

Regular City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers

May 19, 2020  
5:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Joyce Hudson  
Council Members Randy Waskowiak  
Verlin Janssen  
Jay Richeson  
Jeff Kennedy  
City Administrator Gary Greer  
City Clerk Brandi Kloopping

Not Present:

City Attorney Mike Bacon

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen  
*Gothenburg Times* – Cheyenne McVay

Also present: Mason Herrman with Miller and Associates, Bob Meyer, Dan Yancy, Tim Carson, Will Rahjes, Deb Egenberger, Bruce Clymer.

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.

The meeting was held via zoom.

Mason Herrman with Miller and Associates discussed the public hearing for the proposed project involving constructing a total of 66 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps throughout the City, specifically at intersections on Avenue D, Lake Avenue, and Avenue F.

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:33 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – None

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

Council Minutes – May 5

Treasurer's Report – March & April

Approve payment of \$6,600.00 to GOTH04 & Eickmeier Construction

Approve payment of \$355.50 and \$500.00 to CDS Inspections for OOR 16-HO-33067

Approve Drawdown #26 for OOR 16-HO-33067 - \$7,455.50

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

Waskowiak moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$102,450.23, except # 51920039; Public Works Division \$327,298.32, except #51920011; the May 6 payroll of \$36,005.13. Roll call vote: Yea - Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No - none.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to allow payment of #51920011 and 51920039. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. Abstain – Kennedy. No – None.

Community Comments:

- The City is back to full staff working and following the directed health measures that are in place and Administrator Greer is monitoring the situation.
- Many lawns in town are getting out of hand.
- Administrator Greer hopes to get the meetings back in house in June, but it will depend if we are still only allowed 10 people.

Deb Egenberger asked if the dog litter bags and sign could be moved to a separate post rather than on the sign at Ehmen Park. They would like to put the new sign together and have visitors be able to take selfies. They would also like to put up some solar lights so the sign can be seen after dark. The sign should be finished by the weekend.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve the update to the covered sign at Ehmen Park. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Bob Meyer discussed the 2018-2019 audit and their findings.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to approve the 2018-2019 audit as noted. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None.

Dan Yancy discussed the employee healthcare plan renewal. The cost of the plan has gone up.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve the employee healthcare plan renewal. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson. No – None.

Resolution 2020-7 is to change appointment from Bruce Clymer to Gary Greer for NMPP and ACE.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Resolution 2020-7 appointing Gary Greer to NMPP Member's Council and ACE Board of Directors. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 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