

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

January 7, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson
Council Members	Randy Waskowiak
	Verlin Janssen
	Jay Richeson
	Jeff Kennedy
City Administrator	Bruce Clymer
City Clerk	Brandi Kloeping
City Attorney	Mike Bacon

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Shane Gruber.

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.

Administrator Clymer met with Planning & Zoning to discuss bed and breakfasts. They are allowed in residential zoning by applying for a Special Use Permit. With Airbnb's and VRBO's being short term rentals, discussion on a business license rather than a Special Use Permit have been discussed. Clymer would like to add "bed and breakfast" under Ch. 114 business regulations. If there is an annual license, it would be easier to deal with problems that could arise. Discussion about residence occupied or not occupied by the owner will need to be addressed. There will need to be rules and regulations such as the owner needs to collect the appropriate tax. The 2nd half is zoning codes which will need to be addressed by Planning & Zoning.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:39 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

Council agreed to have the city attorney draw up a new ordinance.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, approving the consent agenda with the change of who opened the meeting in the council minutes that included:

Council Minutes – December 17

Police Report - December

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

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$66,146.04, Public Works Division \$365,900.20; the December 18 payroll of \$35,065.13 and January 1 payroll of \$35,107.66. Roll call vote: Yea - Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No - none.

Community Comments:

- Council complimented the City crew for doing a great job on snow removal again. Gruber stated some people left snow in the streets in large piles so they had to move those. Some people covered storm grates so the melting had nowhere to go. Piles were left in front of other people's houses and should be put up in the yard instead.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded to approve the final application for payment #3 to Maguire Iron - \$28,210.00 for Paint Restoration of Elevated Water Storage Facility. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Paint Restoration of Elevated Storage Facility. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None.

There were a couple of claims with paint splatter on cars from this project that Dana Daniels is handling with the contractor.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to approve payment of \$110.60 to CDS Inspections for OOR 16-HO-33067. Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak. No – None.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve payment of \$1,106.00 to GOTH16 & Solid Rock Construction. Roll call vote: Yea –Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

The tree board would like to apply for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) grant with no cost to the City. They would apply for 80 trees to use in the right-of-way by homeowners. The owner would have to attend 1 informational meeting to receive a tree.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to move to apply for the EAB grant. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

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

The city received notice from First National Bank of Omaha, that the City Tree program could get some funds from the Mary Ann Ostergard trust. Clymer suggested having city clerk Brandi Kloepping approved for signature to formally accept the funds.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to formally accept the funds and approve Kloepping to sign on the City's behalf. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen, Richeson. No – None.

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

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk

