

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

October 6, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor
Council Members

Joyce Hudson
Jeff Kennedy
Verlin Janssen
Jay Richeson
Randy Waskowiak

Not Present:

City Administrator
City Clerk
City Attorney

Gary Greer
Misty Bussinger
Mike Bacon

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

Also present: Shane Gruber-Services Director, Colten Venteicher-GECLC Chairperson /Assistant City Attorney, Gary Steele-Engineer, and Deb Egenberger-Chamber Director.

Mayor Hudson opened a 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.

The Mayor opened a public hearing regarding the City's 1 and 6 Year Road Program.

The purpose of the public hearing is to take input on the City's 1 and 6 year Road Program. The plan can be modified through the year, but the city is not bound to it. Gary Steele, Engineer with Miller & Associates presented the following plan:

One Year Projects:

- Avenue I from 10th Street to 13th Street (Remove and Replace Pavement)
- Avenue I from 16th Street to 20th Street (Remove and Replace Pavement, add Storm Sewer)
- Lake Avenue from 13th Street to 20th Street, Avenue F from 13th Street to 20th Street, Avenue D East Side from 13th Street to 20th Street (Remove and Replace Handicap Ramps at all Intersections and 300 L.F. Curb and Gutter, Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Avenue F south of 20th Street)
- Avenue G from 10th Street to Alley North of 12th Street (Remove and Replace Pavement)
- 12th Street from Avenue G to Avenue H (Remove and Replace Pavement)
- Avenue F from 16th Street to 20th Street (Armor Coat Concrete Pavement)
- 20th Street from Avenue H to Avenue J (Remove and Replace Pavement)
- Avenue J from 16th Street to 20th Street (Storm Sewer)

Six Year Projects:

Avenue M from 27th Street to 17th Street (Remove and Replace Pavement; Drainage Structure)
18th Street from Avenue A to Avenue B (New Concrete Pavement)
17th Street from Avenue L to Avenue M; Avenue L from 17th Street to 18th Street (New Concrete Pavement)
6th Street from Highway 47 to Cottonwood Drive (New Concrete Pavement)
Storm drainage approximately from Cottonwood Drive to 1000 feet west
1st Street from Avenue A approximately 800 feet east (New Concrete Pavement)
Avenue K from Highway 30 to Washington Street; Avenue J from 10th Street to Washington Street; Washington Street to Avenue J to Avenue L; 11th Street from Avenue I to Avenue K; 10th Street from Avenue I to Avenue L (New Concrete Pavement)
Drainage Structure across NPPD Irrigation Canal
4th Street west from Railroad crossing west of 2nd Avenue to Corporate Limits (Remove and Replace Pavement)
2nd Avenue north from US Highway 30 to 16th Street; 16th Street east to alley west of Avenue A (Remove and Replace Pavement)
Avenue L from 20th Street to 21st Street (New Concrete Pavement)
16th Street from Avenue I to Avenue K (Remove and Replace Pavement)
Avenue I from Highway 30 to 10th Street (Remove and Replace Pavement)
Avenue A through Avenue D West Side from 13th Street to 20th Street (Remove and Replace Handicap Ramps at all Intersections)

The council discussed the proposal and the possibility of using concrete for pavement projects. No one appeared or commented on the plan.

There being no further discussion or comment, a motion was made by Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to close the public hearing at 5:43 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2020-17 adopting the One Year and Six Year Improvement Programs as by the engineer. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none.

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

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Approve payment of \$4,500.00 to Miller & Associates for 18-TD-003

Approve Drawdown #8 for 18-TD-003

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

Waskowiak moved, Richeson seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund, \$25,672.22; Enterprise Fund \$104,209.58; and the September 23rd payroll of \$48,001.79 and Payroll Transmittals of \$40,633.47. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none.

General Fund Claims: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS \$73.30; ARAMARK \$115.17; AWARDS PLUS \$21.95; Cardmember Service \$168.69; Gary Greer \$5,576.24; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$637.72; HOEHNER TURF IRRIGATION II \$798.70; LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES \$395.00; MEAD LUMBER COMPANY \$614.40; NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRNG CTR \$30.00; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$153.31; RR DONNELLEY \$59.59; SHRED-IT USA LLC \$111.63; VERIZON WIRELESS \$45.03; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$174.63; BACON, VINTON, & VENTEICHER \$2,538.25; BEVERLY BOGLE LOUTHAN, P.C. \$600.00; Black Hills Energy \$130.93; CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES \$1,159.85; Crown Services \$2,200.00; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$49.44; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$405.89; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$593.27; EASTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER \$133.00; FRANZEN INC. \$876.45; GOTHENBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS \$150.00; GOTHENBURG TIMES \$679.75; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$210.68; HOMETOWN LEASING \$241.25; IDEAL LINEN \$51.09; J.P. COOKE, CO \$76.30; MARK BALLMER MOWING \$160.00; MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY \$530.06; NORTH PLATTE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$2,080.76; PAULSEN INC \$1,591.58; Pinpoint Communications \$482.35; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$6.76; VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO \$1,084.60; VISION CARE DIRECT \$664.60.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ARAMARK \$245.71; CARDMEMBER SERVICE \$252.07; CNA SURETY \$350.00; CREDIT MANAGEMENT \$28.64; DALE & SUSAN ANDERSON \$800.00; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$188.53; ITRON, INC. \$1,140.30; JOE HUMPHERY \$800.00; MEAD LUMBER \$921.57; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC. \$150.00; SERVI TECH, INC. \$145.40; SHRED-IT USA LLC \$111.63; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$2,443.08; ALL ANDERSON ELECTRIC \$390.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$175.76; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$29,456.73; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$3,241.40; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$3,792.42; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$533.62; GOTHENBURG HEALTH FOUNDATION \$180.00; GOTHENBURG LEADER \$426.00; HICKEN LUMBER CO. \$65.97; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$165.43; MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$6,088.25; MSI \$4,420.00; PAULSEN BUILDING & SUPPLY \$932.00; PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS \$241.84; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$123.76; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$1,539.11; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$14,755.40; SCHABEN'S SANITATION-RECYCLING \$692.00; SPARKY'S ELECTRICAL SERVICE \$994.90; STATE HEALTH LAB \$45.00; T&R ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY INC. \$5,997.00; TRAVIS HOUCHIN \$22,315.60; VISION CARE DIRECT \$60.46.

Payroll Transmittal: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$14,575.75; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$15,256.07; MASS MUTUAL \$5,718.91; AFLAC \$704.32; ASSURITY LIFE INS \$342.52; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$372.47; HEALTHCARE MMKT \$1,472.28; HEALTHCARE MMKT Sidefund \$1,239.15; GOTHENBURG UNITED FUND \$37.00; YMCA \$915.00.

Community Comments:

- Greer mentioned the city moved forward on the \$1.8 million Water Project Bond interest rates are anticipated at 1% average.

- Greer mentioned the upcoming Hazardous Waste Collection on 10/9 at 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Greer stated that we are recruiting for billing clerk, janitorial, youth service librarian, and park director positions.
- Greer mentioned the upcoming Board of Adjustment meeting 10/9 at 12:00
- Greer mentioned the upcoming Planning and Zoning meeting 10/13 at 5:30

Venteicher 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). The discussion of safety concerns regarding COVID-19 this would help to spread the tables out also. Gruber discussed concern with existing vehicles downtown getting out once it is closed. During discussion it was decided to table action on the request to determine the logistics of closing the streets.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to Approve Appointment of Jo Fuller to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to Approve Resolution 2020-18 Economic Development Fund (LB840) Application for GIC Annual Support. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to Approve Change Order #2 moving the completion date to Oct 15, 2020 for the Westside Water/Sewer Improvements Proj#126-D1-017 Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none.

Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to enter into executive session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss potential legal action regarding property located at 818 16th Street. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none. Administrator Greer, Clerk Bussinger, Atty Venteicher and Atty. Bacon joined the Mayor and Council.

The purpose of the executive session is to discuss a potential legal action.

The Mayor and Council reconvened in open session at 5:53 p.m.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to Approve legal action regarding property located at 818 16th Street. Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none.

Kennedy moved, Waskowiak seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy, Waskowiak. No – none.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Misty Bussinger, City Clerk