

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

October 20, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Present:

Not Present: Randy Waskowiak

Mayor Joyce Hudson
Council Members Jeff Kennedy
Verlin Janssen
Jay Richeson

City Administrator Gary Greer
City Clerk Misty Bussinger
Assistant City Attorney Colten Venteicher

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen
Gothenburg Times – David Craft

Also present: Chris Walkemeyer-Police Office, Robert DeSersa-Police Officer, Jason Anderson, Michelle Anderson, Kayla DeSersa, Will Rahjes, Shane Gruber-Services Director, Deb Egenberger-Chamber Director.

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting at 5:35 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.

Public Hearing on the request to approve Proposed Redevelopment Plan for CRA TIF Jesse Ambler's Channel Building. Attorney Venteicher reported after purchasing the lot for \$40,000, Jesse Ambler will need \$65,000 for infrastructure of the Channel Building. No funds were advanced on the project, but they requested \$65,000 in tax increment financing, over 15 years. If the TIF is insufficient to meet their obligation, they will be required to make up the difference. The Redevelopment Authority has approved the plan.

There being no further discussion or comment, a motion was made by Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:46 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2020-19 Proposed Redevelopment Plan for CRA TIF Jesse Ambler's Channel Building. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

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

- Council Minutes – October 6
- Treasurer Report - September
- Approve Payment of \$1,100.00 to Gothenburg Senior Center for transportation program.
- Approve payment of \$161,045.25 to Paulsen for App#4 and #5-Final for 18-TD-003
- Approve payment of \$3,853.32 to Sun Theatre for 18-TD-003

Approve Drawdown #9 for 18-TD-003
Planning & Zoning minutes – October 13
Building Permits-September
Board of Adjustment minutes – October 9
Approve Miller & Associates as Grant Writer/Administrator/Engineer on the city's EDA projects
Approve payment of \$20.00 to CDS Inspection and Beyond for OOR 16-HO-33067
Approve payment of \$200.00 to Goth-01 and Ray Bevard for OOR 16-HO-33067
Application and Certificate for Payment #5 – Van Kirk Bros - \$291,674.34 – Westside Water & Sewer Project
Library Annual Statistical Report – September 2020

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

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund, \$37,676.28 except Check number 102020017; Enterprise Fund \$676,120.14; and the October 7th payroll of \$44,416.46 and Payroll Transmittals of \$52,886.62. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

The was no quorum allowing payment of Check number 102020017 this will be tabled for next meeting.

General Fund Claims: Amaruq Enviromental Services \$6,750.00; ARAMARK \$76.78; Association for Rural & Small Libraries \$65.00; CASELLE, INC. \$310.00; Dan Wenger \$90.00; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC \$240.55; GOTHENBURG SENIOR CENTER \$1,100.00; HOEHNER TURF IRRIGATION II \$977.40; HOLIDAY INN – KEARNEY \$288.00; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$488.79; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$347.02; Kenneth Olson \$365.00; LIBRARY \$63.74; NEBRASKA STATEWIDE ARBORETUM, INC \$100.00; NEENAH FOUNDRY \$2,677.00; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC. \$150.00; School Specialty \$240.11; SNELL SERVICES INC. \$522.00; SYNCB / AMAZON \$681.88; TRI-CITY TRIBUNE \$33.00; VERIZON WIRELESS \$412.49; CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT – ACH \$280.00; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$150.53; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$1,152.08; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$1,526.95; DOLLAR GENERAL \$105.70; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$32.16; FIRE DEPARTMENT \$5,000.00; GOTHENBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS \$300.00; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$37.50; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$26.48; IDEAL LINEN \$51.09; J.P. COOKE, CO \$32.10; JOHNNY ON THE SPOT / KIRK'S TRENCHING & \$140.00; LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC \$58.68; MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$912.50; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$47.50; OMAHA WORLD HERALD \$497.95; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$48.08; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS \$5,591.76; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$3,566.41; RANDY OLSON \$83.16; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$46.89 VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO \$2,010.00.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ARAMARK \$162.84; BLUETARP FINANCIAL, INC. \$1,090.98; CASELLE, INC. \$858.00; DALLAS CODER\$75.00; DALTON RIEDEL \$400.00; JOHN

DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$903.45; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.\$2,145.87; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC. \$555.00; SERVI TECH, INC.\$128.15; VAN KIRK BROS. \$291,674.34; VERIZON WIRELESS \$89.11; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$6,155.17; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$63,239.61; CORRPRO COMPANIES, INC. \$1,985.00; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$1,621.13; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$73.30; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT COMPA \$13.00; HYDRO OPTIMIZATION & AUTO SOLUTIONS \$1,200.00; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$273.36; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$291,427.32; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. \$65.00; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$235.81; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$11,435.40; TRAVIS HOUCHIN \$313.30.

Payroll Transmittal: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$13,624.87; MASS MUTUAL \$5,904.52; ASSURITY LIFE INS \$330.02; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$372.47; HEALTHCARE MMKT \$16,135.16; HEALTHCARE MMKT Sidefund \$14,781.22; HEALTHCARE CAFETERIA \$1738.36.

Community Comments:

- Greer mentioned the city received from the Bureau of Justice grant for two Life jackets.
- Greer mentioned the Lake Helen was recently stocked with fish. Gruber mentioned it was trout that the lake had been stocked with. Greer stated the city has contracted a firm to analyze the lake and water quality.
- Gruber mentioned that there was a water main break around noon at 9th & B and it was repaired by 5:00pm.

Administrator Greer discussed the Grave Service Contract with Rick Crown. Greer stated that Crown had done great work in the past and would recommend moving forward on approving the contract. After no further discussion Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to Approve Grave Service Contract with Rick Crown. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Administrator Greer discussed the Request to change Residency Requirement-Resolution 2020-20 that will require any employee holding a position with on-call, call-back or emergency reporting status personnel, including supervisors shall be able to report for duty in the City within 15 minutes of receiving notice all other city employees will not have residency requirements. After no further discussion Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to Approve Resolution 2020-20 Residency Requirement. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to Approve Appointment of Kent Kline to the Board of Adjustment as Alternate. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Administrator Greer discussed the quote from John Deere Financial/Landmark Implement for the manure spreader. The purchase of the manure spreader was in the budget and the quote was under budget. Shane Gruber-Services Director stated that this spreader will be a better fit for the Tree lot maintenance and recommends moving forward with the purchase. After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to Approve Purchase of Manure spreader from John Deere

Financial/Landmark Implement. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Officer DeSersa spoke on his background in the military and his spouse family is from Gothenburg and he looks forward to serving his community. Greer stated that his test scores were incredible and wanted to thank all the officers for their service. Office Walkemeyer mentioned that all the officers are like family and they enjoy providing the service. After no further discussion Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to Appoint Police Officer Robert DeSersa. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Greer discussed the closure of some downtown streets for the Munchin Masquerade set for Friday October 30th from 4:30-5:30. The request was to close Lake Avenue from 9th Street to 11th Street; 10th Street from Avenue D to Avenue F; and the 1000 block of 9th Street (Lake Avenue to Avenue F). Greer mentioned that the Chamber will provide volunteers for each intersection closed to let traffic in and out prior to the event starting at 4:00. Gruber mention he will get cones setup at those intersections prior to the event. After no further discussion Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to Approve closure of some downtown streets for the Munchin Masquerade set for October 30th. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. No – none. Absent and not voting – Waskowiak.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Misty Bussinger, City Clerk