call vote: Yea Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk