

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

August 6, 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		
Assistant City Attorney	Colten Venteicher		

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

Also present: Ken Christensen, Jacque Haupt with Miller & Associates, Jim & Karan Smith.

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 15 & 16  
Cemetery Sexton Report – April to June  
Police report – July

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

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$80,793.62, except #80619008 and #80619013; Public Works Division \$138,090.44; and the July 17 payroll of \$37,252.84 and the July 31 payroll of \$35,039.37. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. No - none.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of #80619008. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak. Abstain – Richeson. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of #80619013. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. Abstain – Kennedy. No – None.

Community Comments:

- 2020 Sales Tax Projects will be on the next agenda. There is a total of \$5.4 million in projects to consider paying for with a 1/2 % sales tax. Once the projects are decided on, they will be voted on by the people.
- A crew will be on site Friday to start painting the water tower. The city will run strictly on wells and should be able to maintain water pressure for 45-60 days. We are hoping we don't have a bunch of water leaks. Manganese naturally comes through and could be an issue with switching the water. Manganese is cloudy or black specs and is NOT considered a health concern. When a fire hydrant was opened last week on Northaven, we had a very concerned customer about the manganese in the water. There shouldn't be any issues for the fire department in this time frame if they need to use a hydrant.

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

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

There was no response from any contractors for bids on concrete improvement at the library. They may go out for bids again in the spring.

The City has not reviewed the Lafayette Caretaker contract since approximately 2001. Administrator Clymer mentioned getting a committee together to review the contract and all of Lafayette Park. The committee members will be Bruce Clymer, Shane Gruber, Tim Lauer, Joyce Hudson, Verlin Janssen, and Jay Richeson. They will meet and come back to the Council on whether or not to make changes to the contract.

Shane Bryant originally thought he only needed 3 feet of his alley, but 6 is probably best. Miller's & Associates did a survey to sell 6 feet to Bryant.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Resolution 2019-10 selling property for \$150.00 to Shane Bryant. Roll call vote: Yea - Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Haupt with Miller and Associates stated the Memorandum of Understanding outlays terms and conditions between the City and the Sun Theatre. The Department of Economic Development required us to do this due to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party being involved.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve the MOU. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen. No – None.

These are normal special conditions for the Sun Theatre project and no motion is needed.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve payment of \$412.22 to GOTH02 and \$900.00 to GOTH02 & Platte valley Seamless Gutters, Inc. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve payment of \$200.00 to GOTH04. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to set special meetings and public hearing for the budget as follows:

Special meeting August 27, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Special meeting August 30, 2019 at 12:00 noon

Public hearing September 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk