

Aerial map promises clearer city view

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Council enters into agreement with CPNRD.

A better birds-eye view of the city is what officials hope to get through an aerial mapping agreement.

At their Jan. 12 meeting, the Gothenburg City Council approved an interlocal cooperative agreement with Central Platte Natural Resources District to provide aerial photography of the city.

The price tag is estimated at \$4,000.

City administrator Bruce Clymer said the image will be much clearer than before and will include 15 square miles of the city proper and beyond—from a former greenhouse to the south to a mile from city limits to the north and a three-mile wide distance.

Clymer said the city engineers would be frequent users of the map as well as economic development officials.

“It will be like Google Earth but with an even clearer picture,” he said.

Google Earth is an Internet service that offers maps and satellite images for complex or pinpointed regional searches.

When asked if the maps would be available to the public, city attorney Mike Bacon said they would. He noted that other towns have used the maps in economic development presentations.

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“They do presentations of industrial sites that are really good and better than what we have access to,” Bacon said.

Clymer added that the maps will be helpful for engineers in planning city projects.

On Friday, he said the city has never had a map like what CPNRD will provide.

CPNRD will buy aerial photography services and digital orthophoto products from Cornerstone Mapping.

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