

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

July 7, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor
Council Members

Joyce Hudson
Jeff Kennedy (entered late)
Randy Waskowiak
Verlin Janssen
Jay Richeson

City Administrator
Deputy City Clerk
Assistant City Attorney

Gary Greer
Jill Rubenthaler
Colten Venteicher

Not Present:

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

Also present: Misty Bussinger, Shane Gruber, Sally Dalrymple, Dee Miller, Brad Miller via phone, Randy Olson, Converse Whiting, Jacque Haupt, Will Rahjes, Devin Brundage, and Jon Birnie.

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, to close the public hearing at 5:32 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – None. Absent and not voting – Kennedy

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to recommend to the Liquor Control Commission the issuance of a Class D-123672 liquor license to K S Plus Inc dba Kwik Stop #26. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. No – none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy

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

Council Minutes – June 16

Police report - June

Approve payment of \$4,160.00 to GOTH04 & Eickmeier Construction

Approve payment of \$741.00 & \$1,000.00 to CDS Inspections for OOR 16-HO-33067

Approve Drawdown #28 for OOR 16-HO-33067 - \$5,901.00

Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen. No - none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy

Richeson moved, Waskowiak seconded, allowing payment of claims against the City, \$9,577.29; Public Works Division \$127,612.03; the June 16 payroll of \$40,414.28. Roll call vote: Yea - Richeson, Janssen, Waskowiak. No - none. Absent and not voting – Kennedy

Community Comments:

- Jill Rubenthaler was applauded for her work in the transition of City Clerk.

- Administrator Greer discussed budget concerns or philosophy.
- Administrator Greer reported that Sales Tax collections were holding well and were down only 1.1%. (Kennedy entered)
- The City will ask for voluntary compliance for water will be advertised in both papers and facebook. They are asking odd addresses only water on odd days and even addresses on even days.

Sally Dalrymple addressed the council concerning parking on 2021 Lake Avenue. She reported that a business owned by Brad Miller was hauling cars and she felt like it was a safety issue and also hurts property value. She also stated that traffic on 22nd Street has increased since the YMCA has opened and there is a lot of alley traffic that also affects the neighbors. Chief Olson stated that they are in compliance as long as they move vehicles within 24 hours. He also stated it is a narrow street. Dee Miller and Brad Miller per phone addressed the council that they do haul wrecked cars but it is not a Class 8 business according to DOT Regulations. The City Council determined since they are not breaking any law, so they cannot do anything. They did mention the possibility of parking on Lake Avenue or Avenue A which is Brad's mother's lot. The City Council did understand the concerns but Miller are doing nothing illegal so the council cannot take action on this.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to approve Resolution 2020-11 regarding Ratifying actions taken while tele-conferencing. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Resolution 2020-9 regarding 2020 Hospital IT upgrade #2. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2020-10 regarding GIC request for Recruiting Funds of \$250,000.00. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None

Jacque Haupt, project administrator for the Sun Theatre grant, asked on behalf of the Theatre, for permission to terminate architectural agreement of Sun Theatre CDBG project 18-TD-003 as they have not been pleased with W Design preconstruction conference and meetings. Assistant City Attorney Colten tabled for 7/22/2020 city council meeting. He will discuss further with DED reps.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to approve Appointment of City Clerk/Treasurer Misty Bussinger and Deputy City Clerk Jill Rubenthaler. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – None

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

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Jill A. Rubenthaler, Deputy Clerk