

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

March 3, 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 Kloopping
City Attorney	Mike Bacon

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

Also present: Shane Gruber, Will Rahjes, Randy Isackson.

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 – February 18  
Treasurer's Report – January

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

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$78,279.03 except check # 30320023; Public Works Division \$800,467.29; the February 26 payroll of \$34,371.84. Roll call vote: Yea - Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No - none.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment of check #30320023. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Richeson. Abstain – Kennedy. No – None.

Community Comments:

- Administrator Clymer stated we received 80 free trees from the NE Arbor Day Foundation and Peter Kiewit Foundation. Residents will be able to apply for free trees on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Lake Helen.
- The trout release at Lake Helen is coming up also.

Attorney Bacon stated the Resolution 2020-2 is a follow up on Curbtender's recruitment to town. Curbtender bought the building, making it eligible for a \$400,000 grant. The grant will buy down the loan and GIC plans to buy the building back on a 17-year lease allowing Curbtender to buy the building back for a \$1 at the end. GIC will pay the interest on the loan for 2 years and then ½ the

lease payment with Curbtender paying ½ the lease payment for 15 years. Therefore, GIC needs economic sales tax funds monthly to get their payment made. Curbtender agreed to pay full memberships at the YMCA for employee families. They will have an open house for the community in October and have finished one truck that goes to Toronto. They also have one that will be going to Hawaii and one to New York soon.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2020-2 for Curbtender's LB840 application and grant agreement. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

Janssen introduced Ordinance # 995 entitled:

*AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRICAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2020, OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,200,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT FINANCING OF THE COSTS OF ENLARGING, EXPANDING AND IMPROVING THE CITY'S ELECTRIC PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; DIRECTING THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BONDS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND DETAILS OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING AND HYPOTHECATING THE REVENUES AND EARNINGS OF THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM OF SAID CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND APPLICATION OF THE REVENUES OF SAID ELECTRIC SYSTEM; ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY WITH THE HOLDERS OF SAID BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION ON THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.*

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Kennedy. The roll was called and the following Council member voted "yea" Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

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

Mayor Hudson asked the question, "*Shall Ordinance #995 be passed and adopted?*" Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Mayor Hudson declared the Ordinance #995 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

MFO interlocal with the city rural fire and other community's statute changed to adopt a new interlocal agreement, but that will be taken up at another time.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve the hospital substation pay requests No. 1-3 totaling \$306,652.41 to IES Commercial, Inc. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve payment of \$583.00 to CDS Inspections for OOR 16-HO-33067. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, to approve payment of \$570.00 to GOTH08 & Eickmeier Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve payment of \$500.00 to GOTH02 & FiveStar Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve payment of \$5,060.00 to GOTH13 & Eickmeier Construction. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to approve Drawdown #21 for OOR 16-HO-33067 - \$6,713.00. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None.

Randy Isackson would like to build his proposed building back 10 feet to stay out of the way of the other building and to have more room. The openings would face west. This building would accommodate a company for Curbtender and would be on the 10 feet of property, not on the vacated right of way. Nate Baker met with Isackson to look at the power lines to make sure it will not bother them.

Kennedy introduced Ordinance # 996 entitled:

*AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AVENUE A BETWEEN 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.*

And moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on 3 different days be suspended. The motion was seconded by Council member Waskowiak. The roll was called and the following Council member voted “yea” Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No – None.

Mayor Hudson declared the motion adopted by full vote of the Council and 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 #996 be passed and adopted?*” Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. No – None.

Mayor Hudson declared the Ordinance #996 adopted and signed it in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the signature.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the Lutheran Church request to close Avenue G from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street from Avenue G west to the alley on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy. No - none.

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Joyce Hudson, Mayor

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Brandi Kloepping, City Clerk